

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Chris Hurst
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Minutes of meeting held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 27th July 2012 at Over Peover Methodist Church, Cinder Lane.

Present: Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), Tracey Byerley (TB), Sheila Read (SR), Kathy Doyle (KD), Robin Lindsay (RL) Gordon McGrath (GM), Peter Clarkson (PC) and the Clerk.

12.73 Apologies for absence: Trevor Cornish (TC), George Walton (GW), PC Simon Warr, David Irlam.

4 members of the public were in attendance.

12.74 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: None.

The meeting was opened for public forum

12.75 Parishioner's Question time - David Irlam has sent his apologies to the meeting as his plans are not as advanced as he was hoping and so he will come again to discuss them with the parish council.

Village Hall - the Chairman opened the discussion highlighting the position so far. He highlighted the success so far of the reforming of the Village Hall Management Committee, and thus maintaining the village hall for all to use. The second part of the village hall issue is to look at the long term and ask the question whether the current village hall is fit for purpose. One idea has been put forward is of an asset swap, where an interested party would purchase some land where a village hall can be built and in return they 'swap' this for the land the village hall currently stands on. This idea requires the WI, PCC and the PC to establish the possible support for this idea, before discussing it with other possible interested parties.

The PCC saw two issues, the first beings is there a wish for a new village hall and are there funds available to build one, also can we make better use of the existing hall? The second is ownership of the land the current hall stands on? If the ownership is if the PCC then there are issues in the asset swap idea as the Chester diocese would need to be involved.

In answer to these points the parish council stated that the parish plan showed support for a new village hall and the biggest hindrance of making better use of the existing village hall is that there just isn't enough parking and no land available nearby to solve this problem. Also being a wooden structure the hall it has a limited life span.

On the question of ownership the WI have deeds with a local solicitor and are happy to locate them then once and for all the question of ownership can be established. The representatives of

the WI said that if ownership can be established then there might be interest for an asset swap but that decision would be down to the WI committee.

The meeting also felt that as the huts were given for the community it would be a great loss to lose this opportunity to improve an asset for the village. The other concern was that the current management arrangement is complicated and a simpler one would be preferable. The Chairman stated that the council are not in the business of building up an empire but they are happy to facilitate and engage with the village to seek funding and investigate possible interested parties.

The question of which village groups to incorporate in a possible new hall is far reaching and is one that will have to be handled with care as there are strong emotions involved as these are not just buildings but integral parts of the community.

The outcome was that the WI is to contact the Clerk once the deeds have been received by the WI committee. This may take time but it is a step forward in the right direction.

Phillip Jobling asked for the meetings assistance to publicise a summer quiz being sold to raise funds for the church windows and also an appeal to help restore Patton's Flag given to the Church after the Second World War. The Clerk is to assist with advertising in the newsletter, on the website and contact details for Barclays Bank site.

Public part of the meeting closed - public left the meeting

12.76 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 22nd May 2012. - agreed and signed as a correct record.

12.77 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda -the clerk had contacted the cricket club and footballers over the cost of new litter Bin opposite the cricket club. If the PC pays ½ the two clubs will pay ¼ each of the remaining cost. Neither club can assist with installation. **12.77.01 the meeting resolved to ask Keith White to assist.**

12.78 Report from Cheshire East - None as Cllr Walton is now Mayor of CE and is busy on Mayoral duties. **12.78.01 the meeting resolved to write a letter of congratulations to George Walton on his new role as Mayor of Cheshire East.**

12.79 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing - The following report was received from PC Simon Warr and read to the meeting;

Firstly, there were no crime reports during May for Over Peover.

To date in June, there has been one report of burglary on Stocks Lane which occurred over the weekend of 1st to 3rd June but is likely to have occurred on the 1st. Entry was gained by smashing the rear glass to one of the French doors. A relatively tidy search was made of the whole house however nothing was stolen. It appears that jewellery was the most likely target. The occupant was away for the weekend and the property's security was generally very good with locks on all the doors and windows. The property did not have an alarm fitted however.

On or around the same day (1/6/12) there were reports of three other burglaries whereby jewellery was either stolen or was likely to have been the target. The properties were in Snelson, Byley and Knutsford.

Theft of scrap metal is still occurring locally although no known cases recently in Over Peover. The police have received a report of scrap theft in Marthall during June. An offender was also arrested and cautioned with theft of scrap metal this month.

Thefts of diesel by siphoning directly from the fuel tanks of Lorries are still occurring throughout the Knutsford area. Laybys and yards are the usual targets for criminals with hundreds of litres being taken at a time. The most recent case was in Ollerton during June but also occurs on the laybys of the A50 from Over Peover up to High Legh.

