

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Chris Hurst
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Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th October 2011 at Over Peover Methodist Church, Cinder Lane.

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

11.126 Apologies for absence: Sheila Read (SR), PC Simon Warr.

11.127 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: None

11.128 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing - PCSO Greg Bithell introduced himself to the meeting and was attending the meeting as PC Simon Warr was unable to do so. There have been 2 burglaries in the parish in August, one on Cinder lane and another on Stocks Lane. Also reported was the theft of scrap from an old nursery on Grotto Lane. In September there were two vehicle crimes, one involving theft from a vehicle and the opportunistic theft of a vehicle in Snelson. The vehicle was later recovered but thief was not apprehended. In October there has been theft of diesel from a property on Long Lane.

Over all the message is to be vigilant, and report anything suspicious, no matter how small, any information helps.

KD asked PCSO Bithell for any update on the progress of apprehending those responsible for the burglaries both in Peover and neighbouring parishes and was there any information he could give regarding the theft of copper piping from the former Drovers Arms last month or the theft of vehicles outside school in July? PCSO Bithell is to ask PC Simon Warr to update the council via email.

Knutsford Police station is now 24/7 with the duty desk manned Tuesday to Sunday. If the duty desk is closed the buzzer on the station door is connected to the police control room and if an officer is present at the station they will attend. Knutsford police station has approx. 30-35 officers working with 4-5 per shift. They also have 4 PCSO staff and Cheshire has opted to retain these officers unlike other forces who have done away with them due to police cuts. PCSO thanked the meeting for their time and left the meeting.

11.129 Parishioner's Question time - None

11.130 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 20th September 2011. - agreed and signed as a correct record.

11.131 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda - Bin Lids proving difficult to source so for the time being a small rock/brick is to be placed in bin to prevent bag blowing inside out and spilling contents on to the road.

Village Hall management committee meeting is to be held at the end of November. TC to arrange. Clerk to provide TC with a copy of minutes from the parish council meeting at which the formation of a management committee was formed to highlight the Parish council's role with in the management committee.

Tractor warning signs will have to be added to the Minor Works list but strong evidence is needed for them to be seen as necessary. TB said that as there are a lot of tractors mixing with Radbroke and school traffic the need was there. TC pointed out that the high number of potato growers in the area meant a higher than normal volume of large tractors moving very large trailers were and accident waiting to happen and if the signs could minimise the risk then it would be a good thing. Also the meeting noted that the road sign at Long Lane was in need of replacing as it has gone missing. **11.131.01 the meeting resolved to have the items added to the Knutsford LAP minor works list. And also email highways regarding both matters.**

The Over Peover boundary sign should be completed by early November for someone to replace the one there at the moment.

11.132 Report From Cheshire East - GW was impressed with how well informed the Parish Councils were. He had very little extra to report however the parish council should be aware that the borough council seems to be going through a period of flux at the moment with officers leaving or changing roles.

TC asked about the minor works list and when would the parish know if it had been successful.. GW reported that the items have been taken off to prioritise and the next meeting would be 24th November when members would decide which projects to implement.

Concern was raised at the ChALC AGM regarding the lack of protection for the greenbelt. GW said it was important for members to respond to the Rural issues. The document was then briefly discussed by the council **11.132.01 the council resolved TB coordinate the response from the parish council.**

11.133 CHAIN - TB reported her findings to the meeting regarding the proposed plant at Lostock on Griffiths Road site. The site would create 300 jobs; have waste travelling to and from the site via road and rail. The chimneys of the site would be situated at such a height so as to minimise ground pollution. There then followed a brief discussion which seemed to create more questions than answers. **11.133.01 the council resolved to do some more research in to the matter and leave the item on the agenda until questions had been answered.**

11.134 Housekeeping, Repairs and Maintenance - During the risk assessment review in April 2011 the council asked for the registration of the parish field with the Land registry to be looked

into. The clerk has spoken to the solicitors who say it would cost £150 to register the land and a further £50 if they were to do it. **11.134.01 as the task is relatively straight forward the meeting resolved that the clerk is to try to register the land and if she is unable to ask the solicitor to do it on the councils behalf.**

11.135 Finance -The following receipts and invoices for payment CH/KD

Newbrook Engineering - fencing - £1406.00 plus VAT £281.20

The new rail to the bottom of the fence and the discrepancy in length of fence charged for and done is to be looked into by Newbrook engineering. Once a conclusion has been reached, invoice will be paid.

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| ½ year Precept received | £3500.00 |
| Hulse Landscapes - mowing cross roads and cenotaph | £100.00 VAT £20.00 |
| HM revenue & Customs PAYE for Clerk | £240.00 |
| Paul Read – Cutting hedges of Parish Field | £180.00 Vat £36.00 |
| Over Peover Methodist – Room Hire for meeting | £15.00 |

11.135.01 Quarterly Financial report – reconciliation was presented to the meeting, and statements circulated.

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| Balance per Bank Statement (30 Sept 2011) | £4,906.39 |
| Less: Unpresented cheque: 100671 | £70.00 |
| 100672 | £17.35 |
| Sub-total | £87.35 - |
| | <u>£87.35</u> |
| Balance Agreed as per cashbook (30 Jun 2011) | £4,819.04 |
| Add: Investment | <u>£114.03</u> |
| Total cash and investments | £4,933.07 |
| Analysed: | |
| Parish Council | £4,704.43 |
| Parish Plan | £114.61 |
| Investment | <u>£114.03</u> |
| | £4,933.07 |

11.135.02 2012/13 Budget

An article in the newsletter and reply slips have been sent out, all responses so far are positive. Decisions to be made next meeting.

Best Kept Village Comp results to be circulated to local businesses to say well done.

The clerk noted that before the next newsletter was sent out the council needs to discuss the cost of printing and to what level of finish.

11.136 Minutes of Planning meetings held on Tuesday 5th October 2011.

11/3262M Rose Farm – replacement dwelling

11/3194M Cinder Farm - proposed ménage

The council considered both applications and had no objections or comments to make.

11.136.01 Applications Received-

Appeal lodged for 11/2144M, 11/2151M & 11/2157M Old Acres

11/3341M- Apple Tree Cottage - Certificate of lawfulness of proposal.

The Council had a number of concerns as to the legality of this application. The council were unsure as to how to proceed and the clerk is to seek advice before responding on the council's behalf.

11.136.02 Planning decisions

11/0810M & 11/0811M The Lodge, Colshaw Hall- Restoration and alterations

APPROVED W/C

11/2172M Croft Cottage, Free Green Lane -

APPROVED W/C

Appeal of 11/1099M - 4, Mainwaring Road

DISMISSED

11/2700M Grasslands - single dwelling

REFUSED

11/2948T - Land off Stocks lane Tree crowning and removal - decision made but not clear what decision was

CLERK TO ESTABLISH.

11/1057M - Sunnycroft - No decision made to date, clerk to follow up as concern regarding number of vehicles on site.

11.137 Village Volunteers/updates from volunteer groups - Barry Weinholdt has written to the council offering his services in creating a village volunteer list. CH is to reply back thanking him and accepting his offer and ask for him to consider volunteers to help organise the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

There is funding available for community businesses to use towards renewable energy sources or broadband infrastructure. As a Parish Council the council is not eligible to apply a small group such as the village hall committee would be eligible.

KD reported that the broadband situation was no further forward despite George Osborne pledging to have superfast broadband across the UK by 2015.

The recent meeting involving Cheshire east, Cheshire West and Chester, Warrington and Halton said that there is a bid being written to apply for funding that will be completed by 2012. It then needs to go before the EU as it involves a public/private partnership after which it will be commissioned and should be completed for 2015.

The meeting also revealed that there is a pot of money (£430,000) that could be applied for by parishes to establish their own infrastructure. There are pros and cons to this option and it has been previously dismissed by the village in favour of a BT pilot scheme. As the pilot scheme is no

longer an option KD has agreed to look again at the funding options and try to put together a proposal for the Village SOS funding and the local Cheshire funding.

The parish is to be asked to still register and interest in broadband on individual basis to make our case for funding stronger. To this end notices are to be put up around the village, on the Website and in the parish magazine and school newsletter.

11.138 Highways - A new mirror is needed on the Chelford Lane/mill lane cross roads - Clerk to liaise with Snelson on cost of replacing.

11.139 Correspondence - not already covered in the meeting

- Highways Satisfaction survey - to be undertaken every 6 months for 5 years by TC on Councils behalf.
- ChALC - AGM 20th October - main concern highlighted was the lack of protection of the Greenbelt - To respond to via the rural issues consultation.
- Protection of Rural England planning booklet - to be circulated.
- Rural Services Network
- Manchester Airport annual report - to be circulated
- Diamond Jubilee Mugs - prices for next meeting
- Various NHS leaflets and posters.
- Boundary commission review
- Review of polling stations - no change for Over Peover
- SLCC - for discussion at Clerks annual review
- Highways briefing and updates for new contractors
- Hope Africa
- Town and Parish Conference - 24th November - KD to attend
- Parish Planning Meeting - forward to John Bennett and Glen Nightingale
- Care in community consultation
- Various invitations to Cheshire East meetings
- Audit returned with no actions - notice published on noticeboard.
- CCA AGM 23rd November 2011

Meeting ended 9.30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 7.30 PM ON 29th NOVEMBER 2011 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST, CINDER LANE, OVER PEOVER.