

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Chris Hurst
Vice Chairman - Kathy Doyle

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at Over Peover Over Peover Village Hall, Stocks Lane.

Present: Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), John Hehir (JH), Shelia Read (SR), Jayne Rudd (JR), John Caulfield (JC), Rebecca Marshall, Vicki Irlam, David Irlam, David Clarke and George Walton (GW)

The clerk opened the meeting and welcomed all to the annual meeting of the Parish Council.

17.53 To Elect a Chair Person - The clerk invited nominations for the position of Chairperson. John Hehir nominated Chris Hurst and this was seconded by John Caulfield. No other nominations were put forward and Chris Hurst was willing to stand was duly elected.

The Chairman took over chairing the meeting.

17.54 To Elect a Vice Chair person - The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. The Chairman nominated Kathy Doyle and this was seconded by Jayne Rudd. No other nominations were put forward and Kathy had indicated she would be willing to stand, was duly elected.

17.55 To fill Vacancies on the Parish Council. - The Chairman said how delighted he was with the number of people wishing to stand as a councillor. The vote last meeting was very close and although David Irlam was co-opted as a voting member of the council the meeting invites the remaining people interested to join the council as non-voting members. Three people had taken up this offer. They are Rebecca Marshall, Vicki Irlam and David Clarke. All four co-opted members signed the declaration of acceptance of office and were duly co-opted to the council.

17.56 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing The most recent report is online.

17.57 Parishioner's Question time None

17.58 Apologies for absence: Kathy Doyle, Phil Welch

17.59 Declarations of interest - David Irlam in application 17/1829M

17.60 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 25th April 2017. -the minutes were amended as per discussions, agreed and signed as a correct record.

17.61 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda - Village Sign has been repaired and reinstalled next to the war memorial, thanks to Mr Michael Irlam and his staff for their work in restoring this for the village. The hole left by the Christmas tree has been filled in, thanks to Mr Paul read for his help in this.

The Clerk has applied for BGT funding for an afternoon tea for the village on 17th June 2017.

17.62 Finance

The Personnel committee have met and recommended to the meeting that the clerk receive a pay rise of 1% back dated to 6th April 2017. They are looking into the hours done by the clerk as there is concern that the village hall is eating into the Parish Council hours.

The meeting resolved to implement the 1% pay rise.

Ansa have done a reassessment of the costs involved in cutting the parish field and instead of previously charging £30 a cut this is now costing £185 a cut. When the Parish Council put this out to tender in 2015 the only quote received was for £110 a cut.

The Clerk is to reply to Ansa to ask for a staged increase as the precept is set for this year and any increase would have to be budgeted for.

The Clerk is also to ask Ray Britland contracting and Mr Michael Irlam for quotes for the same work.

Receipts and payments – approved

Bank Reconciliation agreed and signed. The cost of the village hall survey is to be deducted from the ring fenced funds.

Mandate changes need identity verification for Jayne Rudd and John Hehir and a personal details form from Sheila Read. Once completed, the changed mandate can be actioned.

The Council reviewed and considered the annual accounts and governance statements for 2017 and approved them.

John Hehir is to look into an investment/savings account to earn interest on the ring-fenced funds.

17.63 Planning –

Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting dates have been circulated and it is hoped this will be moving forward.

Planning Applications –

17/2230M – 13, Mainwaring Road - The Parish Council have considered this application and provided the application meets the permitted development regulations they have no objections to the scale and size of the proposed extensions.

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2. Respect form, layout, siting, scale and design of surrounding buildings and their setting

3. Contribute to a rich environment and add to the vitality of the area
4. Be human in scale and not normally exceed 3 storeys in height
5. Use appropriate materials

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17/2334M - West Millbank Farm - No Comment

17/1829M - Colshaw Hall - No Comment

16/5093M - Hawthorne House - appeal to Secretary of State. The council is to re iterate it evidence already submitted.

Planning Decisions were detailed to the meeting and are available online.

17.64 Highways - nothing new to report, awaiting Cheshire East action.

17.65 Housekeeping and Maintenance

Home watch - following an enquiry from a resident the clerk has asked the PCSO to clear up the status of the home watch scheme following the Cheshire co-ordinators retirement and not replacing her. The Clerk also asked if rural watch would be more suitable.

Website and Facebook Communication - The Parish Council are concerned about an anonymous Facebook page called 'Peover Eye' that has been set up. The account is an anonymous one and one that can be characterised as a Troll site. This site has made numerous posts about the Parish Council and its actions which are untrue and has made requests for documents from the Parish Council. Many of the posts can be classed as 'fake news' as they are inflammatory and factually incorrect. Even when engaged with this site hasn't taken on board any of the facts. Therefore due to the anonymous nature of the site the Parish Council is not willing to engage with or release any documentation or detail to an anonymous person. The council resolved that there would be no further engagement with the site as despite requests the person behind the site remains anonymous.

Furthermore the council resolved to report this site to Facebook.

Litter Bins - The litter around Radbroke Hall is an issue and the meeting resolved to ask Radbroke hall to undertake regular litter picking around the site and also to look at installing more litter bins for people to use onsite.

The Clerk is continuing to look into the possibility of a bin on the Parish Field.

Dog waste Bins - the council resolved to put three bins in place by each of the parish noticeboards to try to encourage responsible dog ownership.

17.66 Ongoing Projects

Village Hall - The Meeting felt the village meeting and presentation went well. The plans and minutes of the meeting will be available on line as soon as possible. The next stage is to hear from the PCC regarding the current building and what funds from its sale can be found for a new hall.

Concerns were expressed regarding the costs involved. However the chairman held the view that with grants and matched funding this should not be an issue. He also stated that if all else fails we now have a plan for the type of village hall, style and cost the parish desires and can be used in any negotiations with developers should the worst happen, regarding development in the greenbelt.

The Village Hall will feature heavily in the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) questionnaire and a survey monkey questionnaire is a possibility best discussed with the NHP group.

17.67 Correspondence

The list of correspondence was circulated and is attached to the minutes.

A police statement from the Cheshire Constabulary following the events in Manchester last night is to be circulated to the Village.

The Fields In Trust (FIT) are in regular contact with the Parish Council regarding the village hall plans and the Parish Field and have also reported correspondence from an anonymous source. They say “We have been liaising with the anonymous source, who continues to remain precisely that, despite our preference being that we liaise with the community in an open, transparent manner.”

17.68 Items for next agenda -

Old Fire Station Update

Ladies Day on notice board

Garden waste disposal

Dog waste bins

Meeting ended 21:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 7.45 PM ON 27th JUNE 2017 AT OVER PEOVER VILLAGE HALL