

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

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

Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

I member of the public in attendance

14.50 Police report Police Report for the period 10.05.2014 – 04.07.2014

Inc. 168 16.05.2014 – Crown Lane, Lower Peover- a box of old ammunition found in the loft by the new occupant – firearms attended and disposed of the ammunition – no concerns just procedure.

Inc. 934 22.05.2014 - Hulme Hall lane, lower Peover at 22.41 reports of 2 vehicles riding up and down the lane – due to the renovations at the hall and the recent reports of theft area searched however no trace – no details on the vehicles passed the informant heard them only.

Inc. 325 24.05.2014 – Hulme Hall Lane – Lower Peover – concern for the occupant rose at the address – occupant safe and well and checked over by medical staff – no concerns.

Inc. 420 26.05.2014 – 13.49 report of a Road Traffic Collision – no injuries - details exchanged between both parties – no further police action.

Inc 612 31.05.2014 – report at 15.29 of a Road Traffic Collision on Middlewich Road, Lower Peover – 2 vehicles involved - slight injuries ambulance attended.

Inc. 331 31.05.2014 – Report at 09.46 Road Traffic Collision on Plumley Moor Road – Male on a motorbike has hit debris on the road that has come off a tractor – the tractor was unaware and has not stopped – the male had minor injuries and left with ambulance.

Inc. 846 03.06.2014 – Report at 20.10 Road Traffic Collision on Smithy Green with the junction of Broom Lane – a loose horse has ran out into an oncoming car – the horse has been hit – unfortunately the horse deceased the owner has been located – the driver of the vehicle was not injured however very shaken.

30.06.2014 - Report of a shed break between 27.06 – 30.06 on Back Lane, lower Peover – no witnesses – no details – nothing for Crime Scene Investigators – No line of enquiry at this time.

Inc. 714 01.07.2014 - Reports of continuous speeding on Crown Lane again!!

I asked for the Community Warden to attend with the speed gun to take figures to report back to highways – he attended on the 02.07 and carried out the survey with the average speed coming back as 36 mph.

Due to a numerous amount of speed engagement last year the new signs were put in place this year, can I please ask the Parish for some feedback – have the signs been welcomed – do the parish and residents feel that they have made a difference?

I feel that a numerous amount of work has already been carried out on Crown Lane and without a traffic police officer or a speed camera being there at all times the speeding looks like it will continue – speeding is an issue all over the County which of course is unacceptable.

I have also sent details to the road traffic department and asked for passing attention.

I am due to go off on my maternity leave in 10 days – I will be back in December. Can I ask for any reports to still be sent to me as I can catch up on my return – if you require any attendance please ring 101 to arrange.

The Parish Council feels that the interactive signs have had some impact but they agree with PCSO Mankee that a police presence is still needed to deter speeding. They thanked PCSO Mankee for her report.

14.51 Public Questions and Comments -None

14.52 Apologies – Cllr A Jackson and Cllr L. Halman.

14.53 Minutes of the meeting held 14th May 2014

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

14.54 Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item. – The footpaths and the war memorial were moved to next meeting's agenda as this was a very full agenda.

The Telephone box is now disconnected at Smithy Green and we await its removal for repair and repainting.

The Village Sign is complete and has been rehung, pruning needs to take place and will be done in September along with the beech tree.

14.55 Clerks Contract -Agreed and signed by the chairperson on behalf of the Parish Council.

14.56 Reports from Unitary Authority

Cllr Walton reported that he has been pushing for the repair to Broom Lane and will take up the issue of Foxcovert Lane with Highways. The Clerk will ask Cllr Mark Stocks to try and push for CWAC end to be done too.

Cllr Walton had attended the OPA open day at Lach Dennis. The Parish Council made Cllr Walton aware of their concerns regarding this and would keep him informed of any further developments.

Knutsford Community Hub workshop had been held. This is an information sharing group. The Clerk stated that the parish council had not been informed of this. A working group would be meeting to take this forward.

The Local Plan Site allocation process is the next stage of the local plan and will be now taken forward by the resident's first process promoting the production of neighbourhood plans.

The consultation process has begun regarding the old courthouse in Knutsford.

14.57 Standing Orders - These were reviewed by the meeting. Cllr Kendall proposed that they be adopted by the Parish Council; this was seconded by Cllr Geake. The meeting unanimously approved this motion.

14.58 Financial Regulations - These were reviewed by the meeting. It was noted that the internal auditor needed to be appointed annually and a written report received from them each year. Also two password envelopes will be produced.

Cllr Kendall proposed that they be adopted by the Parish Council; this was seconded by Cllr Nuttall. The meeting unanimously approved this motion.

14.59 Risk Assessment – this was presented to the meeting and all measures were agreed. A hard drive would be purchased for the purpose of backing up the digital records of the Council.

14.60 Finance

The RFO presented the meeting with a summary receipts and payments for the period 14th May to 9th July 2014.

There was no PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE.

14.60.01 The RFO presented the meeting with the bank reconciliation

Balance per Bank Statement (1st July 2014)			£11,494.72
Less: Unpresented cheque:			
	Sub-total	£0.00	
Balance	Agreed as per cashbook (1st July 2014)		£11,494.72
Parish Council			£8,240.77
Grant of Easement			£1,462.75
Parish plan			£1,791.20
Total cash			£11,494.72

It was proposed that I be approved by Cllr Nuttall and Seconded by Cllr Taylor. This was agreed by the meeting.

14.61 Housekeeping and Maintenance

14.61.01 War Memorial – there is grants available for upgrading and cleaning of war memorials and also to add additional names to memorials. The Clerk is to write to the PCC and make them aware of this and ask if they would like to take this further.

14.61.02 Foot paths – The meeting with Mr Hulme re Peover Inferior footpath 6 is to be postponed due to personal circumstances.

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

The Governance review will be followed up by the Clerk

The letter from Lostock Green regarding Cllr M Stocks was noted. However the council feel that its experience via the new clerk has been different of late and could not support the council in its view. Clerk to follow up next INEOS meeting date.

Community Pride, clerk to ask Over Peover if they would be willing to attend, if not they would ask Mr Dutton.

An article should go in parish magazine asking if an email list would be something villagers would be willing to sign up to.

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

14/02582/FUL – No objections provide neighbours had been consulted

14/02567/OUT – The Chair invited Mr Beharrell to address the meeting. He offered an invitation to councillors to visit the site and see what he is hoping to achieve. The houses he assured the meeting wouldn't go on the open market but would be rented out as part of his family's portfolio of rented properties.

The Parish Council have considered this application and having visited the site they have formed the following opinions. The proposed houses are to be 4/5 bedroom dwellings and although the applicant is not overloading the site the parish council question if these type of executive houses are what the parish needs? The site itself is designated agricultural land and land of high quality which current planning policy seeks to retain as farm land. Granting permission on such a piece of land would create a precedent. The property of Yew Tree Farm has been developed considerably over the last few years and these proposed houses would create a block of 10 house in total. The parish council feel that this site has been developed to its potential and further development should be discouraged. The extra houses in itself will create more traffic movements on to Middlewich road which unfortunately suffers from repeating speeding, despite the efforts of local police and

highways department. The sighting of this application will only add to this issue and create an accident hotspot. Lower Peover as a village has suffered from a lack of extra capacity in its utility services. The Parish council are concerned that these five properties will only exacerbate this issue, especially in light of other applications in the vicinity.

14/02831/TEL - Provided all neighbours are consulted the parish council have no objection to this proposal.

14.64 INEOS Brine Caverns – Having attended the open day at Lach Dennis Village hall the council have a number of concerns which they made clear to the meeting. These are:

- The use of convoys of 4 tankers on both Common Lane and Back Lane
- Exiting from Back Lane and Common Lane
- Blind Corner approaching Back Lane
- Fingerpost sign, storage and restoration and reinstatement
- The post box location
- Reinstatement of island on Back lane
- Lack of consultation with Highways
- Need for a detailed Traffic safety case to be done
- School Busses
- Contact with parish councils and local people

These issues and any others are to be put in writing to OPA and Cllr Stocks, highways and the other parish councils are to be copied in.

14.65 Highways –

The Ownership of the un-adopted highway which is access to the school, church and little house is to be taken up with CWAC as the school creates the majority of the traffic and will suffer if it deteriorates further.

14.66 HS2 – the paper discussed last meeting has been handed in and was well received. HS2 are now undertaking inspection of the relevant areas highlighted in the paper.

14.49 Matters for the next Agenda

Trees on Smithy Green

Oak Tree Stump – Oak Corner

Meeting closed 21.40

Signed:

Date: