

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON MONDAY 14TH MAY 2014 AT 7.00PM**

Present Cllrs L, Halman (Chairman), S.D Nuttall, R.E. Taylor, Mrs R. A. Kendall, J. A. Jackson, C Newton
Cllr G Walton (Cheshire East Borough Council)

Acting Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

1. Apologies – , Mrs S. L. Geake

2. Minutes of the meeting held 8th May 2013 – These were read, agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item. - None

4. Correspondence – None

5. Parish Council's Annual Report – My first year as Chair of Lower Peover Parish Council is nearly over. It has been quite an eventful year in many ways. Sadly, our Clerk of many years, Graham Leigh, has had to resign because of his ongoing health problems. Graham has worked tirelessly on behalf of Lower Peover Parish Council and his knowledge and wisdom will be greatly missed. We are very lucky to have secured the services of Liz McGrath as our new Clerk and she is already showing how knowledgeable and dedicated she is. She has been very helpful to me in this my first year as Chair to the Council.

George Dutton has also resigned from the Parish Council. George had been a Councillor for many years and always played a huge part in the activities of the Parish Council. We will all miss you George. I would like to welcome Christine Newton to the Parish Council and hope she will find the work both interesting and challenging.

During the year Lower Peover received a 'Little Gem' award. This was presented by the organisers of the Community Pride Competition, for the wonderful scarecrows we have had on display in the village over the last year. These were made by Sally Aspin and Elspeth Turner and I would like to express our thanks to them.

We have had a number of contentious planning applications recently, some of these are still awaiting decisions on behalf of Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester. Several Public Meetings have been held to enable parishioners to make their views known to both the Council and the Applicants.

We have also had several meetings with INEOS Enterprises and other local Parish Councils with regard to the removal of aviation fuel stored in the brine caverns in Plumley. This fuel has to be removed over the next twelve months and we are working hard to try and decrease the impact this will have on those living near to the site and the route chosen for servicing the site.

The Council has also been active on the HS2 project, with members attending meetings with other local Parish Councils, Cheshire East representatives, George Osborne and other interested parties. We are still awaiting the disconnection of electricity to the telephone box on Smithy Green. When this happens the box will be removed and renovated. It will then be moved to a place within the village where it can be used for other purposes. The village sign from Smithy Green is also in the process of being restored and will be rehung as soon as it is completed.

Much work has been carried out by the Highways Department with regard to pot holes, but, as everybody in the village is aware, there are still a great number causing problems. The Parish Council is keen to encourage parishioners to report these to the Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester websites.

This report is to be placed on the village noticeboard and put in the parish magazine.

6. Parochial Charities

I. Richard Comberbach Trust - Sally Geake, Correspondent to the Richard Comberbach Trust -

Since the last report of May 2013, the Trustees have met twice (July 4th 2013 and February 4th 2014) and once jointly with the School Governors on March 11th 2014. There have also been some

extra-ordinary meetings as necessary regarding the vehicular right of way, and the condition of the road surface around the school entrance, and the condition of the school roof.

As the owner of the school land and the school building and School House, the Trust is involved with all developments affecting these areas. In February of this year the Deed confirming the vehicular right of way over the school field was approved by the Trustees.

In October 2013, Mr. Les Halman resigned as Trustee representing Peover Inferior, and Lower Peover Parish Council elected Mr. Alun McIntyre to be that representative for the Trust. In March of this year Mr. Graham Leigh resigned as Trustee representing Nether Peover for the Trust. Mr. Leigh had been a Trustee since 1995, also acting as treasurer. Following his illness in December 2012 he felt unable to continue in this role, so with great sadness the Trustees accepted Mr. Leigh's resignation. Lower Peover Parish Council will elect a Trustee to represent Nether Peover in the near future.

Accounts: Since Mr. Leigh's indisposition the Trust has been assisted by Mr. Norman Withenshaw who prepared the Annual report. The accounts for the year ending 31.07.13 will be submitted to the Parish Council by Oliver Beck, Chairman of the Richard Comberbach Trust.

II. Plumley, Allostock and Lower Peover Aid Fund - Sally Geake, L.P. Parish council representative

The Trustees met on 31st October 2013 at the home of Mr. Norman Withenshaw, member of the Parochial Church council of St. Oswald's Church, Lower Peover and Chair of the Trust.

The statement of accounts for the year ending 30th September 2013 was circulated.

The Fund has a modest bank balance of about £400 and total investments amounting to £3,296.

Traditionally, each Christmas time small gifts of shop vouchers, chocolates, or plants are given to those people whose names are forwarded to the Aid Fund by the three parishes and the Church.

Mr. N. Withenshaw was elected as Chairman for the next 12 months.

Names of suitable recipients were discussed and the Trustees arranged to buy these items and distribute them.

Lower Peover Parish Council and Church officers had, as in previous years, recommended people who might benefit from receiving these gifts. Unfortunately since last year two people had died and two were in hospital with no contactable person so were unable to receive gifts. Of eight names provided from Lower Peover residents this year four received gifts.

7. Questions from the public for the Parish Council - None

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Signed:

Date: