

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Present Cllr R. A. Kendall (Chair), Cllr S Nuttall, Cllr R.E. Taylor, Cllr C Newton, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr S. L. Geake, Cllr L Corlett
Cllr G Walton (Cheshire East Borough Council)
Cllr M Stocks (Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council)
Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

Two members of the public in attendance

15.39 Police Report – PCSO Lindsey Whitehead attended and informed the meeting of recent operation with trading standards targeting bogus or cold callers. The success of this operation was to raise awareness of this issue amongst the public and trades people.

The report from PCSO Kelly Makee was read to the meeting.

Crime

Burglary – Birchwood Drive – still under investigation

Holly Tree Drive – shed break – still under investigation

Anti-Social Behaviour

None reported

Traffic

Tree down with Power cable attached to it – numerous reports

Other news

Although it isn't technically Lower Peover I thought I would mention the numerous reports of criminal damage at Shakerley Mere. I am working with the Shakerley Green Space Warden to try and solve this problem – CCTV discussed and the locking and closing of the Mere on an evening. No outcome as yet due to finances /funding being discussed.

15.40 Public Questions and Comments – Haley Slater attended the meeting on behalf of a group of residents and neighbours concerned about the appeal for 5 houses at Yew Tree Farm. The current planning permission would create total of 10 homes on the site. If this application is successful at appeal this would create 15 houses on a site which in the local opinion is already over developed. The main concerns regarding this appeal are that the application is on a green field site in greenbelt which is also in prime farming land. The already approved 30 houses further up Middlewich Lane will significantly increase traffic in the village and a further access on to this road would be detrimental to the safety of road users.

15.41 Apologies - None

15.42 Minutes of the meeting held 13th May 2015

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

15.43 Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item. – None

15.44 Reports from the Unitary Authorities

Cllr Mark Stocks reported that there had been a significant shift in CWAC with it now being a labour controlled council. While it is thought there will be little impact in the short term with the budgets and council tax being set for the next twelve months there will be changes and restructuring taking place. Cllr Mark Stocks was disappointed that despite the local plan being in place and the authority

having 6.8 years housing supply the appeal of 30 houses on Middlewich road was allowed at appeal. He supported the residents view that the application from Yew Tree Farm is an over development of the site. He is concerned that the increase in homes would put an increased pressure on the school to expand at a rate faster than they might wish. It would also exacerbate the issues on the cobbles with access to school.

The removal of oil from the Back Lane site has been of concern to Cllr Stocks. Negotiations are ongoing regarding highways measures to manage traffic on and off the site. The traffic regulations mean that traffic lights at the back lane junction with Common Lane may not be possible due to the time delay issues. However Cllr Stocks is hopeful that they might agree to lights that are in operation just when vehicles removing the oil are accessing Back Lane junction.

Cllr Kendall asked what input the police and emergency services have into the highways issues. Cllr Stocks said they do have some input but the highways act will ultimately dictate what measures can be put in place.

Cllr Walton updated the meeting regarding CE. He said that although the LAPs have been disbanded the highways subgroup has remained as this has been the most successful part of the LAP system.

15.45 Highways

The Cobbles – Cllr Nuttall is to look at the list received from Andrew Kelly from Cheshire East. Cllr Mark Stocks will also take up the issue as the area is an access to a CWAC school and there has to be some kind of resolution. He also said that the new SILs that are coming in to replace S106 agreements could be used for funds to maintenance of this area of the cobbles. Cllr Stocks kindly said he would pay for their reinstatement out of his budget. The Clerk also spoke to Mrs Morfitt regarding the new footpath. Her concern was any cutting back of her hedge could cause an increase in road noise. Cllr Stocks suggested that sound proof fencing be written into the scheme to accommodate this issue.

On the Safer Walk to school scheme Cllr Stocks said he would hope to add £2/3,000 to the scheme depending on what his member's budget is. He also suggested that as well as applying to the Airport ESSAR who is removing the oil from back lane have a fund we could apply to. Clare Beharrell and the Clerk are to continue with both applications.

Church Walk -The pothole that has been on the back entrance road to the Bells has never been dealt with in over 10 years and is now very big. There has been some debate as to whose responsibility it is for the repairing of this hole. Mr Cooke who lives on church walk is of the opinion that it is Cheshire East's responsibility. However, Cheshire East maintain that it is an area of un-adopted road and therefore not their responsibility. The clerk is to investigate further with highways.

Verges – Connecting Cheshire say they have tried to re seed the area on Middlewich road but tractors and Lorries drive on the area making it worse. The parish Council would argue that it is BT Vans that drive on the area and suggest that the area be reinforced with grass Crete or other such material to make a good surface for the vehicles to use. The Clerk is to write to Connecting Cheshire to ask them for advice. CE highways will also look into the issue.

The Verges on Broom Lane, Fox covert Lane and free Green lane are so over grown that turning out at junctions are impeded. Cllr Geake to email Cllr Walton with locations and details for him to request mowing is done.

The verge on Hulme lane outside the agricultural building has been dug out to create a bigger turning circle for Lorries entering and exiting the site. The Clerk is to look at the planning conditions imposed when change of use was applied for and also contact highways.

15.46 Planning – a list of the planning applications and decisions were presented to the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

The Council is to respond to the planning inspectorate regarding the appeal of 5 houses on Middlewich Road highlighting the 6.8 year housing supply the greenbelt land and a Greenfield site.

15.47 Finance – The Clerk went through the receipt and payments summary which is attached to these minutes. The meeting did not agree to pay the bill from CWAC for the election. They feel this has come out of the blue, never been billed before and when it was not in the precept the council feels it should have had some prior warning of it. The bank reconciliation was accepted as correct.

Cllr Wilson signed off the BACS payments made since the last meeting. And it was agreed that the bank signatories should remain the same with the Chair and Vice Chair.

Parish Plan monies – CCA are still to get back to the Clerk regarding this. The meeting questioned the need for continuing with the Parish Plan as they cannot see what is to be gained from it. The meeting then discussed the possibility of a neighbourhood plan but felt there would be issues with the parish being split between the two authorities.

15.47 Housekeeping and Maintenance

15.47.01 Review Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment – These were reviewed and the necessary changes made. New revised documents are to be circulated to members.

15.47.02 AED, Noticeboard and Telephone box – The positioning of the telephone box at the shop will require a smaller notice board or the board being relocated altogether. The clerk is to discuss this with the shop. The AED device location is still under discussion with the shop also.

15.48 Correspondence – A list of correspondence was circulated and is attached to these minutes.

15.49 Matters for the next Agenda

Potholes

Verges

AED

Noticeboard

Newsletter

Walk to School

Website

Meeting closed 21.30

Signed:

Date: