

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM**

**Present** Cllrs S.D Nuttall, Mrs S. L. Geake, A Jackson , Mrs R. A. Kendall, R Taylor, L. Halman, G. Dutton and Cllr G Walton (Cheshire East)

Acting Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

**13.48 Police report** – No reports were received.

**13.49 Public comments and Questions** - There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

Mr Nick Ratcliffe introduced himself to the meeting and his colleagues, Mr David Russell and Mr Alun Helman. He explained that they were hoping to make a planning application on the piece of land off Holly Tree Drive that they had owned for some 20 years. They would like to engage with the parish council to find what he needs of the parish are and what benefits such a development can bring to the village.

Councillors asked what type of benefits were they hoping to provide?

The Section 106 monies have been used in Trafford Council to improve roads and street conditions, in Rochdale and Oldham the money has been used to benefit local schools and add value to an area. The group would hope to add value to the community here in Lower Peover.

What time scale do you have in mind?

Work began on surveys at the beginning of September. It is hoped an outline application will be submitted in December 2013.

It is hoped that what is submitted is something all can benefit from, not just the developers.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ratcliffe and his colleagues for their attendance and said they Parish Council would look out for their application with interest.

**13.50 Apologies** – PCSO Kelly Mankee & PCSO Lindsay Whitehead.

**13.51 Minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

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

**13.52 Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item.** – The issue of keeping the footpaths clear had been previously discussed as Cheshire County council had a ranger service who would ensure that the footpaths were kept clear. However this ranger service is not funded by CWAC borough council. Cllr Mark Stocks has said that if the parish council can find a contractor to do so, he would be happy to fund this out of his member's budget.

Cllr Dutton pointed out to the meeting that the responsibility for keeping footpaths clear falls to the landowner and as such the council should contact the two landowners to remind them of their responsibilities before spending tax payers money on upkeep.

**RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact the landowners to ask that they maintain and keep the footpaths clear.**

**13.53 Reports from Unitary Authorities** – Marks Stocks has contacted the Clerk to say that the VAS signs have had a few issues with installation locations but these have been resolved and they should be installed soon.

Cllr Walton said there was a time of great change in Cheshire East with the top two tiers of management roles being appointed.

Cllr Walton also expressed his disappointment at the lack of attendance of Lower Peover at the recent Beating of the Bounds. This took place on the cobbles in Lower Peover and in Byley and although Byley was well represented there was no one from Lower Peover. The Council responded that they knew nothing of the ceremony. The clerk wondered if the wrong Peover had been invited?

Cllr Walton informed the meeting of the further public consultation of the Local Plan from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Reports of aircraft not following flight paths and coming over Lower Peover was a subject Cllr Walton had brought up with the airport. They were not aware of an issue but Wendy Sienfield has offered to come to a parish council meeting to discuss the matter. **The meeting resolved to invite her to the next meeting she was available to attend.**

The A50 has been reduced to a 50mph road and so Cllr Walton will be pressing to reduce Middlewich road to a 40mph road. Also he is pushing for something to be done at the junction of Middlewich road and the A50 and the junction of the A50 and Seven Sisters. His suggestion is two roundabouts. The meeting agreed that something had to be done and both these suggestions had merit.

The Chairman asked Cllr Walton if the decision to withdraw the Green Bin collection so early would encourage fly tipping? Cllr Walton pointed out that by enlarge most people do not put their green bins out in the winter months and so a collection is wasting valuable funds. However he admits there should have been more consultation and notice give on the decision.

#### **13.54 Comberbach Trust Representative for Peover Inferior**

Cllr Halman has had to reluctantly stand down as a trustee of the Richard Comberbach Trust and so there is a vacancy for a trustee.

The Trust is made up of the following parish council representatives:

Two Lower Peover Parish Council representatives  
One Plumley Parish Council representative  
One Allostock Parish Council representative

George Dutton is one of the Lower Peover representatives, representing Nether Peover, the vacancy is for a representative of Peover Inferior.

This person is usually a councillor but in the event of no councillors being willing to take on the role then a resident of Lower Peover can be nominated by the parish council. In the event of no resident being willing then the parish council can consider residents of the neighbouring parishes.

Two names were put forward:

Mr Alun McIntyre  
Ms S Lake.

The Clerk is to contact Mr McIntyre in the first instance.

#### **13.55 Plumley, Allostock and Lower Peover Aid Fund**

Names were put forward for suggested recipients.

#### **13.56 House keeping and Maintenance**

- **Telephone boxes** – The council has been advised that planning permission will be necessary if the phone box is not moved to a piece of land the parish council owns. However there was some discrepancy on what the cost of this would be anything from £92 -£385. The meeting decided to work on getting the phone box refurbished first and then consider the planning aspect. The Clerk to look into disconnecting the electricity supply and moving to phone box with the help of Cllr Dutton.
- **Village Sign** – The village sign will cost approx. £75 to refurbish. This amount is to be taken from the precept.
- **Trees** – Cllr Jackson is to remove all but 1 elm sapling. The Clerk is to gain a price for removing the large leylandii near the footpath. And the remaining works on Smithy Green.
- **Beech Tree** – TPO has been submitted and awaiting decision.

### **13.57 Finance –**

The RFO presented the meeting with a summary receipts and payments account for the period 11<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Also presented to the meeting was the bank reconciliation for the same period.

There were no payments or receipts due.

#### **13.57.01 Budget and Precept**

The RFO circulated the budget to the meeting and additional costs from the housekeeping and maintenance items were included. A precept Of £5300 was proposed by Cllr Nutall and seconded by Cllr Dutton. This will be split between Cheshire east and Cheshire West and Chester at a ratio of 73:207.

**13.58 Correspondence** – A schedule of Correspondence was received by the council had been circulated to Members.

The success of the scarecrows in the Community pride competition is to be celebrated by asking Elspeth Turner and Sally Aspin to the next meeting to formally thank them for their efforts.

On the subject of the scarecrows Cheshire East Highways are to be contacted to seek advice on how to make drivers aware and so make viewing them safer.

The clerk has had correspondence with the highways regarding the issues with the ownership of the cobbles and therefore the responsibility for maintenance. **The clerk is to look back in the archives to establish ownership of the different areas and try to establish a maintenance plan for them.**

United utilities are to try to resolve the issue of the large pothole at the junction with the bells of Peover and the school.

**13.59 Planning** - A list of planning applications commented on and decisions made were presented to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

#### **13.60 Highways –**

Church Hill has numerous potholes and Foxcovert Lane .

Both in CWAC and CE is in a state of disrepair.

VAS signs – to be followed up by the Clerk.

**13.61 HS2** – Cllr Taylor reported that he is due to attend a meeting with George Osborne in December and would update the meeting. He also had attended a mid cheshire group meeting and issues with the ineos brine fields had been overlooked by the HS2 project and they would be investigating this.

**13.62 Matters for the next Agenda**

Cobbles

Meeting closed 10.00 pm

Signed:

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