

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 at Over Peover Methodist Church.

Present: Chair of meeting John Bennett (JB), Gordon McGrath (GM), Bessie Coppack (BC), Jill Wille (JW), Sheila Read (SR), Barry Wienholdt (BW), Anthony Dobell (AD), Peter Clarkson (PC), George Walton (GW) and the Clerk.

11.22 Apologies for absence: P C Simon Warr (Knutsford Rural Policing)

11.23 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: PC item 14 Affordable Housing.

11.24 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 18th January 2011. - agreed and signed as a correct record

11.25 To approve minutes of Planning Meeting on 7th February 2011. - agreed and signed as a correct record

11.26 To discuss matters arising from either meeting, not already covered in the agenda - None

11.27 Report from Cheshire East - With the split of Bucklow division into 3 single councillor wards Peover Superior will be in new ward of Chelford. Elections on 5th May will determine CE Cllr for this ward.

The Highways contract is up for renewal. Now down to the last 3 for selection. There will be a new way of working with budgets being allocated on LAP basis and according to Lm of roads in the LAP area. Peover Superior falls in Knutsford LAP and with 351km of road in this LAP the budget is set at £46,000.

Items for the parish council's consideration are the Pre Budget Report, Localism Bill, Town and Parish Conference all items of correspondence being circulated.

The LDF consultation is to continue with further meetings in June/July 2011. However the council are discussing methods of consulting with parish council. The face to face approach of a Cllr attending meetings to update and consult was preferable to questionnaires etc.

BW - with the interim statement on affordable housing would there be more consultation before development takes place on Greenbelt land? GW feels strongly this should be protected and of course more consultation would be made. **11.27.01 Clerk is to look at SHLAA for areas identified already in parish.**

JB - Background to LDF and SPD in relation to this? LDF will replace Macclesfield, Congleton and Crewe and Nantwich Local plans with a plan for whole of Cheshire East. GW chairs the LDF panel and is keen to reign in officers and get them to work to the CCA protocol of parish plan actions. The situation is being reviewed and GW will endeavour to push for a resolution.

BW – voiced concern that the borough council seems to view the parish councils as problematic and feels that although the two are both part of the same tier of local government there is a disregarding of the Parish councils views, especially in planning matters. Cllrs do take note of the parish view in planning matters but the officers are working within guidelines and only planning issues can be a reason to refuse an application.

Rural watch success has been reported at a farm in Rostherne. Would be good to circulate the advice to all parish councillors on how to spot a cannabis farm! **11.27.02 Clerk to circulate email to all.**

11.28 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing Team - There has been a spike in burglaries over the past few months with the offenders seemingly using the A50 corridor. Over Peover has suffered a number but other areas including Cranage and Goostrey have fared worse.

The trend has been break ins to out buildings, sheds and garages etc... In January Meadow Bank Farm and Millfield Barn on the A50 Holmes Chapel Road and Oaktree Cottage on Free Green Lane were all victims of this type of break in. In these cases the target has been for garden power tools.

Also, a property called Roshven on Stocks Lane was burgled.

In February the police have taken a report of criminal damage to the signs and fencing for Verdi Solutions at Newhall on Stocks Lane. The owner believes that some residents are targeting him due him building houses in the village or trying for planning permission.

Regarding the shed/garage break ins, I would urge residents to spread the word to check their sheds as often in the winter months sheds are not used. Also, to review security and improve where necessary.

11.29 Finance -The following receipts and invoices for payment PC/JB

Parish Plan expenses - Doug Gilbert Website	£69.97 plus VAT £13.99
New Fencing on Parish Field - Newbrook Engineering	£1444.00 plus VAT £288.80
Painting of Swings and repair of rubber matting - Sutton Engineering	£425 plus VAT £85.00
Room Hire - Over Peover Methodist	£15

11.29.01 Rising cost of Grass Cutting - an email has been received from Mr Hulse informing the Parish Council of rising costs and so he will have to put up the price of cutting/strimming grassed areas in village. For the last 2 years the sum has been £15 plus vat per visit. However due to rising costs I will have to raise the cost to £20 plus vat per visit. However, included in that price I would plant summer/winter bedding plants at Cenotaph. This is a rise of 33%. Also the cost from Cheshire East of cutting the playing field will increase by 2% this year.

The council felt that both prices were what they were and accepted the price rises.

11.30 Parish Newsletter - has gone out, next newsletter is to be around May. The meeting felt better after the 5th May elections to introduce the new council.

11.31 Meeting Venue - After much discussion of the merits of the 3 venues available (school, Methodist church and Village Hall) the proposal was brought to the meeting that for the next financial year the meetings continue to be held at the Methodist church hall. The proposal was accepted by a majority. This decision is to be reviewed next year.

11.32 Parish Field - the trees have been cut back but further work is needed to tidy up some willow roots to allow the far corner of the field to be mown. The cost of the root grubber is approx. £75. **11.32.01 meeting resolved to go ahead with the proposed works.** The first part of the fencing has been completed. Work is needed to put the signs on the new kissing gate. GM to look into this.

11.33 Planning Applications

Notice of Planning Hearing re App No 10/3472M Croft Cottage, Free Green Lane - CE
Statement no available online yet.

No New planning applications have been received.

11.33.01 Planning decisions

Application 10/1189M - Peover Superior Primary School - after school club building
APPROVED W/C

Application 10/4017M - New Hall Farm - field shelters
REFUSED

Application 10/4384M - 2, Newhall Cottages - single storey extension
APPROVED W/C

Application 10/4876M & 10/4870M - Radbroke Hall - sign illumination and gate houses
APPROVED W/C

Application 10/4457M - Old Acres, Well Bank Lane - Certificate of Lawfulness
POSITIVE CERTIFICATE

11.34 Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document for Over Peover. - deferred to next meeting as work still being done.

11.35 Affordable Housing - Letter has gone off to Ms Folan (Borough Solicitor) BW to follow up with a phone call this week. The commuted sum is to be held by CE for Peover Superior's use. With the Office application turned down do we become proactive and approach the owner as to a possible use for the remaining shed? After much discussion decision was made to offer the parish council's services to the owner to add to or aid future discussions on the project.

The meeting would like to publically thank Cllr Weinholdt for all his considerable work on the S106 agreement and the many hours he has put into including the parishes views in this agreement.

11.36 Highways - the speed watch initiative is going from strength to strength with the training up of new volunteers. Steve Barnett is investigating the cost and provision of speed watch area signs. Also the use of flashing signs should they be needed; however the council would have to pay for such signs.

The work to Stocks Lane has begun and should be completed by the end of March.

11.37 Correspondence

- Manchester Airport parish Council Meeting – GD & PC to attend
- Reply to letter from Chief Exec
- Community Outreach notice
- Notice of Intension to Adopt Part 11 Local Government Act 1976
- Community Pride Competition - decision to enter all competitions – last year’s results are to be circulated and then passed to the Parish plan group for their information.
- Cheshire East Pre Budget Report
- British Legion Poppy Weekend
- Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine
- High Speed 2
- Golf Tournament
- Clear way forward

All the above to be circulated for the Cllr’s information.

11.38 Any Other Business – None

Meeting ended 9.20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 7.00 PM ON 29th MARCH 2011 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING AT 8PM.