

PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman - Chris Hurst
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Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th September 2011 at Radbroke Hall, Stocks 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) and the Clerk.

Also in attendance for public part of the meeting: June Leech (WI), Minty Day (WI), Helen Skelton (WI), Karl Douglas (PCC), Phillip Jobling (PCC), Mary Bowers (Secretary Village Hall), Audrey Mottershead (Treasurer Village Hall)

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

11.113 Declarations of Interest in any agenda item: RL Personal, non-prejudicial interest in Application 11/2948T.

11.114 Parishioner's Question time - Chairman opened the public part of the meeting. He thanked the members of the WI and the PCC for taking the time to attend to discuss the Village hall. The invitation to attend was sent out in response to a request for funding for the village hall. The Parish council are minded to issue the grant but not until a management committee has been reformed and met as the parish council are accountable for the grants it issues with public funds. Mrs Mottershead said that the funding was needed as the hall was still being used by the community and therefore money was needed to keep the facilities going. Mrs Bowers added that in the past the parish council had always given funds to the village hall knowing it was privately owned and was surprised that the request for funding had been withheld.

The chairman clarified that the issue was not with the private ownership but one of a lack of a clear management structure which needs to be in place before the parish council can issue public funds to the village hall.

Mrs Bowers pointed out that the parish council had never been charged for their use of the hall. The chairman said the parish council was very grateful for this but it still needed a management committee to be formed for the funds to be awarded to the village hall.

Mrs Bowers and Mrs Mottershead have been running the village hall for years as no new members were willing to be on the management committee.

WI are concerned that as few members of the WI live in the village and although volunteers have been sought none are forthcoming as there is no desire to take on the responsibility involved in the day to day running of the village hall.

Trevor Cornish stated that as far as he was aware being on the management committee need not involve more than decision making.

The chairman clarified that the constitution of the village hall management committee states that it be formed from 2 members of the Parish council, 3 members from the WI and 3 members from the PCC.

Phillip Jobling made clear that whilst the PCC were happy for the Village hall to be used for the village the PPC itself has its priority to the fundraising and upkeep of St Lawrence's Church and so did not want to be responsible for finding the funds to run the village hall.

The meeting saw there were two separate issues

1. The 'taking care' of the Village Hall - day to day running
2. The management committee - to meet and decide how or what is needed to run the village hall.

Car parking has always restricted income for the village hall, there are no spare funds to pay for a caretaker and the age of the building dictates that there is always some form of maintenance spending.

The Parish council have nominated 2 members to sit on the management committee; therefore it is up to the WI and PCC to put forward 3 members each to join them.

If then at the first meeting of the management committee they were to ask for a larger grant from the Parish council towards the village hall the parish council are in the process of putting together the budget for 2012/13 and would look at all requests. The final budget needs to be completed by end of November.

The meeting concluded that as the PCC were meeting after this meeting and the WI are to meet on the 29th September, both groups would also discuss it at their meetings and nominate persons to stand on a management committee.

The Chairman thanked all for their contributions and closed the public part of the meeting.

11.115 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting on 26th July 2011. - agreed and signed as a correct record.

11.116 To discuss matters arising from the last meeting, not already covered in the agenda - CHAIN discussion moved to next meeting.

LDF questionnaires handed out to all members.

The report from the airport meeting was that although the CAA is conducting the future airspace strategy, there is unlikely to be any change to the flight paths affecting Over Peover.

No response from Steve Barnett re speed watch, clerk to follow up.

School have had issues with grounds maintenance but the new care taker is to deal with the weeds, the governors have decided against the solar power and no funds are available towards the speed signs.

Following the tree falling into the carriageway in August, 'Old Fire House' was damaged.

11.116.01 The council resolved to write to Samuel Smiths to as their intentions regarding repair.

The bags in the bins in the layby by the school keep blowing inside out and spilling the contents on to the roadside. **11.116.02 the council resolved to look in to purchasing lids.**

11.117 Report From Cheshire East - Minor works list will be put forward to the LAP meeting tomorrow. Appeal of planning at Woodside Farm was upheld and gone forward for approval. New silver recycling bins to be rolled out across area from 3rd October. LDF rural stakeholders meeting now going to be by invitation only to Chalc members. GW questioned this and now further discussion will take place at the next town and parish planning seminar.

TC expressed concern at the lack of focus on infrastructure in LDF.

Boundary commission review to affect Tatton.

GW gave a poster containing his contact details to display on the parish notice boards.

GM asked if GW had found out what the width of a footpath should be as A50 footpaths were very narrow in places. GW had heard of a contract in place to deal with footpaths and will investigate further. In the meantime TC will take a spade and see how wide the footpaths were before the verge spread.

11.118 Report from Knutsford Rural Policing –email report sent. SID has been out and is in the diary to go out again in the next month or so. **11.118.01 Meeting resolved to request the SID be put in the opposite direction next time.** There had been some success with the investigation into the theft of farm vehicles and hopes of arrests to come. Unfortunately the statistics for over peover had not been accessed but as far as PC Warr was aware there was nothing significant to report.

11.118.02 Meeting resolved to write to state disappointment with the lack of police attendance and the incorrect report as the members were aware of 4 or 5 incidents in the area and were concerned that crime was on the increase in the area.