Police also received a report of a theft of a banner put up by the primary school on the railings by the park in Over Peover. At this stage there are no lines of enquiry unless anyone has any information. If they do then please leave a message for Simon Warr on 01606 362720.

The parish council have been asked to take part in a questionnaire on PCSO's. **12.79.01 The Clerk is to respond giving the indication that the council would like to see more of the PCSO's as they provide a vital link between rural communities and the police.**

12.80 CHAIN - TB has received an email detailing the concern that Cheshire will become a dumping ground for the countries waste. The current capacity of the two incinerators under construction in Runcorn and Frodsham will have the capacity to burn residential waste generated by a population of 7.7 million people. If the two planning applications in Middlewich and Northwich, now being considered by the Government are approved Cheshire will have the capacity to deal with the waste generated by a population of 12.2 million. Based on the current population of England the implications are that Cheshire would bear the burden of disposing of the garbage of 23.7% of the population.

12.80.01 the council asked the Clerk raise the concerns of Chain with Snelson and Ollerton with Marthall Parish Councils. They also resolved to write to George Walton asking what Cheshire East is doing to fight these proposals.

12.81 Housekeeping, Repairs and Maintenance - The deeds were presented to the meeting from Fields in Trust and were signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

12.82 Highways - the Minor works list is being added to again and the council's suggestions for actions were asked for by the LAP. All of the suggestions put forward from our last minor works list were deemed to come under the remit of road maintenance and repairs and not minor works, which is for new schemes.

12.82.01A suggestion was put forward for a sign on Boundary Lane, going down towards bate mill outlining its unsuitability for heavy vehicles due to the narrow bridge and sharp bends around the mill itself.

No more has been heard of the Review of the A50. **12.82.01 the Clerk is to follow up again.**
The maintenance of the roads be it road markings, potholes and boundary signs all mentioned to the road maintenance team, have yet to be completed. **12.82.02The clerk to follow up.**

12.83 Finance - The following receipts and invoices were approved for payment CH/KD

Receipt of money from Diamond Jubilee celebrations	£1593.10
Cheques to Over Peover School and Cricket Club for Diamond Jubilee celebrations	£400 each
Over Peover Methodist Church - Room hire	£10.00
Insignia - Diamond Jubilee Mugs	£1167.14 VAT 233.

12.84 Planning Applications received: None

12.84.01 Planning decisions:

12/1400M Old Acres - Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed two storey extension

POSITIVE CERTIFICATE

12/1316M Moss Farm - re-siting of garage

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

The planning enforcement officer, Derek Ward has obtained agreement from Mr Stobbart to alter the lighting on the out buildings at Oakfield Manor. However Mr Stobbart had been disappointed that he was not approached directly. **12.84.01.01 the meeting resolved to learn from this and approach residents first in future before taking matters further.**

12.84.02 planning matters - a concern was passed to the meeting from a resident regarding the potential for an accident caused by helicopter landing near the bridle paths, especially in light of the new Lauren's ride. **12.84.02.01 the meeting resolved to write to Mr Stobbart outlining the concerns of the resident.**

12.85 Update from Volunteer groups

12.85.01 Diamond Jubilee - the event was a success with £1200 being raised. Letters of thanks are to be sent to Kate Wadsworth and Mrs Jean Irlam and Mr G Nightingale for all their efforts.

12.85.02 - Broadband - The meeting took place and a map of ease of delivery of high speed broadband has been produced. Peover seems to have areas of ease as well as areas of hard to reach. Ollerton with Marthall and Snelson also have hard to reach areas. Therefore the three parish councils are looking to move forward with plans to make a joint bid for solutions. One suggestion is to possibly migrate those telephone numbers on the Chelford exchange to the Knutsford exchange, thus bringing the numbers into the exchange that is being upgraded currently.

12.85.03 - Volunteer List - is to be forwarded to the Clerk.

12.86 Correspondence -

- Connecting Cheshire update
- Embrace the games winner announcement
- Healthwatch briefing
- Notice of temporary road closure
- Cheshire East partnership newsletter
- Mobile Library - changes to locations and times - to be published in the newsletter
- ChALC Annual Meeting - to be attended by KD and the Clerk
- ChALC newsletter and area meetings emails
- Notice from Weightmans re a move to Liverpool
- PCSO questionnaire - Clerk to complete asking for more input from PCSO to the PC meetings
- Cheshire Playing Fields association - Meeting felt no benefit in joining
- Knutsford Town Council request for suggestions for a bans for the Civic Service.
- Insurance documentation

Meeting ended 9.24 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING 7.45 PM ON 24th JULY 2012 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST,
CINDER LANE, OVER PEOVER.**