

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Chris Hurst
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Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29th November 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), Sheila Read (SR), George Walton (GW) and the Clerk.

1 member of the public

11.140 Apologies for absence: PC Simon Warr.

11.141 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: None

11.142 Parishioner's Question time - Kate Wadsworth came to tell the council about a carol singing event she is hoping to organise on the 18th December 2011. The Parish Council offered assistance to distribute flyers and publicise the event, as well as individual councillors offering assistance in the event.

The desire to look in to having a village Christmas tree was discussed and the meeting resolved to put it on the agenda for the June 2011 meeting.

The Council thanked Kate Wadsworth for taking the initiative and hoped she would be willing to assist with plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The public part of the meeting closed.

11.143 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 25th October 2011. - agreed and signed as a correct record.

11.144 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda - TC asked for an update regarding Sunnyside's planning permission. After much discussion the council **11.14.01 resolved to write to the residents to ask what their intentions are**, as CE are not in a position to decide the planning application yet.

TC also asked for an update regarding Apple tree Cottages application. The Clerk reported that the matter was with the CE legal team to review the evidence given before deciding the application. Clerks Annual review had taken place and a proposal was put forward for a pay rise due to the clerks additional working and enthusiasm, however as the chairman had only just received a copy of the contract a firm decision is to be deferred to the January 2012 meeting. **11.144.02 The council resolved to put a 5% provision in the budget as actual figure of the pay rise is to be agreed at the next meeting.**

The Clerk attended the Town and Parish Council Conference on 24th November 2011. There was a report on the Diamond jubilee celebrations details of which the clerk will circulate to the members of the parish council and subsequent team who will organise the parish's plans. The mid-year budget review for CE has meant an over spend of 16.1 million but the council are confident that this can be brought back in line with budget for the end of the year. The Planning department are hoping to roll out email notification of planning applications from April 2012. Concern was voiced that parish councils would need laptops and projectors for this to work and was there any funding available for this. Also the pre application process is to be formalised with fees being charged for pre application advice.

Further workshops were on the rural issues LDF and broadband. Nothing new to report except that LDF will become Cheshire East Local Plan.

Concern was also express regarding the necessity of precepts to rise to take on services previously supplied by the borough council.

11.145 Report From Cheshire East -Nothing to add from Clerks report from the Town and Parish conference.

11.146 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing - The clerk read a report from PC Simon Warr:

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1 crime reported only however this was a distraction burglary which occurred on 5/11/11 on Free Green Lane. Two males stating that they were Polish approached the elderly occupants asking them for water for their broken door vehicle. The female occupant was enticed away from the kitchen door leaving it open whilst a third offender entered the house making a search stealing jewellery. This case is still being investigated by the burglary unit.

There has also been another distraction type burglary report nearby in Nether Alderley this month. It is possibly different offenders however; jewellery seems to be the motive. Again this case is still being investigated.

Please make as many people, especially the elderly, aware that these type of offenders people are operating in the rural parishes and targeting larger properties. The offenders will come across convincingly however everyone needs to be alert and vigilant with regards to anyone knocking at front doors. If in doubt ask for ID and if still not convinced close your door on them and call the police. If possible try and obtain descriptions and vehicle details.

With regard to the theft of copper piping from the Drovers Arms, unfortunately I haven't been able to find this crime. With regard to the theft from a vehicle on Stocks Lane in July, there were no lines of enquiry, i.e. no witnesses, no forensic evidence, no CCTV etc...

Also, a vehicle was stolen was in June outside the school. This enquiry did produce arrests as a credit card that was in the vehicle was used in Lancashire. This however didn't prove the theft of the vehicle.

11.147 CHAIN - GW reported after the last meeting that there was a public enquiry being undertaken into the Northwich site. **11.147.01 The meeting resolved that if the enquiry was still on going the council would write a letter of objections to the proposals.**

11.148 Housekeeping, Repairs and Maintenance - The bottom rung of the fencing on the parish field should be completed this week, the council would withhold the cheque until work is complete. The boundary sign has been installed.

Land registry forms are hoping to be completed soon and the council decided to look into the possibility of registering the parish field as a Queen Elizabeth II field, thus protecting it for generations to come. The council do want assurances that this would not prevent a football pavilion from being built on the field though. **11.148.01 the council resolved that the Clerk look in to and take the necessary next steps.**

11.149 Highways - A50. Following the tragic death on the A50 on 31st October the Clerk and the Chairman have received numerous telephone calls and emails regarding the issue of safety and speeding on the A50.

In reading through the background to the A50 the Clerk and Chairman came across work done by Steve Barnett and the parish plan team prior to and following the fatal accident in December 2008. This work revealed that a review of the road had been done and a speed reduction to 50mph had been recommended. The Letter from Peter Mosby of Cheshire County council even goes on to state that this reduction was due to be completed by 2011. With the strength of feeling the Chairman asked the clerk to write to the relevant officers at Cheshire East to ask why this reduction had not been implemented and what the council intended to do regarding this issue.

The response from Rod Menlove and from Paul Kenyon is that a review of all the speed limits across Cheshire East is due to take place in 2012. Paul Kenyon also suggested taking this before the LAP minor works list via our Borough Councillor, George Walton.

Rob Welch and George Walton put this before the LAP Minor Works list on 24th November but the outcome was for a review of the whole road network in Cheshire East in the New Year.

The Parish council are disgusted by the lack of action on this and feel that yet another review would be a waste of money when the outcome of two reviews in the last 5 years are already known.

GW did suggest that a speed reduction was only going to be effective if it is enforced. Maybe there are other engineering options that need looking at. The Parish council felt that the review

recommended a speed reduction and they feel strongly that they have been let down by Cheshire east who inherited the promise of implementing the 50pmh speed reduction by 2011. **11.149.01** The parish council asked GW to put their case for a speed reduction to 50mph on the A50. GW said he would take the councils view forward that they want to see the speed limit reduced to 50mph on the A50. The Parish council also resolved to write to George Osborne highlighting the issue and asking for his assistance in this matter.

11.150 Update from Volunteer groups

Village Hall management committee met for the first time and had a successful meeting. They have agreed that they need to alternate chairperson between the WI and the PCC. The other decision was that they needed to advertise for a caretaker to take on the responsibility of opening up and closing down the hall for the hirers and turning water and utilities off in winter. They also need someone to take the bookings, taking the money and keeping the financial records.

The Accounts show that in 2009 the village hall made a profit and a loss of £570 on 2010. The parish council received a copy of the accounts for 2010. The new management committee were both willing a receptive and it is hoped that Mrs Bowers and Mrs Mottershead will be able to finally retire.

11.150.01 the council resolved to assist by advertising the post of a caretaker for the management committee and for the clerk to take on the role for taking the bookings and the day to day financial record keeping for the village hall. They also agreed to grant the village hall management committee a grant of £500 for this financial year.

11.150.02 Broadband - a report was circulated to members from KD.. She is looking into the cost involved in the village paying for the infrastructure to enable broadband in the parish. Cllr Hurst has emailed MP David Rutley and Cllr David Brown regarding the broadband situation regarding the possibility of a pilot scheme and help from Cheshire East.

11.150.03 Volunteer List - the clerk has begun a list of volunteers but KD agreed to work on creating this list with Barry Wienholdt.

11.151 Finance -The following receipts and invoices for payment CH/TC

Newbrook Engineering - fencing -	£1406.00 plus VAT £281.20
Knutsford Methodist Church - printing newsletter	£120.50
CE - Peover Heath Playground inspections	£180.00 VAT £36.00
CE - Mowing of Parish Field	£283.54 VAT £56.71
British Legion - Wreath	£20.00
Over Peover Methodist - Room Hire	£15.00
RJ Signs - New Boundary sign	£78.50 VAT £15.70

Village Hall Management Committee Grant

£500.00

11.151.01 Response to Budget proposals from Parish Newsletter - The response to the budget proposals and the plans for diamond jubilee celebrations has been good. The overall response was positive but the small numbers of objections were noted. The Chairman reported the good news that Barclays have agreed to fund the speed signs and are also happy to work alongside the Parish council on tackling the speed issues on the A50.

The Diamond jubilee suggestions so far are a joint celebration with Over Peover Cricket Club and to be a fundraiser with funds split between the Cricket Club, Village Hall and the under 5's play equipment. The parish council were happy for the chairman to explore this idea further with a view to forming an organising committee in the new year.

11.151.01 2012/13 Budget - the feeling of the meeting was to take out of the budget the cost of spreading grit as provisions made last year seemed to work ok. The cost of the speed signs was also removed. The Diamond jubilee budget of £1500 would pay for commemorative mugs for the school children and provide a fund for deposits and costs of putting on a function to come out of the parish council fund rather than private individuals having to cover the cost. The play equipment start at £2500 but there is the same cost again for safety matting that is required under the equipment. Therefore the council decided to leave their donation the same, and then any fundraising can go further.

The Precept was set at £10,000 for 2012/13.

11.152 Planning Applications Received-

11/3859M - Newhall Farm - Conversion of stables to Holiday lets. The Parish council have concerns that in a previous application for a similar project there was no restriction put on length of occupation so that these holiday lets have become residential lets. The parish council would be keen that this is not repeated.

11/3890M - Smithy Cottage - replacing the old smithy with a store

The Parish council have no objections or comments to make on this application.

11/2700M - Grasslands- single dwelling

There has been an appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

11.152.01 Planning Decisions -

Appeal No 2160583 - Old Acres has been dismissed by the planning inspectorate.

11.153 Correspondence - not already covered in the meeting

- **Cheshire East** - Community resilience, strike action contacts, ready for winter correspondence, recycling roadshow, LAP Roads schemes, Event safety Poster, town and parish conference, planning network.
- Sam Smiths reply to information regarding old post house/ old fire station.

- Various correspondence regarding speed signs
- Cross roads Carers network newsletter
- Best Kept Village response from local village businesses and organisations
- Rural Services network
- National Blood Service
- Resuscitation course
- Letters to and from Erika Wenzel, David Brown, George Osborne and David Rutley MP regarding broadband and A50.
- ChALC - Area meeting at Little Bollington 7th December, reforms on council tax response by 15th December, Localism bill briefing, Rural LDF summary response from ChALC, Planning help and insurance details
- Various adverts: for banking, play equipment, Diamond jubilee memorabilia and street furniture.

Meeting ended 9.50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 7.30 PM ON 10th JANUARY 2012 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST, CINDER LANE, OVER PEOVER.