

# PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Over Peover Methodist Church, Cinder Lane.

**Present:** Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), Kathy Doyle (KD), Gordon McGrath (GM), Robin Lindsay (RL), Trevor Cornish (TC), George Walton (GW), Peter Clarkson (PC), Tracey Byerley (TB) and the Clerk.

**12.131 Apologies for absence:** Grahame Bastin (Barclays) PCSO Lindsay Whitehead, Sheila Read & Iain Nichol.

**12.132 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item:** None.

**12.133 Parishioner's Question time** -None

**12.134 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012.** -the minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**12.135 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda** - The Code of Conduct returns still outstanding from CH, GD, SR.

**12.136 Report from Cheshire East** - GW had very little to add other than to inform the meeting that the borough council were to borrow some monies to help towards the upkeep of the borough's roads.

**12.137 CHAIN** - Nothing new to report.

**12. 138 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing** - Lindsay Whitehead sent the following update of crime in the local area.

09/10 Theft of a Beltex sheep from Moss farm, Chelford lane Over Peover. Apparently another farmer nearby this some stolen but this was not reported to the police.

07/11 Theft of motor vehicle - Range rover sport from outside an address on Bexton lane, 3 males used force to steal this vehicle from owner.

The vehicle was later found and recovered in Manchester and returned to the owner.

10/11 Burglary dwelling in day light hours at Malt kin road in Plumley.

12/11 Burglary dwelling in day light hours at Henshaw green farm in Plumley.

To sum up, I would say that Chelford, Nether Alderley and High Legh have been targeted in the last month with a few Burglaries which have mostly occurred to outside buildings of properties. Theft of a motor vehicle in Chelford.

Temporary unoccupied addresses have also been targeted for York stone but this was Nether Alderley way.

Your patch has really done quite well in terms of crime but I would remind those at your meeting to be vigilant as passing criminals are active in and around Cheshire.

Lindsay is hoping to attend the next meeting in January.

**12.139 Housekeeping, Repairs and Maintenance** - The quote for the Christmas tree is very competitive and so has been ordered.

The War memorial is in need of some repair and maintenance; a discussion took place regarding what action is needed. **12.139.01 it was resolved that in the spring TC would speak to Keith White and between them they would clean and repair the memorial.**

The new code of conduct does not include the special dispensations allowed under section 33 of the local government act of 1972. **12.139.02 Therefore the parish council have resolved the following general dispensations for a period of four years to all its members and co-opted members to allow them to participate in any discussion and vote in the following cases:**

- Setting the council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (or any subsequent legislation) or special expenses;
- School meals or school transport or travelling expenses where they are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education or a parent governor unless the matter relates specifically to the school which the child attends;
- An allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;
- Any ceremonial honour given to members.

The parish council also noted that Section 33 permits a local council to grant a dispensation to a member or co-opted member to allow him/her to participate in a discussion or to vote on a matter in which he/she has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

Requests from individual members should be made in writing to the council's proper officer (the Clerk) and may be granted by the full council, or this function can be delegated to a committee or officer.

A local council may grant a dispensation if, having had regard to all relevant circumstances, it considers that:-

- a) Without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business, or
- b) Granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the council's area, or
- c) It is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

A dispensation when granted must specify the period for which it has effect and the period specified may not exceed 4 years.

**12.140 Highways** -The Clerk has spoken to Andy Wilson regarding the dangerous situation of the lack of linings on the whipping stocks corner of the A50 and the issue of the siding out of

the pavements. He is hoping the lining will be done in December and the siding out done in two stretches, depending on available funds, in the New Year.

No correspondence has been received regarding the speed review of the A50. **12.140.01 resolved for CH to contact Rob Welsh and Sarah Baxter to find out what is happening.**

#### **12.141 Finance – The following receipts and invoices were approved for payment CH/RL**

Royal British Legion -Poppy wreath	£20.00
Hulse Landscapes -mowing crossroads and cenotaph	£120.00 VAT £24.00
K. White - installing Bin	£28.00
Clerks fee	£336.00
PAYE -	£84.00
Over Peover Methodist – Room hire	£15.00

#### **12.141.01 Bank Reconciliation**

Balance per Bank Statement (28 September 2012)	£8,877.93
Less: Unpresented cheque: 100712	£120.00
100713	£643.08
100714	£178.40
100715	£144.00
100716	£20.00
Sub-total	£1,105.48
	-£1,105.48
Balance Agreed as per cashbook (28 September 2012)	£7,772.45
Add: Investment	<u>£114.03</u>
Total cash and investments	£7,886.48

#### **12.141.02 Budget**

The budget was considered for 2013/14. The council are looking to fund the under 5's play area and so would like to look at keeping the precept at £10,000 to do so. This proposal was put by Cllr McGrath and seconded by Cllr Doyle. The proposal was tabled for a decision next meeting.

**12.142 Village Hall** - The windows are slowly being done by Keith White. They are in a bad state of repair.

John Walton has been approached regarding the position of caretaker. He cleans the offices at Chelford Agricultural centre and is also a window cleaner. He is keen to take on the position but feels the £500 is not enough. His role would include opening up and closing where necessary and cleaning the hall as well as small remedial repair jobs. The VHMC is to meet to discuss what would be a suitable remuneration.

The income of the village hall is low and there is little money in the bank going forward if it is to continue at its current rate. VHMC to discuss this also.

TC & CH have met with the interested parties and the idea of an asset swap is favourable. The PC is happy to help secure funding but the proposal is a village hall for a village hall. Three possible locations have been identified and approaches will be made to those involved. GW is to put feelers out to planners regarding planning permission on these possible sites.

**12.143 Planning Applications received:**

12/4280M - 1 Coleshaw cottages - Proposed Two Storey Side & Rear Extensions & Alterations

No comments

**12.143.01 Planning decisions:**

12/3346M -Laundry Cottage - Ground floor extension      **APPROVED W/C**

**12.144 Correspondence** - not already covered in the meeting

- Request made for PC to write to Samuel Smiths regarding their intentions with the Old Fire Station as it is becoming an eyesore and could become a hazard to road users
- Woodside Poultry Farm has been subject to a visit from Environmental Health due to an infestation of rats.
- Highways survey - completed by TC
- Proposed extension of Mobberley School
- Andy Wilson Contact details
- ChALC Planning conference on 12<sup>th</sup> December at Middlewich.
- Technical reforms of planning appeals
- Invite to open the school play area - RL attended
- Invite to Coleshaw Hall Open Day
- HMRC notification of changes to PAYE
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Notice of work to Manchester Airport runway
- New electoral register available.

Meeting ended 09.15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING 7.45 PM ON 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013 AT OVER PEOVER  
METHODIST, CINDER LANE, OVER PEOVER.**