

## LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman – Alison Painter Vice – Chairman - Louise Corlett

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7:30 pm at Lower Peover Primary School

1. **Present**

Cllrs Painter, Corlett, Dutton, Wilson, Kendall and Geake

In attendance: CEC Councillor for Chelford Ward Cllr Mark Asquith

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Alan Brown

There is currently no Clerk to the Council.

2. **Declarations of interest:**

It was noted that Cllr Dutton declared an interest in item 3.

3. **Presentation of proposed development at Crown Inn Farm:**

Paul Duffy, Director of Beluga Projects gave a presentation of a proposed development of housing at the site of Crown Inn Farm.

This was discussed and it was decided that Cllr Painter would email a list of queries to Mr. Duffy for further clarification.

4. **Public participation:**

It was noted that no members of the public present.

5. **To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were confirmed, accepted and signed.

6. **To receive and confirm the extra meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.**

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7. **To receive and confirm the minutes of personnel committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

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**8. Police Report:**

The Police Report from August to October was circulated. It was noted that no incidents in Lower Peover had been recorded.

**9. To receive news from Unitary Authority Councillors:**

Cllr Asquith reported that there had been extreme flooding on the Alderley Edge by-pass road. He added that the condition of Plumley Moor Road Bridge was under review. Councillors asked for an update regarding the Plumley Moor Road and Middlewich Road junction within Lower Peover and Cllr Asquith replied that he is in talks with the Highways Dept about possible solution to improve visibility and road safety there.

**10. Planning:**

- a) To consider the Yew Tree Farm application (19/03412/S73)

It was resolved to submit the following comments:

Lower Peover Parish Council objects to the proposal as overdevelopment of the site.

Also access to the site from the highway is considered a danger to road safety.

- b) To note responses to applications sent since the last meeting:

Crown Inn Public House (19/03328/FUL)

Noted and approved.

- c) To consider further actions in relation to the Swan Green Development:

Cllr Wilson reported that there has been no further developments regarding the revised plans whereby the developers planned to replace some detached houses with semi - detached houses.

Cllr Geake reported that she had received complaints from some residents about the vehicles parked daily at the junction of Foxcovert Lane and Middlewich Road creating a driving hazard. Also there has been litter strewn around the area where these vehicles have been parked.

It was agreed that Cllr Painter would write to the site developers about this.

It was agreed that Cllr Brown would be asked to inform the PCSO and ask for advice.

**11. Highways and Footpaths:**

- a) Phone Box on Crown Lane:

Quotes have been received for £1,500 to move the phone box and install an electricity supply, and £500 for painting and putting up shelves.

It was decided to request quotes for work done excluding the provision of an electricity supply, and to explore other firms who might move the phone box and install it on a base.

b) Response to CWAC regarding 20 mph speed limit for Swan Green:  
It was noted that two residents had objected to this. The majority view from the Parish Council was that whilst the Council did not object it felt such a speed limit was both unnecessary and a waste of money.

c) Work on NP6 Footpath was to have started this week but may have been delayed due to weather conditions.

## **12. Website and IT.**

ICO fact sheet; purchase of .gov domain and approval of webhosting were noted and it was agreed that these should be deferred until the new parish clerk is appointed. Cllr Corlett offered to investigate the best format to follow. Renewal of Office 365 software was approved.

## **13. Grant applications**

a) It was noted that a grant application to Manchester airport has been completed by Cllr Painter for the fingerpost refurbishment.

b) The receipt of the application form for a member's budget towards the phone box refurbishment promised by Cllr Stocks was noted.

## **14. Finance:**

a) To approve the receipts and payments to the end of November 2009

It was resolved to approve the receipts and payments to 8.11.19.

b) To approve payments due.

It was resolved to approve the payments due.

c) To note expenditure against budget to the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Expenditure against budget to 8.11.19 was noted.

d) To review and approve the revised Model Financial Regulations 2019

Revised Model Financial Regulations 2019 were approved.

e) To consider the draft budget for 2020-2021

Draft budget for 2020 – 2021 was considered. It was agreed that the precept may need to be increased. Cllr Painter to discuss with Cllr Brown prior to the next meeting.

f) To appoint a member an RFO until the appointment of a new clerk

Cllr Painter to discuss with Cllr Brown.

g) To approve the membership renewal to the SLCC for £76

Membership renewal to SLCC (£76) to be postponed until a new clerk is appointed.

**15. Pensions Regulator:**

Re-declaration of compliance with Pensions Regulator to be postponed until a new clerk is appointed.

**16. Clerk Vacancy:**

The resignation and agreed handover period; the recruitment of a new clerk; and the agreement of that pay scale were noted and authorised.

There has been a good response to this vacancy and shortlisting is underway.

**17. Best Kept Village Competition:**

Lower Peover had won its class. Cllr Dutton was thanked for accepting the award and Cllr Brown for his work in preparation for the entry.

**18. Policy Documents:**

The grievance policy and the staff appraisal policy were approved.

The complaints procedure and the NALC disciplinary procedure were deferred until the new clerk is appointed.

**19. Parish Plan:**

Cllr Geake read Cllr Brown's update. Three members of the public are willing to form part of a committee.

**20. Matters for the next agenda:**

Precept

Footpaths

Website & email addresses

Welcome pack

Conservation signage

Quote for the new village entry sign

**21. Date of next meeting : Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020.**