11.119 Finance –The following receipts and invoices for payment CH/TB

Newbrook Engineering - fencing - £1406 plus VAT £281.20

This invoice was to be disputed and checked against the original quote as from memory the amount seemed higher than expected.

K White - repair and maintenance of Benches £70

B Weinholdt - printing S106 Guides for council £114.46 plus VAT £2.89

Clerks Fee \£600

11.119.01 2012/13 Budget

A draft version was circulated to members. The additional items to consider from previous years are , Spreading of Grit, playground equipment for under 5's, flashing speed signs, increased village hall grant and Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

11.119.01.01The meeting resolved to ask the residents via the newsletter as to their desire for jubilee celebrations and what form this might take.

Tractor warning signs were suggested to warn drivers of the high volume in and around the area and clerk to ask highways regarding this.

Paul Read is to be asked to cut the hedges and verges around the parish field as he has done so in previous years.

The letter requesting a contribution from Barclays regarding the speed signage is to be followed up.

All items are to be added to the budget to aid discussion on what to include and what to postpone for future years. A final budget will be set at the November meeting.

11.119.02 Personnel Committee - TC, TB, CH to set a date for the clerk's annual review.

11.120 Repairs and Maintenance - Three quotes have been received ranging from £265 to include new posts to £78.50 without posts. It was felt the posts did not need replacing and the quote for £78.50 be accepted unless there was a significant benefit to the sign being Class 1 reflective in which case £84.50 would be accepted. **11.120.01 The meeting resolved for the clerk to ask for guidance and order the relevant sign from RJ Signs and Graphics.**

11.121.01 Minutes of Planning meetings held on Tuesday 16th August and Saturday 10th September.

11/2729M Radbroke Hall - temporary car park

The council had no objections as they had been kept fully informed of this development from Barclays at the June meeting.

11/2660M New Acres - Lawfulness of non-compliance of Agricultural tenancy

The council had no information to add.

11/1099M 4, Mainwaring road - Appeal

11/2700M Grasslands Nursery - single dwelling

The council noted the change in access and had no objections to the proposals

11/2927M Tree Tops - construction of an orangery.

The council had no objections providing all the neighbours had been informed.

11.121.02 Applications Received-

11/2948T- Land on Stocks Lane - Removal of dead branches and crown thinning.

The Council had no comments of objections to make to the application and were pleased that the work was to be carried out.

11.121.03 Planning decisions

11/1615M Free Green Lane - Change Of use and erection of stable block

APPROVED W/C

Appeal of 11/0141M - 3, Millbank cottages

DISMISSED

11/2144M - Old Acres -2 storey Rear Extension

REFUSED

11/2157M - \Old Acres - 1st floor glazed extension

REFUSED

11/2161M - Old Acres - Alterations to SE & NE elevation Windows

APPROVED W/C

11/2151M - Old Acres - Reconstruct existing porch and raise roof to reposition Stairs

REFUSED

11/2525M - 5 Mainwaring Road - Forward extension of Garage

APPROVED W/C

11.122 Football agreement. Agreement returned signed. Request from the football team that they may be allowed to explore the idea of some sort of changing facilities on the parish field as new FA rules state that teams playing in their league must provide such facilities from 2012. **11.1122.01 the council were open to proposals from the team for changing facilities on the parish field but were mindful of the facilities not being an ‘eyesore’.**

11.123 Notice Boards – A notice has been placed on the board highlighting the location of the Defibrillator at the Parkgate Inn.

A request for advertising a local business on the village notice boards has been received. **11.123.01 the council resolved that the parish notice boards should not be used to advertise individual businesses.**

11.124 Highways – Fire Hydrant sign on A50 between Grange farm and Wheel Farm had been damaged in a road traffic collision and not been replaced. **11.124.01 the council resolved to inform the fire brigade of the need to replace the fire hydrant sign.**

11.125 Correspondence –

- Cycletta event 2nd October from Tatton Park up to New Mills and back to Tatton Via Ollerton, should be over by 2pm.
- ChALC – Area Meeting 21st September, AGM, Nomination form for standards committee and Newsletter
- Commission for Rural England survey
- Rural Services Network
- Britain in bloom
- Town and parish Website – Possibility of having the website hosted free of charge by Cheshire East, thus saving £89.99 per year.
- Road Closure notices for A556 and A50
- Rocking horse entered on a data base of Wickstead horses are treasured!
- Saltex IOG
- Fundraising competition to compete to win share of £6000 – Clerk to enter parish
- Sustainable Government
- Manchester Airport Meeting – attended by TC and GM
- Northern Voice
- Various LDF communications
- CCA introducing new staff
- ITV Gooseberry Show interest – forwarded to this year’s winner and show secretary.

- Connecting Cheshire Campaign - John Bennett has signed Over Peover Up and will liaise with KD
- Hidden Treasures 'Faith In Action Audit Results
- CE new Silver Bin
- Invitation to Mayors Civic Service.
- Various adverts
- Historic Towns forum
- Letter from Mr B Weinholdt - to be discussed next meeting

Items for next meeting's agenda, to include Supplementary Planning Document, update on High speed Broadband.

Meeting ended 9.45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING 7.30 PM ON 25th OCTOBER 2011 AT OVER PEOVER METHODIST, CINDER LANE, OVER PEOVER.