

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

Present Cllr R Taylor, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr R. A. Kendall, Cllr S Geake Cllr S Nuttall and Cllr L. Halman.
Cllr G Walton (Cheshire East).

Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

14.92 Police report – there have been reports of incidents of theft and burglary in the Snelson and Ollerton areas but nothing local to Lower Peover.

14.93 Public Questions and Comments –Mr and Mrs Wade attended the meeting to discuss application 14/4797M. They outlined the reasons they will be objecting to the application as neighbours and asked for the parish council's support in this matter. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the officer dealing with this application and had been informed that he was minded to refuse this application as the site is not a brownfield site. However it was still felt necessary that objections and comments should be submitted.

The open part of the meeting was closed.

14.94 Apologies –Cllr C Newton.

14.95 Minutes of the meeting held 10th September 2014

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

14.96 Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item. –Telephone box is still awaiting removal. Clerk to chase and possibly look for someone else to undertake the task.

14.97 Reports from Unitary Authority

Town and Parish conference on 11th November informed of a new energy initiative to bring affordable energy to Cheshire east.. Anyone interested should sign up online.

Planning department is in a state of flux with officers leaving and new ones starting. It will take some time for new officers to become familiar with the area.

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

Application 14/4797M – Lower Peover Parish Council object to this application as they do not consider the land in question as a Brown Field site. There has been no commercial activity from this property and the buildings themselves no longer exist. With the buildings having been demolished there is no buildings to reuse and therefore an application of re using agricultural buildings in the greenbelt couldn't be applied.

The Parish Council are also concerned that the locality of this property is such that drainage and the provision of utilities is at full stretch. There have been numerous drainage issues on the site over the years.

The Parish Council would ask if for any reason the officer were minded to approve adequate screening take place to ensure that the neighbouring properties are not over looked.

The Council discussed submissions to the planning inspectorate in respect of the houses proposed next to Holly Tree Drive. New information is to be put forward only.

14.99 Finance

The External Auditors report was presented to the meeting and the comments noted. The RFO presented the meeting with a summary receipts and payments for the period 10th September 2014 to 1st October 2014. The meeting agreed the figures.

There were no invoices available for payment but the meeting agreed to pay the following once the invoices had been received.

Warburton Landscapes – Mowing of verges and common areas – Clerk to request the Brash is removed.

Knutsford IT- Website

The Clerk reported that as she had been unable to contact Mike Glass regarding the Beech tree and those overhanging the two village signs she has had a quote from John Oliver who has quoted £150 for all works. The meeting asked the Clerk to accept this quote and proceed with the works.

The Meeting received a verbal request from its internal auditor Mrs Gillian Sibley that she wished to stand down as internal auditor for the parish council. The meeting accepted this resignation and thanked Mrs Sibley for all her work over the years. Several names for a replacement were suggested and proposals shall be brought before the next meeting.

14.99.01 Precept and Budget - The budget was discussed in detail. The cost of carving the stump on oak corner is thought to be in the region of £1500. The Parish council would like to make a grant towards the cost and Cllr Halman proposed to take £300 out of the precept. This was seconded by Cllr Geake.

A second proposal was made by Cllr Nuttall to take £300 out of existing funds and £300 from the next precept to enable the grant to be funded. The second proposal was carried.

The Budget for 2015/16 was agreed and Cllr Taylor proposed a Precept of £5400 be set of 2015/16. This was seconded by Cllr Halman and unanimously carried.

14.100 Housekeeping and Maintenance

14.100.01 Website – A basic website has been constructed. The information now needs to be added to it.

14.100.02 Defibrillator – The parish council would like to explore the siting of a defibrillator in the village that can be externally sited so can be used when the school is closed. The Clerk is to invite KFRT to the next meeting to discuss.

14.101 Correspondence – A schedule of Correspondence was received by the council had been circulated to Members.

14.102 INEOS Brine Caverns – The Parish Council have received a response from OPA regarding their concerns over the movement of the oil by road from the back lane site.

The Clerk is to respond, thanking them for their response but that the Parish Council view this as a holding response and a wish list rather than a to do list and await further concrete responses.

14.103 Highways – No update on the Cobbles.

Potholes on Church Walk and Barrows Brow have been repaired and those at the bridge on Foxcovert Lane have been done with some success but more needs to be done.

The Verge on Middlewich road opposite Plumley Moor Road needs attention following the work done by Openreach. The Clerk is to speak to Connecting Cheshire about reinstating.

The drain that was causing problems previously at the Middlewich road, Plumley Moor Road junction is backing up again. Clerk to report to highways.

14.104 HS2 – No update.

14.105 Matters for the next Agenda

Telephone Box
Trees and Oak Corner
Verges
Defibrillator

Meeting closed 21.55

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