

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Present Cllr R. A. Kendall (Chair), Cllr S Nuttall, Cllr C Newton, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr L Corlett

Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

15.50 Police Report – None received but if any should come in the Clerk is to post on the Website

15.51 Public Questions and Comments – None

15.52 Apologies – Cllr George Walton

Cllrs Geake and Taylor away on Holiday and Cllr Jackson had a prior commitment. The apologies were accepted.

With new transparency rules coming in the clerk highlighted that holidays were not an acceptable reason for absence and it is a possibility that member's attendance records could be needed to be recorded online in the future. The Clerk is to write to all members with a list of dates and a reminder of their obligations as Parish Councillors.

15.53 Minutes of the meeting held 8th July 2015

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

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

15.55 Reports from the Unitary Authorities - None

15.56 Highways

The Cobbles – Cllr Nuttall to continue to look into the evidence needed. Clerk to ask Cllr Stocks if he has made any progress with Cllr Michael Jones of Cheshire East in this matter.

Walk to school - £5000 is now received for the project. The clerk is awaiting a response from Ian Cotton of Essar to see if they have funds available.

Church Walk -The pothole has been filled in. It is unknown who by.

Verges – The Verges on Broom Lane, Fox covert Lane and free Green lane are so over grown that turning out at junctions are impeded. Following last meeting Cheshire east have cut some back but visibility is still an issue. Where hedges need cutting the Clerk is to contact the owner by letter. If unsuccessful then the matter will be referred to the presiding unitary authority. Hedges noted were one on Broome Lane and one on Middlewich Road.

The complaint about the verge on Hulme lane outside the agricultural building has been notified to CWAC but their response was that there was no breach of planning conditions and the verge is part of the highway and so there was little that could be done.

15.57 Planning – a list of planning applications and decisions were presented to the meeting and are attached to these minutes. 3 applications were discussed and comments made.

15.58 Finance – The Clerk went through the receipt and payments summary which is attached to these minutes. The meeting had not heard from CWAC regarding their lack of consultation. Until they have given an explanation the Parish Council will withhold payment. The bank reconciliation was accepted as correct.

Cllr Wilson signed off the BACS payments made since the last meeting.

Parish Plan monies – no decision from CCA yet.

The Annual return had been received back the external auditor recommended that grant payments be split from precept in future.

15.59 Housekeeping and Maintenance

15.59.01 Noise Disturbance – Reports of increasing noise from weddings at the Bells. Cllr Nuttall, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Corlett to visit to speak to the new manager about the situation. Also take the opportunity to plug the parish website and Facebook page.

15.59.02 Village Sign – Cllr Wilson to get two quotes to trim branches round the sign near Birchwood Drive. Mr L Halman has generously donated the flowers at the base of the sign and the area was planted by Carol Cragg. The Clerk to thank them both.

15.59.03 AED and Telephone box – The telephone box should be put in place as soon. The AED device location is still under discussion with the shop.

15.59.02 Noticeboard – the meeting resolved to move the noticeboard to near Crown Farm by the working telephone box. Clerk to speak to AS Scenery regarding this.

15.59.03 Gritting – the council has been invited by Snelson Parish Council to engage a gritting contractor to grit roads not covered by the unitary authorities. Discussions concluded that with cost being unknown and in a bad winter could be prohibitive, the implications of liability to the council and with the large volume of roads potentially involved the Parish Council would decline at this stage but make enquiries regarding the issues so it could be looked at again at a future date.

15.60 Correspondence – A list of correspondence was circulated and is attached to these minutes. Attendance at the Community Pride Awards at Ellesmere Port, Cllr Taylor to be asked, if not George Dutton, if not Over Peover Parish Council and failing that Cllr Corlett will see if she can make it. No one was available to attend the airport meeting.

15.61 Matters for the next Agenda

Cobbles – only if something new to report

Potential gritting routes

Village Sign

AED

Hedges

Parish Plan Monies

Newsletter

Walk to School funding

Meeting closed 21.18

Signed:

Date: