

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 7th December 2010 at Over Peover Methodist Chapel.

Present: Chair of meeting John Bennett (JB), Peter Clarkson (PC), Anthony Dobell (AD), Bessie Coppack (BC), Jill Wille (JW), The Clerk.

1 member of the public was in attendance (Mr I Hayes)

10.117 Apologies for absence: Barry Wienholdt (BW), Jamie Macrae (JM), PC Simon Warr (Knutsford Police), Gordon McGrath (GM), Sheila Read (SR).

10.118 Declarations of interest in any agenda item - JB declared an interest in Application No 10/3974M and PC declared an interest in Affordable Housing.

10.119 Minutes of October Meeting - already circulated. The minutes were a true reflection of the meeting and they were duly signed as a correct record.

10.120 Discussion of Matters arising from last meeting

- Simon Davies has been given numbers of local contacts re drains on Stocks Lane.

10.121 Report from the Knutsford rural community policing team - The only incident was a shed broken in to on Holmes Chapel Road, Over Peover, whereby power tools were taken. The tools were discarded in nearby woods and the so the owner has recovered them.

Burglaries in general have increased recently across Knutsford and we would encourage residents to leave lights on or use timer switches so lights are coming on as early as 4pm.

10.122 Report from Cheshire East - JM had sent an email with comments on the Supplementary planning document. The new and emerging plans will (as adopted by parish councils) be adopted by the LAP's and will become part of the new 'Neighbourhood Plans'. The existing inherited plans (SPD's) will also be transferred to same status. This process will be completed at part of the LDF (i.e. be part of the document suite which makes up the LDF). I cannot confirm the timescale, however all the Parish Plans will come together. In the meantime the Plans will carry weight when considering policy issues.

10.123 Supplementary Planning Document - the parish plan group who worked on this have been disappointed by CE decision not to adopt the supplementary planning document. No proper explanation or reasoning has been given from Rosemary Kidd (Head of Spatial Planning) as to why the document has not been adopted, this despite a face to face meeting with Rosemary Kidd and a letter following the meeting. The PP team can only draw the conclusion that the SPD doesn't fit in with future plans and policies of CE, even when assurances were given when they were embarking on the SPD over two years ago.

10.123.01 resolved to back up the team's letter asking for Ms Kidd to reply to their concerns and for the SPD to be adopted by the parish council at the next meeting when an up to date copy can be obtained. JB to write to Ms Kidd.

Mr. Hayes left the meeting.

10.124 Local development framework consultation - the document is circulating to members and the comments made will be submitted to the consultation.

10.125 Personnel Committee Report. - The committee reviewed the clerk's progress and provided an opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns arising. The Clerks start date will change to 1st April in 2012 to align clerk's fee with the financial year of the parish council. The decision on becoming a quality Parish council is to be deferred to May 2011 after elections, but the clerk will continue to use the qualification outline as a basis for council's procedures. Other issues arising were the need for the formation of a planning committee to allow transparency in the council's consideration of planning applications. This is to be a rolling committee with three councillors each month. Also the Clerks Office needs to be risk assessed. A greater link between those from the Parish Plan who wish to continue with the work they have started by regular reports to the PC meetings so to reduce duplication in areas such as highways.

The meeting wished to record their thanks to the Clerk for all her hard work and look forward to working with her over the next year. The clerk thanked the meeting for all their help and support as she has learnt her way in the role and looks forward to the next year!

10.126 Update on parish plan/ IMG

The work on gaining Broadband to Over Peover is still ongoing but Kathy Doyle has produced a template letter for villagers to send to DEFRA to try and push it forward as there seems to be stumbling blocks in its tracks! **10.126.01 the meeting resolved to publicise this template letter in the next newsletter.**

The new Village Hall Management group are making slow progress after the loss of Sophie Lavin from the Parkgate Inn. Handover from the old committee is hoping to take place in the new year. JB has entered the Veolia Trust competition for £300,000 for the Village Hall. He has also provisionally spoken to the owners as to a way forward should it be successful or the suggestions regarding the offices at Woodside Poultry Farm come to fruition.

Blood Donation next in Village on 4th May 2011. Clerk to publicise in newsletter and on notice boards.

Playground - Wicksteed could not revamp the rocking horse and so Suttons who did such an excellent job on the slide have taken on the task. They removed the rocking horse and weather permitting hope to have it back in situ by the New Year. The Soft Play matting has been highlighted as in need of repair on the site inspection. Suttons have quoted £200 plus VAT to repair. Also whilst Suttons are on site it was suggested that they paint the swings.

10.126.02 the meeting resolved to ok £200 repairs to the soft play matting and £375 to paint the swings.

10.127 **Parish Field** - work on the trees has yet to be undertaken due to the weather. No news regarding the grant from Wren. The decision is due before Christmas.

10.128 Finance

10.128.01 Authorisation granted to pay the following: - AD/PC

- G & GE Read - topping and cutting field hedges £170.00 plus VAT £29.75
- Hulse Landscapes - mowing cenotaph and Cinder Lane £75.00 plus VAT £13.12
- Steve Barnett - Speedgun and Hi Vis Vests - Parish Plan £188.95 plus VAT £31.86
- Over Peover Methodist Church - invoice for Room Hire £15.00
- Royal British Legion - poppy wreath and donation £20.00
- Kathy Doyle - Parish Plan expenses mileage and printing £63.22 plus VAT £3.65

10.128.02 Cheque signatories on the PC account will remain the same until after May 2011 elections.

10.128.03 Meeting resolved to produce two budgets depending on the success of the grant application. Final figures to be circulated before next meeting and will be available online.

10.128.04 Precept will be dependent on the outcome of the grant application. Clerk to calculate the impact of each figure on council tax. The precept will either be in the region of £5500 or £7500. Final figure is to be agreed at the planning meeting later in the month depending on decision from WREN.

10.129 Planning - Planning Applications:-

The following applications have been circulated and commented on prior to the meeting as deadlines dictated.

- Application 10/3916M - 3, Mainwaring Road - Alterations and extension.
- Application 10/4393M - Heath Farm - Agricultural Building

No comments were made on the above applications and the parish council assumed that the applications would be considered in light of all relevant policies and regulations.

- Application 10/3974M - Builders Yard, Tree Tops - Change of use and auxiliary Accommodation.

The above application was discussed in detail and the council were concerned regarding the risk of flooding as a culverted stream which is to the south of the site is not mentioned in the plans. The council had no objection to the change of use but do question the scale of the development in relation to the size of the plot.

- Application 10/4017M - New Hall Farm - Erection of field shelters

The council had no objection to the above application provided that the public footpath is unimpeded by the proposed shelters.

- Application 10/3949M - Grasslands Nursery - Dwelling

The Parish council were concerned that this development is not appropriate in a greenbelt and that the proposed location would create a dangerous access onto the highway.

Planning Decisions/Withdrawals

- Application 10/1011M - The Hollies, Green Lane - Demolition of two dwellings to create one dwelling. **APPROVED W/C**
- Application 10/2976M - Cinder Farm, Cinder Lane - Certificate of lawfulness **PART APPROVED /PART REFUSED**
- Application 10/2895M - 4, Mainwaring Road - Two storey extension and remodelling **WITHDRAWN**
- Application 10/3467M - 13, Mainwaring Road - Replace flat roof with pitched **APPROVED W/C**

10.130 Affordable Housing - the S106 is in its second draft and BW, JW and AD having commented on the 1st draft have prepared comments for the 2nd draft which will be sent this week.

10.132 Highways - Grit bags have been delivered and a request will be made for moving one nearer to the bus shelter and re filling the bag at Well Bank Lane. The road markings are becoming faint on the A50 corner near the turning into Stocks Lane. **10.132.01 the meeting resolved to write to highways to report this.**

10.116 Correspondence - to be circulated to all members after the meeting

- Letter from Wicksteed explaining why it cannot carry out the agreed work.
- Invite to the Town Carol Concert at Macclesfield.
- Letter informing the Council of the departure of CE Monitoring Officer.
- Holmes Chapel and District Community Partnership newsletter

Meeting ended 9.50pm

NEXT MEETING 7.45 PM ON 18th JANUARY 2011 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST