

The Parish Council Of Lower Peover

Comprising

Nether Peover
(Cheshire West and Chester)

Peover Inferior
(Cheshire East)

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Dear Councillor,

Parish Councillors are summoned to attend the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm at Lower Peover School

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Morgan

Clerk to the Council

Agenda

1. (2 min) **To receive apologies for absence**
2. (2 min) **To note declarations of members' interests**
3. (15 min) **Public Participation: A period not exceeding 10 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments (at the chairman's discretion)**
4. (5 min) **To receive and confirm the minutes of the meetings held 19th November**
Matters arising from the minutes, not already covered in an agenda item
5. (10min) **To receive a police report (*attached*)**
6. **To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors**
7. **Finance**
 - To consider the receipts and payments to 1st January
 - To approve payments due
 - To consider the election chargeback fee for 2019

- To approve the budget for 2019/2020
- To consider the updated salary scales from CHALC (New SCP 17, £12.39)
- To consider attendance at the SLCC practitioners conference for the clerk (14th/15th February) (Rates: £299 for full conference or £105 per day)

8. **To consider the latest planning applications and decisions** - those listed below as well as any posted on the Cheshire East Council or CWAC website.

Applications

18/6362M	Honeywood, Middlewich Road	Proposed Single Storey Kitchen Extension
18/04526/FUL	Apple Tree Cottage Cheadle Lane Nether Peover	Single storey rear extension

9. **To consider an update regarding the planning enforcement at Land Adjacent and Rear Of, 13 Holly Tree Drive**

10. **Highways and Footpaths**

- To receive an update on the footpath upgrade, Foxcovert Lane
- To consider an updated proposal for Highway markers around tree of imagination (*attached*)
- To receive an update on the phone box outside the Crown Inn
- To note the date of the Speedwatch event – 13th January at 1pm
- To consider an event for the Great British Spring Clean 22nd March to 23rd April

11. (10 Min) **Housekeeping and Maintenance**

- To consider booking a further session for issuing Selecta DNA kits
- To note the response sent regarding the HS2 Phase 2b Consultation (*attached*)
- To receive an update on rural broadband provision – Tatton Tech
- To consider items for the next newsletter (to be published in March/April)

12. (5 Min) **To consider correspondence (*attached*)**

Ward Cluster meeting – Weds 30th Jan at Nether Alderley

- To consider a nomination for the Chairperson to attend the Royal Garden Party on 21st May 2019
- To consider attendance at the Ward Cluster meeting on 30th January at 7pm (Nether Alderley Parish Hall)
- To note the dates of the CWAC election briefings (4th, 5th and 6th March)

13. (2 Min) **Matters for the next agenda**

- Fingerpost quotations
- Annual Parish Meeting – parish plan etc
- Other items to be discussed

14. (1 Min) **To note the date of the next meeting (13/03/2019)**

LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk – Sarah Morgan
Telephone – 07958055158

Chairman – Louise Corlett
Vice Chairman – Steve Wilson

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19TH November 2018 at Lower Peover Primary School

Action

18.76 Present

Cllrs Corlett, Brown, Kendall, Wilson and Painter

In attendance: S Morgan (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Walton (CEC)

18.77 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Geake and Dutton (personal business)

18.78 To note declarations of members' interests

No interests were declared

18.79 Public Participation

A resident spoke in relation to the appeal against refusal for Land Adjacent and Rear of Holly Tree Drive, raising his objections to the 10 x three storey houses proposed for this site and explaining that although the development was less desirable in terms of the height of the houses, the distances from the neighbouring properties are larger which would be beneficial compared to the approved plans. It is preferred that the site has no three storey properties which would be best for residential amenity and the rural environment, with the proposed three storey houses being significantly higher, with only three taller properties in the village which stand in larger plots and the neighbouring street to this development being characterised by bungalows. Additionally, concerns were raised about the breach of conditions and notices which have been disregarded, residents being informed by newsletter about breaches which would be taking place. It is considered that lorries accessing the site are damaging the road and that the road sweeper is causing further damage, some of which has now been repaired by the CWAC Highways department.

18.80 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes

18.81 To receive a police report

The report provided with the agenda showed only one incident in Lower Peover which was an issue with the functioning of the traffic lights.

18.82 To receive an update from the Unitary Authority Councillors

Cllr Walton spoke about the cluster meeting at Congleton and how this was well received by Parishes that did attend.

It is considered that the police reports provide a helpful picture of incidents in neighbouring parishes.

Concerns regarding tractors and speeding were raised and further meetings are scheduled for parishes to discuss problems. Cllr Walton stressed that these meetings would only continue if enough parishes were in attendance. It was considered that Macclesfield would also be a good location for the meetings to take place.

It was further advised that CEC are looking at the waste collection services and will be launching a public consultation on food waste collection which would see green bins being collected all year, rather than stopping over the winter months as they do currently.

An update was given on the housing delivery test and that CEC was exceeding its target significantly with 27% of houses built being affordable. The National Audit Office have chosen 4 or 5 authorities to discuss how they are getting along with the planning process. Issues with appeals and feedback will be given to parliament.

A pre-budget report for next year is now up for consultation but does not take into account changes in the budget that were recently decided.

Council tax will increase by 2.99% with 1% being ringfenced for children in care.

Macclesfield Town Centre was also highlighted as consultants will be helping with the design of the town.

18.83 Finance

- Payments due were noted and **RESOLVED** as approved
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft budget of £7250 for 2019/2020 which includes a budget line of £250 for community grants
- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of a display board.
- An update was received in relation to the banking mandate and that payments could now be made by cheque only until online banking registration had taken place.
- It was **RESOLVED** to allow the clerk's fee to be paid quarterly

SM

18.84 To consider the latest planning applications and decisions

SM

The applications were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the comments detailed below

18/5451M	Yew Tree House, Free Green Lane	Demolition of existing outbuilding to be replaced by a	No objections were raised
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		three car garage with work space	
18/03730/LBC	Foxcovert South Cottage	Construction of detached building to form garage and home office.	No objections were raised
18/03729/FUL	Foxcovert South Cottage	Construction of detached building to form garage and home office.	No objections were raised
18/03779/FUL	Pinfold Crown Lane		No objections were raised
18/04020/FUL	6 Birchwood Drive	Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. Alterations to porch and roof above	No objections were raised
18/03769/FUL	Land at Foxcovert Farm	Erection of one dwelling	Lower Peover Parish Council considers the proposal to be overdevelopment, having an excessively large footprint on this site which currently forms a part of the farmland.

18.85 To consider an appeal in relation to the Land Adjacent and Rear of 13 Holly Drive

SM

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a comment in line with the public representation:-

Lower Peover Parish Council **OBJECT** to the appeal against this application refusal on the following grounds: -

The proposal seeks to introduce a development of properties in a rural setting which is unacceptable for

this site.

The height of the properties proposed will have a detrimental impact on the neighbouring amenity in terms of overlooking due to the aspect and proximity, being at odds with neighbouring developments in terms of scale and density. The plans proposed for properties of 2.5/3 storey houses are not comparable to other properties of this height within the village, which are set in significantly large plots. The proposed are overcrowded for this village.

The site access also raises concerns following the Breach of Condition Notice.

The Council would support proposals for two storey properties for this site should amended plans be submitted which address concerns raised and conditions be adhered to

18.86 Highways and Footpaths

- It was confirmed that no outstanding payments were due for the improvements to local footpaths. An update was requested for the next meeting on the Milbank to Church footpath in relation to works on the camber of the path which the Council had agreed to contribute towards. SM
- The quotation for bollards was reviewed and it was considered that lower cost bollards could be suitable and that one could be purchased prior to pursuing a meeting with CEC Highways to view the site. SW
- The quotation for fingerposts was reviewed and considered to be very high for the works. Cllr Dutton is seeking an alternative quotation for the repairs with the post at Back Lane being the priority. It is considered that the repairs to this post may be eligible for contributions for repair with the works to upgrade the junction to a roundabout which are connected to a development. GD
- The phone box is in need of levelling and **it was resolved** to purchase the phone box was agreed, subject to the insurance policy covering the phone box. The meeting was adjourned to ask the public what they would like to see happen to the phone box and a book swap was supported. The meeting was reconvened. It was considered that Cllr Dutton could assist with levelling the phone box. GD/SM

18.87 Housekeeping and Maintenance

- Cllr Kendall applied for the Best Kept Village award and the village won the first prize in its category. The plaque is to be displayed on entry sign at Birchwood Drive and the certificate is to be displayed on the notice board. Cllrs Brown and AB SW

Wilson will arrange a presentation for the shop as it has received a Little Gem award for its shop frontage. LC
The war display was commended by the Council and Cllr Corlett agreed to write a formal thank you to the organisers of this.

- Selecta DNA update – promotion of the next event was discussed, and it was agreed that a further date in January should be booked with this being promoted alongside the session on 7th December. Flyers will be produced with time to deliver these one week before the event, along with email and social media promotion. SM

18.88 To consider correspondence

The matter of correspondence was discussed and it was agreed that Councillors would respond to emails to advise if correspondence was not required/required to assist with filtering out unnecessary emails. Invitations only from more local Councils would be forwarded. SM/All

18.89 Matters for the next agenda

Speedwatch SM/All
Verge Marker Posts
Broadband

18.90 To note the date of the next meeting

The date was noted

NEXT MEETING 7.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL HALL.

Parish	Chelford	Lower Peover	Peover Superior	Nether Alderley	Ollerton & Marthall	Plumley with Toft & Bexton	Snelson
Burglaries Dwellings							
Burglaries Non-Dwellings		07/12 09:48 Middlewich Rd – attempted					
Theft Other	10/12 09:49 Station Rd – Chelford roller 27/12 13:07 Alderley Rd from business premises					07/12 15:40 Plumley Rail Station – vehicle break – dash cam	
Property lost / found							
Suspicious Persons / vehicles	23/12 16:59 Highland Drive – Alarm 17:00 as above		25/12 00:53 Stocks Lane Over Peover – person	05/12 04:39 A34 male in the area – no trace	04/12 06:03 School Lane, Ollerton -front door open – all in order	17/12 18:44 – Plumley Moor Rd Plumley - Vehicle parked up poss stolen Yew Tree Rd Plumley	
999 Alarms all in Order	15/12 20:17 Peover Lane 20/12 Alderley Rd		08/12 20:39 Stocks Lane Over Peover 29/12 20:50 Chelford Lane Over Peover and 21.00	06/12 13:23 Congleton Rd 29/12 17:22 Wizard Country Park	19/12 21:31 Chelford Rd Marthall		
Anti-Social Behaviour			10/12 16.02 Parkgate Avenue, Over Peover – vehicle 29/12 11:23 Grotto Lane, Over Peover –persons & vehicles				

Parish	Chelford	Lower Peover	Peover Superior	Nether Alderley	Ollerton & Marthall	Plumley with Toft & Bexton	Snelson
Criminal Damage	10/12 09:13 Highland Drive – Smashed Window – under investigation				04/12 12:26 Chelford Rd, Ollerton Window smashed – under investigation 09/12 11:14 Sandlebridge Lane, Ollerton – window smashed – under investigation 15/12 10:25 Chelford Road, Marthall – vehicle window smashed – under investigation	05/12 11:31 Holmes Chapel Rd Toft - Window Smashed – under investigation	
Animals in the Road					08/12 07:41 Chelford Rd / Birtles Lane, Ollerton – Calf		
Traffic Incidents, Obstruction, tree, parked vehicles etc.			08/12 17.15 Stocks Lane Over Peover Tree down road closed 17:26 same as above 17:38 Same as above	14/12 22.40 Bradford Lane – Broken down vehicle 15/12/ 16:12 Vehicle broken down as above 23/12 14:30 Bradford Lane Poss abandoned vehicle – all in order 28/12 07:48		01/12 11:19 Crossroads with A556 Plumley lights out 22/12 11.31 A556 Plumley – vehicle on fire 24/12 02:39 Chester Rd Large flood before lights 24/12 07:22	

				Chelford Rd Monks Heath – Poss Vehicle abandoned		Chester Rd vehicles aquaplaning 24/12 09:51 as above 26/12 16:24 A556 Plumley broken down vehicle	
Parish	Chelford	Lower Peover	Peover Superior	Nether Alderley	Ollerton & Marthall	Plumley with Toft & Bexton	Snelson
Police Enforcement Traffic	TruCam x 1 TruCam x 1		08/12 09:22 Green Lane Over Peover - Report of two vehicles driving on same plate – reported	02/12 08:07 Bollington Lane 1 x arrested drink drive vehicle recovered no insurance.		08/12 17:46 Plumley Moor Road Plumley 1 x arrested no insurance 16/12 18:58 report of Drunk Driver. 26/12 21:04 A50 Toft report of vehicle all over the road TruCam x 8 Plumley Moor Road	
Road Traffic Collisions	27/12 10:48 from 24/12 report of fail to stop				08/12 21:27 Sandlebridge Lane, Marthall	22/12 12.33 Seven Sister Lane Toft	
Speed Watch Vehicles Passing Through							
Letters sent for those over speed limit			22/11 x 5				

Parish	Chelford	Lower Peover	Peover Superior	Nether Alderley	Ollerton & Marthall	Plumley with Toft & Bexton	Snelson
Traffic Enforcement visits no activations						2	
Other	13/12 09:30 Pre planned Shoot			06/12 19:10 concern for safety			

Next Police Surgery's will be

Saturday 5th Jan @MartonMeadows Golf Club PCSO David Bell

Monday 7th Jan@ CommunityPartnership Building Bosley PCSO Julia Short 4- 5pm

Saturday 12th Jan @MartonMeadows Golf Club PCSO Julia Short 11am – 12pm

Monday 14th Jan @ChelfordFarmSupplies PCSO Julia Short & PC Garry Charnock 10am – 12pm

Tuesday 22nd Jan @MartonMeadows Golf Club PCSO Julia Short 11am – 12pm.

Monday 4th Feb @TreeTopsNurseries Toft PCSO Julia Short 11am – 12pm

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/local-policing/macclesfield/gawsworth-chelford/>

Sunday 13th Jan 1.00pm Lower Peover School - training for Community Speed Watch for Lower Peover will last for about an hour with practical input If you would like to volunteer and attend the training then please email PCSO Julia Short macclesfield.lpu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Wednesday 30th Jan 19 Could you please forward to the Parish Councils to invite one representative from each Parish to attend please. Nether Alderley have kindly offered to host the event so we will be meeting in the Parish Hall at 7pm

LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
PERIOD 1st November 2018 to 1st January 2018

Opening Balance Barclays A/C	£ 18026.33	Payments (See Below)	£ 2956.10
Receipts	<u>0.00</u> <u>18026.33</u>	Balance c/d	<u>15070.23</u> <u>18026.33</u>
Balance b/d	15070.23		

PAYMENTS

Date	Cheque No	To	For	£
03/12/18	BACS	Came and Co	Insurance	330.00
03/12/18	BACS	SM	Printer Purchase	152.39
03/12/18	BACS	SM	Office 365 Software	59.99
03/12/18	BACS	SM	Stationery	40.69
03/12/18	BACS	SM	Laminator	15.47
03/12/18	BACS	Lower Peover Primary Governors	Room hire	9.00
03/12/18	BACS	LM	Salary/Expenses	1080.56
16/11/18	100597	HMRC	PAYE	290.80
21/11/18	100598	LP Fundraising account	Event grant	250
05/12/18	BACS	SM	Salary	581.80
05/12/18	BACS	HMRC	PAYE	145.40
				<u>2956.10</u>

RECEIPTS

Date	From	For	£
			<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Expense Claim for S Morgan	A-Board (pre-approved) and Postage	£37.60
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BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2018

Balance per Bank Statement (1 st January 2018)		£15070.23
Unpresented cheques	66.00	
Reimbursement for A board	32.99	
SLCC Membership	77	
	<hr/>	(175.99)
Closing balance in the cashbook		<hr/> 14894.24 <hr/>

Funds Summary

Parish Council	£4,087.49
Grant of Easement	£1,462.75
New Homes Grant	£4,344.00
Walk to School	£5,000.00
<u>Total cash</u>	<u>£14894.24</u>

LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL

£	BUDGET		
Year End	31/03/2019	31/03/2020	31/03/2021
Opening Bank Balance 01/04/2018	£16,183.29	£15,411.50	£13,031.50
INCOME			
Precept	6500.00	7250.00	7750.00
Grants	0.00	1000.00	1000.00
Parish Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAT Reclaim	679.41	125.00	140.00
TOTAL	7179.41	8375.00	8890.00
EXPENDITURE			
Clerks Salary	2909.00	3000.00	3000.00
Office Expenses	200.00	200.00	220.00
Website/Newsletter	230.00	250.00	275.00
Insurance costs	341.20	330.00	330.00
Subscriptions	223.00	250.00	250.00
Training and Conferences	150.00	250.00	250.00
Administration costs/Home Office	250.00	250.00	250.00
Grass and verge Cutting	0.00	1000.00	1000.00
Meeting Room Hire	75.00	100.00	100.00
Community grants	250.00	250.00	250.00
Audit Fee	100.00	100.00	100.00
Selecta DNA	2323.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs to fingerposts	0.00	1000.00	0.00
Environmental Projects	500.00	2000.00	2000.00
Graveyard Upkeep	400.00	400.00	400.00
Election Fees	0.00	150.00	150.00
Sundry Expenses	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	7951.20	9630.00	8675.00
Closing Bank Balance	£15,411.50	£13,031.50	£12,106.50

Division of Precept Requirement

The Council Tax raised by Peover Inferior (CEC) taxpayers is the equivalent of 74.34 Band D properties
 The Council Tax raised by Nether Peover (CWAC) taxpayers is the equivalent of 208 Band D properties
 In order to ensure that taxpayers in Peover Inferior and Nether Peover pay the same amounts
 of the Parish Council part of the Council Tax for each band the requirement should be split
 in the ratio 74.34:208 (Cheshire East:Cheshire West)

	Taxbase	Precept	Householder
Total	282.34	£ 7,250.00	
CWAC	208.00	£ 5,341.08	£ 25.68
CEC	74.34	£ 1,908.92	£ 25.68

ANNEX 1

SCP	1 April 2018	1 April 2019			Old SCP[s]	Scale Ranges
	£ per annum	New SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour		Based on New SCP
6	£16,394	1	£17,364	£9.02	6/7	Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
7	£16,495					
8	£16,626	2	£17,711	£9.21	8/9	
9	£16,755					
10	£16,863	3	£18,065	£9.39	10/11	
11	£17,007					
12	£17,173	4	£18,426	£9.58	12/13	
13	£17,391					
14	£17,681	5	£18,795	£9.77	14	
15	£17,972	5	£18,795	£9.77	15	
16	£18,319	6	£19,171	£9.96	16/17	
17	£18,672					
18	£18,870	7	£19,554	£10.16	18	LC1 (7-12) (substantive benchmark range)
19	£19,446	8	£19,945	£10.37	19	
20	£19,819	9	£20,344	£10.57	20	
		10	£20,751	£10.79		
21	£20,541	11	£21,166	£11.00	21	
22	£21,074	12	£21,589	£11.22	22	
		13	£22,021	£11.45		LC1 (13-17) (above substantive range)
23	£21,693	14	£22,462	£11.67	23	
24	£22,401	15	£22,911	£11.91	24	
		16	£23,369	£12.15		
25	£23,111	17	£23,836	£12.39	25	
		18	£24,313	£12.64		LC2 (18-23) (below substantive range)
26	£23,866	19	£24,799	£12.89	26	
27	£24,657	20	£25,295	£13.15	27	
		21	£25,801	£13.41		
28	£25,463	22	£26,317	£13.68	28	
29	£26,470	23	£26,999	£14.03	29	LC2 (24-28) (substantive benchmark range)
30	£27,358	24	£27,905	£14.50	30	
31	£28,221	25	£28,785	£14.96	31	
32	£29,055	26	£29,636	£15.40	32	
33	£29,909	27	£30,507	£15.86	33	
34	£30,756	28	£31,371	£16.31	34	LC2 (29-32) (above substantive benchmark range)
35	£31,401	29	£32,029	£16.65	35	
36	£32,233	30	£32,878	£17.09	36	
37	£33,136	31	£33,799	£17.57	37	
38	£34,106	32	£34,788	£18.08	38	

13TH PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE

CHESFORD GRANGE, KENILWORTH

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YOUR PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1: THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2019

Time	Session		
09:00 – 10:15	Registration & Refreshments Meet your Exhibitors – The Grange		
09:30 – 10:15	HAMLET First Timers Meeting with Cathy Tibbles	OTHELLO Community Governance Awards Breakfast	
10:15 – 10:30	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Welcome - Rob Smith, SLCC Chief Executive & Sarah Jeffries PSLCC, SLCC President		
10:30 – 10:50	Community Governance Awards Presentation Presented by Sarah Jeffries PSLCC, SLCC President, Elisabeth Skinner FSLCC, SLCC Academic Leader & Academic Sponsors, Came & Company Local Council Insurance and Blachere Illuminations		
10:50 – 11:50	How to (almost) Achieve a Paperless Council Carl Cheevers FSLCC, Harpenden Town Council		
11:50 – 12:30	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Effectiveness in the Workplace (1) Clive Stilwell, LCC Associate Manager	HAMLET Session TBC – exciting session being planned!	OTHELLO Session TBC – exciting session being planned!
12:30 – 13:25	Lunch - Meet your Exhibitors		
13:25 – 14:25	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Monitoring Officers Toolkit Lis Moore FSLCC, Head of Advisory & Support Services	HAMLET Coping with my Higher Education Journey A Panel discussion hosted by Sarah Jeffries PSLCC, SLCC President	OTHELLO Combatting Rough Sleeping - Developing a Night Shelter Malcolm Nicholson, Town Clerk, and Cllr Catherine Gibbons, Weston-Super-Mare Town Council
14:35 – 15:35	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Plastic Free Communities Rachel Yates, Plastic Free Communities Project Officer, Surfers against Sewage	HAMLET Hot Topics for Clerks in Wales Mark Galbraith, Clerk to Llanelli Community Council	OTHELLO Sourcing External Funding (1) Richard Walden FSLCC, SLCC Communications Officer and Lori Ramsay, Town Clerk, Yate Town Council
15:35 – 16:00	Refreshment Break & Meet your Exhibitors		
16:00 – 17:00	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Action Plan for The Death of a Senior Person of State Philip Peacock PSLCC, Town Clerk, Huntingdon Town Council		
17:00	ALCC AGM		
19:15	Drinks Reception - Sponsored by Came & Company Local Council Insurance		
19:45	Networking Dinner KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM)		

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DAY 2: FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2019

Time	Session			
08:00	Registration for New Delegates & Refreshments Meet your Exhibitors – The Grange			
08.40 – 09.40	<table><tr><td>KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Effectiveness in the Workplace (2) Clive Stilwell, LCC Associate Manager</td><td>HAMLET Plastic Free Communities (2) Rachel Yates, Plastic Free Communities Project Officer, Surfers against Sewage</td><td>OTHELLO Devolved Planning Decision at Horncastle Town Council Amanda Bushell, Clerk to Horncastle Town Council</td></tr></table>	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Effectiveness in the Workplace (2) Clive Stilwell, LCC Associate Manager	HAMLET Plastic Free Communities (2) Rachel Yates, Plastic Free Communities Project Officer, Surfers against Sewage	OTHELLO Devolved Planning Decision at Horncastle Town Council Amanda Bushell, Clerk to Horncastle Town Council
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13.15 – 14.15	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Think Tank Dr Tim Thorogood, Cardiff Business School			
14.15 – 15.15	KENILWORTH (MAIN ROOM) Use Social Media to Engage Your Community Graham Todd, Social Media Expert, Spaghetti Agency			
15.20	End of Conference			

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Verge Markers - Tree of Imagination

A meeting was held in December on site with the CEC Highways Officer Lee Glover, Cllrs Kendall, Dutton, Wilson and the Clerk.

Cheshire East Council Highways department have previously advised that there should be a minimum distance of 6 metres between any verge markers, which must also be set back from the highway by 45cm. This was reconfirmed at the meeting.

It was advised that the Highways department would need to install the bollards due to the requirement of a permit to work safely on the highway. The cost of the installation is yet to be agreed, however it is anticipated that the cost of the installation would not exceed the purchase price of the bollards. A verge marker agreement form would also need signing for the installation to take place.

During the site visit measurements were taken, and it was considered that up to 8 bollards could be installed along the boundary of the verge. Wooden bollards with a reflective strip could be purchased at £236.26 including delivery. These would require installation with concrete.

<https://starttraffic.uk/wooden-verge-post>

Whilst the verge markers would not prevent visitors from parking to the space between them, there would be benefits of enhancing visibility on the bend and the visual boundary to the area may reduce parking. The addition of a parking advisory sign was also discussed as a further consideration to politely request that visitors use the parking area rather than the verge.

Decision

Does the Council wish to proceed with the installation of the verge marker posts?

Response from Lower Peover Parish Council to the Consultation on HS2, Phase 2b

1. HS2 Ltd is consulting on the working draft Environmental Statement, for Phase 2 of construction of HS2. The part of Phase 2 that particularly affects Lower Peover is Phase 2b which looks at the construction between Crewe (where it would connect with Phase 2a south of Crewe Station) and Manchester. Construction is expected to start in 2023 and operation is planned to start by 2033.
2. Views collected by Lower Peover Parish Council highlight that many residents are against the construction of Phase 2b, and that the negative effects against communities, health, environment and ecology outweigh any positive impacts that Phase 2b will have. The detail of this is explained further below.
3. HS2 Phase 2b Working Draft Environmental Statement¹ states that for environmental and community engagement purposes the proposed scheme is divided into community areas. The community areas that affect Lower Peover the most are Wimboldsley to Lostock Gralam [MA02] and Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath [MA03]. For the purposes of this report figures will be quoted in relation to these community areas, as appropriate.
4. Community – The draft Environment Statement², states that ‘all property falling within the land required for the proposed scheme will be demolished to enable construction and operation.’ In the community area Wimboldsley to Lostock Gralam detailed in point 3 above, twenty houses will be demolished for the proposed scheme, including five on Birches Lane, Lostock Green. Loss of these properties represents a high proportion of houses in each of these small communities, thus affecting the community life. There would also be a loss of community facilities in both community areas referred to above e.g. four hectares of the Heyrose Golf Club will be lost and fourteen hectares of land at the Cheshire Showground. Community facilities in Lostock would also be lost.
5. Agriculture, forestry and soils – In the two community areas detailed in point 3 above, 609ha of agricultural land would be required for the construction of the proposed scheme. This would have a significant effect on 34 farm holdings, many of which would be permanent. Cheshire prides itself on its farming history, and this will have a devastating impact on the farming in the area, and on the Cheshire countryside as a whole.
6. Ecology and biodiversity – The construction of HS2b would be an environmental disaster for the area and there would be pollution impacts at sites of special interest, including Plumley Lime Beds and Tabley Mere. In the two community areas detailed in point 3 of this report, there would be a permanent loss of 8.5ha of woodlands including ancient and veteran trees, 104 ponds and a large part of the hedgerow network. The removal and fragmentation of these habitat types will have a significant impact on birds, bats [a protected species] and wildlife in the area.

¹ High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds) Working Draft Environmental Statement Non-technical Summary. HS2.org. uk. October 2018.

² High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds) Working Draft Environmental Statement Non-technical Summary, Page 20, HS2.org. uk. October 2018.

7. Health- the construction of HS2b will involve building new roads, embankments, bridges, viaducts and public rights of way. It will also involve installing track, overhead line equipment, train controls, telecommunications and power supply infrastructure and connections. The combination of construction noise, visual impact and traffic impact, not just for a few weeks, but for many years, will change the character of neighbourhoods and impact on resident's quality of life.
8. Historic Environment – Construction of the proposed scheme would permanently affect many of the historic buildings. In the two community areas detailed in point 3 of this report, 14 heritage sites, including grade II* and grade II listed buildings, would be affected e.g. Mere Court Hotel, Whatcroft Hall. In the past, owners of such buildings have had to get permission to change even the smallest detail e.g. the colour of paint on the windows. However, it now seems that such buildings will be permanently affected, with little regard or thought as to the consequences.
9. Sound, noise and vibration – Noise from the construction would result in significant effect on residential communities including Rudheath, Lostock Green, Lostock Gralam, and Ascol Drive to the East of Lostock Gralam. Although the draft Environmental Statement states that a set of measures would be put in place to mitigate noise, it is likely that this will only have a limited impact, and that the sound, noise and vibration of constructing and operating HS2b will be considerable.
10. Traffic and transport – The implementation of the proposed scheme will include the construction of new roads and road changes. Road closures and diversions will impact on the accessibility of key services, particularly in the rural communities where residents are dependent on shops and services in nearby towns. Road closures and diversions will also affect active travel routes, and impact on people travelling to and from work. There will be additional congestion and delays for road users on several roads near Lower Peover e.g. A556. Once again this not just be for a few weeks, but for months and probably years.
11. Construction and operational costs - In 2015, the government stated that HS2 would cost £55.7 billion, but the National Audit Office stated in 2016 that HS2 was running £7bn over budget, a fact not contested by HS2 Ltd. This would put the official cost at £63bn. Several residents in Lower Peover felt that this was a waste of taxpayer's money, and that the economic figures for growth and benefits were overstated. The business case for HS2b is not proven. Normally for transport projects to go ahead, they have to prove that they have a good 'benefit-cost ratio' i.e. that they will make more money back than they cost to build and run. However, the figures put forward for people using HS2 are just estimates. It is worth noting that High Speed Rail Projects across the world rarely manage to attract the passenger forecasts which were used to justify them. In relation to HS2, the Public Accounts Committee in 2013 stated 'so far the Department has made decisions based on fragile numbers, out of date data, and assumptions which do not reflect real life'. One only has to look at the delays and soaring costs of the Crossrail Project to see how predicted costs can rise. The predicted costs for Crossrail were £15bn but the actual costs now look like they are going to be around £20bn. In addition, the line was due to open in December 2018, but they not now not giving a date as to when it will open, and senior managers are leaving.

12. Tickets and car parking costs - Residents of Lower Peover had concerns about additional costs to the user of HS2. In particular, there were concerns about expensive train ticket prices or exorbitant car parking charges at Crewe and Manchester, to try and get back the additional money spent on the construction and running of HS2.
13. Time saving – One of the key benefits stated about HS2 is that it will decrease journey times to London. However, there are only a handful of stations on the entire HS2 line [none between Birmingham and London]. Poor connectivity between new HS2 stations and the existing rail network is likely to lead to time lost in onward journeys, thus increasing the time taken to undertake many journeys.
14. Technology - Technology is moving so rapidly that demand for faster rail travel will only diminish as improvements in online conferencing/imagery and general communication aids will take over increasingly from the need for face to face meetings/business travel.
15. Economy – The government have tried to suggest that HS2 is essential to improving the economy and to the 'Northern Powerhouse'. However, many people in the North believe that it is the East-West links to cities in the North which are more important to the regeneration of the area, rather than a fast train to London. This vast proposed investment in HS2, will in another 20 years' time only bring a limited piece of our rail network into line with the high standards enjoyed by the Spanish (Renfe), French (TGV), Italians (Frecciarossa) and Germans (ICE) for the last two decades.
16. Conclusion – The construction and operational impacts of HS2b will have a devastating effect on the towns, rural areas and communities in Cheshire. HS2 will be a visual blight on the landscape, and have huge impact on the communities and health of local residents and the agriculture, forestry, environment and ecology of the area. The construction and operational costs for HS2 are considerable, and several residents did not see this as a good use of taxpayer's money. Soaring costs for construction of the proposed scheme were a major concern, as were the possible additional costs to the users of HS2 in relation to ticket and car parking fees.