

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present Cllrs S.D Nuttall, Mrs S. L. Geake, R Taylor, Mrs R. A. Kendall, L. Halman, C Newton and Cllr G Walton (Cheshire East)

Acting Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

14.16 Police report – None

14.17 Public Question Time - None

14.18 Apologies – Cllr A Jackson.

14.19 Minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2014

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

14.20 Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item. – No action has been taken regarding the footpath No 6 on Mr Hughes Lane. Clerk is to follow up and report back to the meeting.

Wendy Sienfield from Manchester Airport will attend the May meeting as she is unwell at present.

14.21 Casual Vacancy – Following the resignation of Cllr Dutton there is a vacancy on the parish Council. The relevant notices have been posted and as there has been no call for a vote the parish council are free to co-opt a member to its numbers.

Christine Newton introduced herself to the meeting and outlined her interests and also her willingness to serve as a parish councillor. Cllr Halman proposed that Christine Newton be co-opted , Cllr Nuttall seconded the motion and the meeting unanimously agreed. As no other names were put forward Christine Newton was duly co-opted and signed to accepted and signed to accept the position.

14.22 Reports from Unitary Authorities –CWAC have installed the promised speed signs and they are having an effect.

Cllr Walton brought to the parish's attention the plans for gas storage on Holford Brinefields. The Parish Council had had no notification of this and asked the Clerk to investigate.

There has been a new community's lead appointment for the area in Steph Cordon who has been on a tour of the area with Cllr Walton.

Cllr Walton was asked what the money saved from not gritting this winter would be spent on? Cllr Walton said he was not given a breakdown of the budget but he had questioned the perceived over gritting of the roads this year. There was minimal saving to be made however as employees still need to be paid regardless of weather conditions.

The saving to the council from not emptying the green waste bins for the winter is 4 million. The green waste service will begin w/c 17th March.

14.23 Finance

The presented the meeting with a summary receipts and payments for the period 15th January to 12th March. Also presented to the meeting was the bank reconciliation for the same period.

PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE

To	For	£
Mr G Leigh	Clerks Fee (1/2 year) at ½ rate due to ill health	545.65
Mrs E McGrath	Clerks Fee (1/2 year)	865.90
HMRC	PAYE	212.20

Lower Peover PCC	Grant towards upkeep of Grave Yard	350.00
Cllr Kendall	Flowers	16.00
		<u>1989.75</u>

14.24 House keeping and Maintenance

- **Personnel Committee** – the Parish Council are required to have a personnel committee to review the Clerks employment. Cllr Halman, Nutall and Kendall to form this group. The Acting Clerks temporary contract ends on 3rd April and so a decision needs to be made before the next meeting how to continue.
- **Telephone boxes** – To be removed ASAP
- **Village Sign** – in progress
- **Beech Tree & Trees** – Mr Glass to be contacted and it is hoped work can be done in October.
- **Noticeboard** – The Clerk is to ask David Lewis Centre if their wood work department will take this on and paint and repair it where necessary.

14.25 Correspondence – A schedule of Correspondence was received by the council had been circulated to Members. Cllr Nutall and Cllr Newton are to attend the airport meeting on 6th May. It was agreed that the parish should enter the community pride competition.

14.26 Planning - A list of planning applications commented on and decisions made were presented to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

14.27 INEOS Brine Caverns - There was a meeting last night in Lach Dennis. The parish council felt that some article should be written if no press statement was forthcoming. The meeting felt we needed to work with the other parishes involved in this.

14.28 Highways – The pothole on the disputed area of the cobbles has now been filled. The Ownership of the former Macclesfield BC owned part of the cobbles is being investigated by CE. Church Hill has numerous potholes and Foxcovert Lane . Both in CWAC and CE is in a state of disrepair. Broome Lane has still not been repaired.

14.29 HS2 – route consultation has ended and the Mid Cheshire group against HS2 are looking at the geology of Cheshire as a reason to stop the development. They are also looking in to the cost in more detail and trying to establish the long term costs for maintenance etc.

14.30 Matters for the next Agenda

Email Distribution
War memorial

Meeting closed 21.30 pm

Signed:

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