

# PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of meeting held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Over Peover Methodist Church.

**Present:** Chair of the meeting Chris Hurst (CH), Sheila Read (SR), Tracey Byerley (TB), Trevor Cornish (TC), Robin Lindsay (RL), Peter Clarkson (PC) and the Clerk.

**11.83 Apologies for absence:** Gordon McGrath (GM), Kathy Doyle (KD), PC Simon Warr, George Walton.

**11.84 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item:** None

**11.85** *CH opened the meeting to members of the public and welcomed Iain Nichol from Barclays, Radbroke Hall and asked him to address the meeting.*

Barclays are hoping to apply to Cheshire East council for a temporary car park on what was the old rugby pitch near the A50 entrance of the site. This is similar to the temporary car park that was granted to five years ago.

There are currently 3500 people on the site and these employees generate over 2300 cars on to the site. Currently cars are being parked on all available verges and spaces and as such crating a safety risk for the site as emergency vehicle access would be compromised at present.

Barclays are required to put into place an alternative travel plan and submit this to Cheshire east. This travel plan includes the introduction of two busses to and from Crewe and Knutsford, as well as introducing car sharing schemes, cycle racks and changing rooms. They are also working on joint travel plans with firms such as Astra Zeneca to see where collaboration can occur.

The temporary car park would be, temporary and be a grasscrete or similar structure which could be returned to its original state after its use. It would provide 295 - 300 spaces and so enable the site to become safe. There are no plans to extend the site; this exercise is purely to make it safe for those already employed at the site. Radbroke have looked at alternative parking in the area but have found no site suitable.

The temporary car park would only make the site safe; the next stage would be to apply for a multi storey car park on the centre of the site, the position of which is already heavily screened from the road.

The work to the new gate houses at both entrances and improvements to the access control will allow 24/7 access to the site by employees.

The timeline is that the Travel plan is being submitted to Cheshire East, the application for a temporary car park is hoped to be submitted soon with a hope for it to be in place for winter. There would be a slight increase of site traffic during the works to the temporary car park.

The Chairman used the opportunity of having a representative of Barclays at the meeting to highlight some of the parish concerns to Barclay's. The parish council have been successful in achieving a speed reduction from 40mph to 30 mph in the village. At the last Parish Council Meeting however, the issue of the new speed limit of 30 mph being exceeded, especially around the school was raised. The parish council would like to purchase three flashing signs to bring the new speed limit to the attention of drivers around the school. There is a financial element involved in this and so the parish council would like to ask Barclays for financial assistance in purchasing them. These signs will cost around £1500 each.

Iain Nichol said that it was unlikely that the bank would give financial help but they do 'make a difference days', providing man power and volunteers for community projects.

CH pointed out that this request has been minuted and that should there be any future incident involving an employee of Barclays it would make any refusal to help financially look short sighted on their part.

Iain Nichol suggested that the parish council write an email outlining the parish councils request and detailing the types of signs the parish council wish to purchase.

CH also asked about the availability of ATM machines on the Radbroke site for the use of the community.

Iain Nichol said he would enquire if the bank would be happy to allow community access to the site for the use of ATM, although the siting of the ATM at Radbroke it in the centre of the site and therefore could cause a security issue to allow community access.

Iain Nichol also offered the possibility of the use of the two buses for the community during the day for trips to Knutsford etc. The smallest bus is a 19 seater and so routes would have to be looked at but if there was a need, there was no reason some sort of extra services could be put on for local residents.

A survey is being done to assess the need for childcare and nursery provision for the employees of Radbroke. If there is a need and a facility created then there is no reason why a limited number of places couldn't be offered to the community. This is at least a year off.

Radbroke also has a notice board advertising local businesses and events to staff, should any local resident want to advertise they are welcome to do so.

The Radbroke firework event is going to be held this year but unfortunately there will have to be a cost to residents this year of £6 per ticket. It will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

The Chairman thanked Iain Nichol for his attendance.

*Iain Nichol left the meeting and the chairman closed the public part of the meeting.*

**11.86 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011.** - agreed and signed as a correct record.

**11.87 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda** -The meeting date of 20<sup>th</sup> September clashes with a meeting of the Methodist Church. As the earlier date of 13<sup>th</sup> September was not convenient for a number of councillors it was resolved to ask Radbroke Hall if the parish council could use their facilities for that meeting. **11.87.01 Clerk to ask Iain Nichol about the availability of a meeting room on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

ChALC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 attended by CH & KD. Ken Edwards was voted as Chairman. There is increasing pressure across Cheshire to increase the number of affordable housing; there is a pressure to decrease subsidised transport.

There is a new initiative for community resistance planning. CH asked the meeting did Peover Superior need a resistance plan. The feeling of the meeting was that the major concern for the parish is being aware of vulnerable people during weather extremes. **11.87.02 Meeting resolved to contact local churches about drawing up a possible list and procedure for caring for them during extremes of weather.**

The devolution of power from the borough council is moving to the LAPs. Our LAP is Knutsford.

Concern was expressed that Local Economic Partnership is driven by private business.

SPD of Over Peover is in process of being officially adopted.

Highways repairs are being done by a private contractor and being directed through the LAPS.

This is contrary to the report given to the Parish Council by CE borough council.

**11.88 Report From Cheshire East** - None given

**11.89 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing** - the following report was sent to the meeting by PC Simon Warr:

I have reviewed the crime and anti-social behaviour figures for May and June.

On 10th May police received a report of 4 horse rugs being stolen from stables on Free Green Lane. This may have occurred during the day.

On 10th June a Mitsubishi Shogun was stolen on Stocks Lane by the school during the day. The keys were left in the ignition. This vehicle is still outstanding and is likely to now be on false number plates. I can only imagine that this was an opportunist at work as incidents of vehicle theft are still rare in Over Peover.

A male was arrested on the M56 motorway on suspicion of theft of a digger in Mere, Knutsford. The male was driving a van which was also stolen some months earlier and the trailer the digger was being carried on was again stolen a few years ago. The male is currently on police bail whilst the case is being built against him.

Clearly crime is low in Over Peover however; thieves in particular are operating all over the Knutsford area so please continue to be vigilant.

There have been no incidents of anti-social behaviour.

#### **11.90 Finance –The following receipts and invoices for payment PC/TC**

Room Hire – Over Peover Methodist	£10
Hulse Landscapes – mowing cenotaph and cinder lane cross roads	£100 plus VAT £20
Liz McGrath – Clerks fee and expenses	£649.43 plus VAT £6.14
Knutsford Methodist Church – printing newsletter	£97.00

**11.90.01 VAT 2010/11** – the return for last year has been submitted and totalled £1004.53

**11.90.02 Quarterly financial report** - moved to next meeting

#### **11.91 Planning Applications – at the planning meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 attended by GM, PC, TC & KD the council reviewed and commented on the following applications:**

11/1615M Free Green Lane – Change of use of land and erection of stables.

Although they parish council have no problem with the change of use of the stable block they are concerned about the change of access. The new access opens out on to a narrow stretch of road and visibility could be an issue for those accessing the site and other road users. Therefore the parish council would like Highways to give this proper consultation due the road safety issue.

11/1790M Radbroke Hall – Advertising Consent

The council had no comment to make and assume the application would be viewed in the light of all the relevant planning policies and regulations.

#### **11.91.01 Planning Applications received –**

11/2172M – Croft Cottage – Erection of replacement dwelling.

The parish council felt that the proposed development is a positive improvement to the existing house on the site and should be viewed in a positive manner. Therefore they have no objections

to the plans and assume that the application will be considered in the light of all relevant planning policies and regulations.

11/0141M 3, Millbank Cottage, Holmes Chapel Road - Appeal lodged with Planning inspectorate.

### **11.91.02 Planning decisions**

None

**11.92 Parish Field** -The fencing to the parish field will be completed as soon as the contractor has a window free. Keith White has completed the repairs and the cost will be approximately £60.

**11.93 Village Hall** - The Village hall has not received its £500 grant from the parish council for this year or last year. The parish council felt that until the management committee (consisting of 3 members of the Church, 3 members from the WI and 2 members of the Parish Council) can be reconvened the parish council cannot put public money to the Village Hall. **11.93.01 council resolved to write to the PCC and the WI outlining its position. 11.93.02 PC & TC were nominated as the parish council representatives on any reconvened management committee.**

**11.94 Highways** - following an email regarding the councils concerns regarding the visibility of the new speed limit, Paul Kenyon (CE Engineering Assistant) is putting a scheme together to have '30' roundels painted on the road and look at road marking entry features on the approaches to the speed limit terminal signs at each end of the new limit on Stocks Lane. Mr McLaughlin is approaching the safer routes to school team regarding help to fund a=some flashing signs and our request has been put to the LAP highways meeting. Originally the council were invited to attend but due to the meeting being newly formed it was felt better to have the first meeting to include officers only.

A Letter has been received from Mr & Mrs Clark regarding their concerns

- What effort has been made to enforce this limit?
- Why no visible signs (LED Speed limit Sign) to draw motorists attention to the change from 40-30mph?
- Surely after obtaining the 30mph limit some of the above should have been planned.

They also expressed concern about the increasing numbers of heavy vehicles are using our village as a shortcut from Macclesfield to the M6.

This tendency sadly, is on the increase, and I believe that it needs to be addressed with some urgency if we are to retain our village as a peaceful environment.

The opinion of the meeting was that most of the heavy vehicles were farm traffic and horse boxes which would have access and so any restriction would be pointless. **11.94.01 meeting resolved to**

reply to Mr & Mrs Clark explaining the efforts being made regarding the speed limit and explaining the difficulties in limiting the traffic which have access.

TC reported that Simon Davis (CE Highways) is hoping that Chelford Lane will hopefully be repaired in this financial year.

The Electricity and phone cables on the A50 have been repaired and the graffiti will be reported again.

#### **11.95 Correspondence -**

- Thank you letters from previous parish council members.
- Neighbourhood planning email
- Sustainable Government
- Chalch E bulletin
- LDF Consultation Meeting Invite on 7<sup>th</sup> July 13.30 - 16.30 TC to attend.
- Playground adverts
- Northern Voice Newsletter
- Community Resistance planning
- Road Diversion notice
- CHAIN Appeal email - to be forwarded to all members and added to next meeting agenda
- Letter from Barry Weinholdt and email from Nicky Folan regarding the signing of the S106
- CE Play Survey
- IGO Saltex advert
- Technology awareness day
- LAP EVENT 5<sup>th</sup> July Macclesfield Town Hall 6.30 - 8.30pm
- CCA open Day - 7<sup>th</sup> July Chelford Village Hall

#### **11.96 Any Other Business -**

TC asked that minutes of the mid-month planning meeting be combined with the monthly minutes. Also could supplementary comments be made on planning applications regarding a wider view for the parish?

Meeting ended 9.53 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING 7.30 PM ON 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST CHURCH**