

# PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held remotely via Zoom at 5pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Present:** Councillors Kathy Doyle (Chair), Phil Welch, Susan Mills, Vicki Irlam, David Clarke, Graham Hunter, John Hehir and the Parish Clerk

Members of Public: One (part only)

### **21.23 Receive apologies for absence**

Ward Councillor Marc Asquith was absent.

Cllr Jayne Rudd resigned from her position on the Parish Council due to work and family commitments. Members expressed their appreciation and gratitude to her. The Clerk to send a card and flowers on behalf of the Council. The Clerk to also notify Cheshire East Council and initiate the process for filling the vacancy.

**Action: Clerk**

### **21.24 Questions or comments from the public**

#### **i) Dogs in the Park**

A resident raised the issue of dog owners bringing their pets onto the parish field, despite the signs displayed at every access point. It was decided it should be mentioned in the village newsletter and the School should also be informed. Members agreed to monitor the situation and to carry forward to the next meeting.

**Action: All**

#### **ii) Drainage ditch in parish field**

A resident expressed concerns over the lack of a barrier between the parish field and drainage ditch, thus causing a potential risk to children. Members to deliberate over the issue and to discuss further at the next meeting.

**Action: All**

#### **iii) Football practise request**

A request was made by an Under 11s football team to use the parish field twice a week for football training. It was decided that, as a group of residents already uses the field twice a week for football sessions, any further use for football would be excessive and could deter families from using the field. The request was therefore declined.

#### **iv) Parking on Grotto Lane/Stocks Lane verge**

A resident asked for advice on the number of cars parking on the Grotto Lane/Stocks Lane verge which hinder drivers' visibility from Grotto Lane. Cllr Hunter offered to draft small flyers or postcards which could be placed on the windscreens of offending vehicles. The Clerk to also write to the police. It was suggested the drivers could pay to park at the Village Hall subject to VHMC approval, although this could cause problems when the Hall reopens. The Clerk to make enquiries with the VHMC.

**Action: Cllr Hunter and Clerk**

A member of public spoke about their concerns over unauthorised work being carried out at Nine Oaks on Stocks Lane. The Clerk to write to the Enforcement Officer and will also mention the track at a barn on Boundary Lane which doesn't appear to have been installed to the specification in the planning application.

**Action: Clerk**

**21.25 Receive declarations of interest in any agenda items**

No interests were declared

**21.26 Approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record. To be signed by the Chair at the next physical meeting.

**21.27 Discuss matters arising from the Minutes, not already covered in the agenda**

A local resident was approached to assist in replacing the finger posts. The resident has agreed to the request and is awaiting a revised quote from a supplier. Item to be carried forward.

Cllr Hehir notified CE Highways of the roadside spikes issue and is awaiting a date for the site meeting. Cllr Hehir is also awaiting a meeting with Highways concerning signage and traffic calming measures at Well Bank Lane. The Chair thanked Cllr Hehir for flattening the splay on Cinder Lane.

Cllr Irlam reported she had again contacted Highways regarding the speed limit reduction on Stocks Lane and reinstatement of white lines on the corner. Cllr Irlam was informed the issues had been escalated.

A village bench funded by a resident has been installed near the corner of Wellbank Lane and Clay Lane. A proposal to install a bench on the Cinder Lane splay was discussed. It was felt that a working party would be required for the construction.

Cllr Hehir confirmed he was in the process of obtaining the wood needed for the park picnic bench.

**21.28 Ward Councillor**

The Chair offered to write to Ward Councillor Asquith following his absence from parish council meetings over several months.

**Action: Chair**

**21.29 Gawsworth and Chelford Police**

Cllr Clarke reported on the retirement of the chief constable and his replacement, Mark Phillips.

Four roads have been earmarked for average speed checks, one of which is the A34 in Macclesfield.

The police are asking for volunteers for the Community Speed Watch programme which is due to resume soon.

### 21.30 Finance

- **Receipts and Payment Report and Bank Reconciliation**

The report was reviewed and approved. Cllr Welch to authorise online payments becoming due.

### 21.31 Planning

- **Receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan**

The referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan is due to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May: the same day as the PCC election. Cllr Welch drafted a newsletter for residents which was approved by the relevant CEC members. The Clerk to send to the printers with a view to distribute by mid-April.

**Action: Clerk/All**

- **Consider Planning Applications**

- i. **20/5874M:** Grange Farm, Holmes Chapel Road – Erection of a new high-welfare dairy building with slurry reception pit

**Comment:** The Parish Council has **no comment** on this application

- ii. **21/1068M:** Woodlands Farm, Stocks Lane – Prior approval for a change of use from agricultural to dwelling houses

**Comment:** The Parish Council has **no comment** on this application

- **Consider Planning Decisions**

The following planning decision was reported:

Appeal appl. 20/1110M Land NE of Stocks Lane – Dismissed

- **Pre-application Planning Engagement**

Following the circulation of a possible planning toolkit, a discussion was held on the merits of a pre-application engagement. It was decided the policy framework would need to be checked and, if approved, circulated to all concerned parties. Cllr Welch offered to take the lead. Item forward to the next meeting.

**Action: Cllr Welch**

### 21.32 Housekeeping and Maintenance

- **Footpaths**

Cllr Welch reported he had walked all the footpaths around the village. Three issues were raised with CE Rights of Way, two of which have been fixed: the stiles in field near Grotto/Cinder Lane and near Rudds Greenhouse have both been replaced. A finger post opposite Burn Acre, which had been knocked down, has been reported but is yet to be fixed.

It was noted that the original footpath posts by Chaseley Farm have been moved. Cllr Welch to follow up with CEC.

**Action: Cllr Welch**

### **21.33 Correspondence**

A request to resume the outdoor fitness classes two mornings a week was approved.

A quote to replace the Cheshire Railings along the play area was considered excessive. It was decided to factor in funds in the precept to cover the costs for repair in the future. In the interim, Cllrs Hunter and Clarke offered to temporarily repair a section at a time over the summer months

**Action: Cllrs Hunter and Clarke**

### **21.34 Items for the next agenda**

Dogs in the park

Drainage ditch

Finger Posts

Pre-application Planning Engagement

Approve Accounts and Annual Governance Statements

Finalise Newsletter

Meeting concluded at 7.20 pm

The date of the next PC meeting is **Tuesday 27th April 2021**