

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th July 2023

Present

Councillors Jackson, Binyon, Corlett, Dutton, Painter, Warnes and Wilson.

In attendance: G Parker (Parish Clerk).

23.025 Apologies for absence

None.

23.026 To note declarations of members' interests

None.

23.027 Public Participation: -

None.

23.028 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2023

The minutes of the meeting held 10th May 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

23.029 To receive the police reports

Received.

23.030 To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.

Councillor Stocks reported that: -

- there had been a change of political control at Cheshire West and Chester Council
- a new highways contractor had been appointed and the changeover may impact on the timing of works.
- there was a potential project at the Swan Green Play Area to enhance provision for children with disabilities.
- HS2 is likely to cause traffic disruption to the A556 and this will have knock on effects on Lower Peover.
- the dispute between Cheshire West and Chester council and Harvey Holmes regarding the development at Swan Green remains unresolved.
- financial support to refurbish the finger post at Crown Lane might be available this year.
- the Police and Crime Commissioner is trialling mobile average speed cameras in two parishes and, depending upon the outcome, these

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may become available in future.

Councillor Stocks agreed to make inquiries to ascertain whether Cheshire West and Chester council were undertaking any work regarding the quiet lanes initiative.

the Parish Council thanks Councillor Stocks for his support over the last year particularly in securing grants projects in the village relating to traffic calming and the refurbishment of the fingerpost at the Hulme Lane junction with Back Lane.

23.031 To approve lead member roles for 2023/24.

Resolved that Councillors would undertake the following lead roles

- Finance - Councillor Warnes
- Asset And Risk Registers - Councillor Dutton
- Communications - Councillor Painter
- Planning - Councillor Wilson
- Highways - Councillor Binyon
- Partner Relations and Facebook Page - Councillor Corlett.

23.032 To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan and review workstream Lead members.

Resolved

1. that the revised welcome pack be approved subject to final checking for typographical errors and that 25 copies be a printed at the cost of up to £50
2. not to proceed with the scheme so reduce the speed limit on him lane since the report from Cheshire West and Chester council indicated that the speed limit would not be reduced to 30 mph as requested by the parish council. As a result the parish council would now consider what further measures could be undertaken to reduce speeds particularly when entering the village
3. that the planning protocol be approved.
4. the parish council review the parish plan at its next meeting.

It was noted that

1. The biodiversity project at Barrows Brow pond was ready to proceed to the next stage subject to agreement from Cadent for machinery to be used to dredge the ponds.
2. the broadband project was proceeding and installation was expected to commence in the next few weeks.

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23.033 Finance

Resolved that

- a. The Receipts and Payments to 30th June 2023 be noted.
- b. Payments due of £20.00 be approved and that payments of £25 to CHALC for Councillor training undertaken by Councillor Jackson and £55.98 to Councillor George Dutton to reimburse costs incurred on the materials to repaint the phone box on Crown Lane be approved.
- c. The budget and expenditure to 30th June 2023 30th June 2023 be noted.

23.034 Planning.

- a. To consider the latest planning applications.

Site Address: Lower Peover Church of England Primary School, The Cobbles
Nether Peover Northwich WA16 9PZ
Proposal: 1801 Ash - request to fell 1804 Willow - request to fell
Reference Number: 23/01932/CAT

Resolved that no comments be submitted.

Site Address: 2 Holly Tree Drive Nether Peover Northwich WA16 9QN
Proposal: Demolition of porch and garage, single storey front, side and rear extensions, second storey rear and side extensions.
Reference Number: 23/02012/FUL

Resolved that an objection be submitted that the proposed scale of the building is too large. It is disproportionate and unacceptable in this setting as it is not in keeping with neighbouring properties. It is also simply too large for the plot upon which it is proposed to be sited and the Parish Council is concerned that this will result in overdevelopment of the site.

23.035 To consider the scoping of a Neighbourhood Plan project.

Resolved that a request for volunteers to scope a neighbourhood plan project be included in the next parish newsletter.

23.036 To consider the Manchester Airport Future Airspace project.

Resolved that the current position be noted.

23.037 To consider the preparation of the Summer Newsletter.

Resolved that Councillor Painter finalise the summer newsletter including parish plan updates and notification of a litter pick on October 14th.

23.038 To discuss the scoping of a project to refurbish and re-use the phone box.

Resolved that a survey be undertaken on social media to canvass opinion or whether to use the post box as a library, an information point or a plant display.

23.039 To discuss the registration of Smithy Green.

Resolved that quotations be obtained from solicitors to register the land with HM Land Registry.

23.040 To consider the results of the informal tree survey.

Resolved that quotations be obtained from tree surgeons address any issues on Smithy Green.

23.041 To consider the repair and refurbishment of the village sign at Smithy Green and other damaged lane signs round the village.

Resolved that quotations be obtained to repair or replace the village sign and that the locations of damaged lane signs be provided to Councillor Corlett.

23.042 To discuss grass cutting.

Resolved that the contractor be asked to submit a quotation for extending the area covered by the contract to incorporate land recently cleared adjacent to the Barrows Brow pond as part of the biodiversity project.

23.043 Matters for the next agenda.

Resolved that the following matters be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

- Parish Plan review
- noise complaints relating to the Crown Inn
- the October litter pick
- proposals to repair or replace the village sign.

23.044 Future Meetings.

The date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 13th September 2023 was noted.