

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Chris Hurst
Vice Chairman - Kathy Doyle

Minutes of meeting held at 8.30pm on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at Over Peover Methodist Church.

Present: Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), Tracey Byerley (TB), Ian Webber (IW), Howard Sagar (HS), Peter Clarkson (PC), Kathy Doyle (KD), Sheila Read (SR), Trevor Cornish (TC), George Walton (GW) and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence: Robin Lindsay (RL)

Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: None

To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 25th March 2014. - Proposed by Chris Hurst and seconded by Kathy Doyle that they be signed as a true record.

To discuss matters arising, not already covered in the agenda -None

Chairman's Report:

This is my final report before the elections in May and I'd firstly like to thank my fellow councillors and our Parish Clerk for all their hard work and support through our term in office. I'd like to think we've achieved quite a bit and we have a number of additional sizeable projects approaching fruition.

Highways -

The change in speed limit on the A50 has in the main slowed traffic down and the anecdotal reports of accidents appears to have slowed. Special mention should be given to Brian Glover-Smith who spent considerable time and effort in pointing out the particular dangers of the bends adjacent to Nixons Cottage and following these representations Cheshire East Council have provided increased safety measures on this stretch of road. The Council has made many representations on the state of the roads in and around the village and some remedial works have been completed including Chelford Lane and the provision of double yellow lines outside Barclays at Radbroke Hall. Additionally the Parish Council (PC) successfully lobbied for a change in permitted parking in the lay-bys on the A50 to discourage office worker parking.

Ian Webber led a speed watch team who caught a number of speeding motorists and the exercise will certainly be repeated.

Parish Field -

Funds and plans are now agreed and a contractor appointed for the provision of play and exercise equipment. The project will be delivered in 2 phases, the first starting any day with the second phase possibly attracting additional grant funding. Even if the grant application is

unsuccessful the PC has funds to fully deliver the project and retain funds for future development / maintenance in the years to come. Particular thanks should go to Kathy Doyle who has spearheaded this project.

Maintenance and painting has been carried out on the Cheshire Railings.

Sadly our village football team folded. The PC does hold some limited funds should any group wish to re-instate it.

War Memorial -

A full maintenance project has been delivered with cleaning, relaying of flags and a new fence. The improvement was dramatic and timely. Special thanks to Robin Lindsay who led the project and with the help of our Clerk secured a grant that covered all works costs.

Village Hall -

The Village Hall's own management committee battle to maintain the Hall and through the year have continued with maintenance and replacement, notably further new windows and the roof repaired. They've done an excellent job and the hall remains an excellent venue with good facilities that can be hired for only a nominal cost. Please do consider it if you are organising a small gathering or event. Bookings can be made through the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council has continued to explore a number of possible alternate Village Hall solutions with the support of both the Church and the WI. There are a couple of options in the discussion stage.

Broadband - Kathy Doyle's work has paid off and an increasing number of residents now have the choice of superfast broadband. Representations are still being made on a regular basis to Connecting Cheshire for those who are still faced with slow connectivity. Further works are planned.

The Parish Council continues to push for improvements in all areas of parish life. We hope to oversee the installing of an outside highly accessible defibrillator in due course. We hold funds courtesy of Colshaw Hall to help improve our Christmas Tree display notably through the provision of electric for lighting. Any ideas how we achieve this would be gratefully received.

If you have a suggestion for the Parish Council or would like to volunteer with any matter please contact either the Clerk or a member of the Council. All the contact details can be found on the notice board by the playing field, on the newsletter or on the village website.

Once again it has been a great pleasure to Chair the Parish Council for another year.

The meeting agreed the report was to be sent out to every household in the Parish.

Presentation of Accounts

- **Parish Council Accounts 2014** - These had been previously approved and audited and were recommended to the meeting for approval.
Proposed by Kathy Doyle and Seconded by Tracey Read for approval by the meeting.
- **Educational foundation accounts 2014** - These were presented to the meeting and approved.
Proposed by Kathy Doyle and seconded by Sheila Read
- **Village Hall Accounts 2014** - These had been previously approved and audited and were recommended to the meeting for approval.
Proposed by Kathy Doyle and Seconded by Sheila Read for approval by the meeting.

Open Forum for Public Questions

None

Any Other Business - None

Meeting ended 8.50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 8 PM ON 23rd MARCH 2015 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST