

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at Over Peover Over Peover Village Hall, Stocks Lane.

Present: Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), Shelia Read (SR), John Caulfield (JC), Rebecca Marshall (RM), Vicki Irlam (VI), David Clarke (DC) and George Walton (GW)

17.69 Parishioners Question time

Mr Bill Woods addressed the meeting and was in attendance with his niece Jaqueline, who lives in the village. Their concern was regarding the erosion of the footpath provision and the safety of users along this public footpath. His Niece Jaqueline who works regular nights takes her dog out when she gets inform work and has been subjected to verbal abuse from people parking on the site and has great concerns for her safety as cars swing in oblivious to the existence of a public footpath.

Mr Woods pointed out that the plans approved stated that there would be a hedge planted 4m from the hedge to protect footpath users. This has not been done.

Mr Woods was concerned that the Parish Council seemed to be 'ignoring' the issue as one of the Councillors was a member of the Rudd family.

Mr Hurst replied that this was not the case. In fact the issue of the parking had been discussed numerous times. However the difficulty being that the provision of car parking on the site has solved a huge parking issue on the parish roads and laybys which were causing a danger to other road users. The Parish Council have been working to find a solution to all the issues.

Tom Gilbertson from Cheshire Police attended to give a report on Operation shield, rural watch and other initiatives as well as local policing issues. There had been a spate of burglaries from outbuildings in recent months and people are reminded to lock up their valuables.

Operation Shield and the delivery and uptake of Selecta DNA packs in neighbouring parishes is good. Once an area is covered, signs will go up stating that the area is covered by Selecta DNA and this has been successful in deterring burglaries from that area. Unfortunately there is no reduction in insurance premiums as a result that the police are aware of but it could be something to discuss with your individual insurer.

The Chairman said that we had highlighted this to the parish on three separate occasions but there was little uptake. However it will be highlighted in the next newsletter one last time.

The Home watch scheme has been somewhat superseded by Cheshire alerts. This will be highlighted in the newsletter and a local home watch scheme could be re started by the village.

17.70 To fill Vacancies on the Parish Council. - The Chairman welcomes Susan Mills to the meeting as the last remaining person interested to join the council as non-voting member following the last vacancy notice. She signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was duly co-opted to the council.

17.71 Apologies for absence: David Irlam, John Hehir and Jayne Rudd

17.72 Declarations of interest - none

17.73 Highways - Parking at Rudd's Green Houses

The Chairman saw two issues

1. The existing planning approval works not completed in respect of the hedging
2. The parking not having planning permission.

The concern of the Parish Council is that repeatedly the Local Authority have tried to restrict the number of parking spaces to try to encourage the use of public transport. However this policy is pointless in an area like Over Peover where the public transport is not as regular as would be needed for such a business.

The Parish Council resolved to write to Cheshire East regarding the parking at the Radbroke Hall site and at Rudd's, emphasising the need to find a solution that will suit all parties. With Cheshire East's policy of growth in the business sector, infrastructure has to be a part of this policy. The Parish Council would not object to Radbroke site increasing its parking capacity on site.

In terms of the existing planning application the Council resolved to write to the planning enforcement department to point out the issues with the parking and footpath.

However the Parish Council were concerned that if a planning application for parking at the Rudd's site were refused this could create a return of the problems experienced before the parking at the Rudds site began.

The Council is also to write to Rudd's and Radbroke asking them to marshall the parking and make them aware of the safety issue for footpath users.

With Knutsford Town Council campaigning for a better service for the Knutsford from Northern Trains, the Parish Council is to contact them to add its voice to their campaign.

17.74 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 23rd May 2017. -the minutes were amended as per discussions, agreed and signed as a correct record.

17.75 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda - VI had raised concern about the creation of new gateways in the parish. The one on the A50 is being dealt with by enforcement. The One on stocks lane, the clerk has asked Highways about and it is permitted. And finally the one on Bate mill does not need permission as it is an unclassified road.

17.76 Finance

Since the last meeting Mr William Stobbart has offered to cut and maintain the Parish Field at his own expense. The field is already looking fantastic and the Parish Council will write to thank him for his efforts. A similar scheme is to be undertaken at the school involving David Irlam and William Stobbart.

Receipts and payments – approved. However the Parish Council agreed that the work done by ANSA for April and May should only be paid for at the previous rate as no budget had been set for the new price increase.

Bank Reconciliation agreed and signed.

The mandate forms have been completed.

investment/savings account to earn interest on the ring-fenced funds is to be moved to next month.

17.77 Planning –

Old Fire Station – no response has been forthcoming from Samuel Smiths.

Planning Applications –

17/2974M – Radbroke Hall- The Parish Council have concerns regarding this application for three reasons.

1. The proposed building is on existing car parking space which is only going to add to the increasing issue of lack of parking space on the site which forces cars to find alternative parking in the village, thus creating issues for the parish.

2. The Applicant has said they will look at improving the entry of vehicles on to the site by utilising the two lane entry off stocks lane and installing ANPR. Could this provision be looked at as part of the application as increasing the capacity of the site will only exacerbate an already growing issue.

3. The Parish Council ask that the issue of Parking on site be revisited as temporary parking on the site has been refused in the past and this has resulted in the Parish bearing the results. and provided the application meets the permitted development regulations they have no objections to the scale and size of the proposed extensions.

17/2848M – Land at Batemill – No objection

17/3089M – Barn at Batemill – No objection

17.78 Housekeeping and Maintenance

Litter Bin and Dog Waste Bins – Both are in hand. Awaiting agreement from Cheshire East and quotes.

Home Watch – The Clerk is to advertise the Cheshire Alert and other schemes in the newsletter and ask for a volunteer to co-ordinate homewatch.

Post Box Collection Times – PW was contacted by a parishioner who was concerned that the collection times for the area have been moved later and other areas are not. On investigation this is due to a cost cutting initiative by royal mail. However the Parish Council resolved to write to the Royal Mail to voice its concern.

17.79 Correspondence

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

Bus review to be highlighted to all in the Village

Smart Motorway – KD to look into possible grants.

Letter from Mr Brooks – Clerk to reply thanking him for his kind offer and inviting him to join the Neighbourhood plan group which is working to find the right way forward for this issue and others for the village for many years to come.

17.80 Items for next agenda –

Newsletter

NHP – Draft Constitution

Meeting ended 21:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 7.45 PM ON 25th JULY 2017 AT OVER PEOVER VILLAGE HALL