

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM**

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

Acting Clerk Mrs E A McGrath  
Wendy Seinfeld – Manchester Airport.

**14.31 Police report** Police Report for the period 01.04.2014 – 10.05.2014

One incident of report – a Burglary at The Crown Inn – reported 05.05.14 at 04.49am – Entry gained only to the downstairs are of the Pub – door damage and cellar door has been damaged – no items taken even though the till was opened – Crime scenes investigators have attended and are awaiting their results.

One description of one male given however he had something over his face - area searched at the time no offender arrested.

**14.32 Election of Chairperson** – Ros Kendall was proposed by Cllr Robert Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Simon Nuttall

Cllr Kendal stated she was willing to stand and as there were no other nominations she was duly elected.

**14.33 Election of Vice Chairperson** -Cllr S Nuttall was proposed by Cllr Ros Kendall and Seconded by Cllr Christine Newton. Cllr Nuttall stated he was willing to stand again and as there were no other nominations he was duly elected.

**14.34 Appointed representations on Cheshire Association of Local Councils.**

Cheshire East – Cllr Sally Geake

Cheshire west and Chester – Cllr Christine Newton

**14.35 Public Question Time** – Wendy Seinfeld from Manchester Airport gave a very comprehensive presentation on the airports flight paths and the work done to investigate parishioners concerns regarding the flight path in Lower Peover.

Cllrs Kendall and Nuttall asked if the flight that goes over Lower Peover at 5.45 am most mornings could be investigated as it was a mystery and causes a noise nuisance most mornings. Wendy Seinfeld was happy to see what she can find out.

**14.36 Apologies** – Cllr S Geake.

**14.37 Minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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

**14.38 Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item.** – The footpaths and the war memorial were moved to next meeting's agenda as this was a very full agenda.

**14.39 Clerk Vacancy** – Following the resignation of Mr G Leigh as Clerk at the beginning of April the Chair has written to Graham expressing our concern over his ongoing health problems and thanking him for the exceptional service he has given to the Lower Peover Parish Council over the last 14 years.

The Personnel Committee met on 14<sup>th</sup> April and has offered the position to the Acting Clerk Mrs E McGrath. Cllr Halman proposed that the meeting ask Mrs E McGrath to taken on the role of Clerk on a permanent basis. This was seconded by Cllr Kendall. Mrs McGrath accepted the position.

The Personnel committee's recommendation to the meeting was a raise in salary to 24 SCP at a rate of £10.74 and be reviewed on an annual basis before the setting of the budget. Travel expense rate was to be added to the contract of employment as well as a few other minor alterations. The contract was to be amended and signed at the next meeting.

**14.40 Richard Comberbach Trust Vacancy** – Following Mr G Leigh's resignation from the Richard Comberbach Trust there is a vacancy for a trustee who resides in the Lower Peover parish. As there are no willing volunteers it was suggested to the meeting that George Dutton who is at present a co-

opted member on the RCT become the trustee for Lower Peover and then a co-opted member can be found from outside the parish. This suggestion was unanimously agreed. The meeting also proposed to put Mr Ian McGraths name forward to the trust for their possible co-option.

#### **14.41 Reports from Unitary Authority**

Cllr Walton reported that CE was in the process of becoming a commissioning council and this involved setting up of wholly owned Companies (WOCs). These are companies owned by CE to deliver services. The idea is to provide better value for money.

The Local Plan Site allocation process is the next stage of the local plan and Chelford Ward is to be one of the pilot wards in this process. This will involve two representatives from each of the 7 parish councils in the ward coming together for a meeting to discuss possible sites for development and improvements within the ward. Areas the parish council should consider are:

How would you like to see the community grow by 2030?

What improvements would the community like to see?

What areas need to be improved?

What areas need to be protected?

What type of housing is needed? E.g. requirements of young families or for retired people to down size?

Are there any sites that need development to increase sustainability?

The Parish Plan is a good place to start but more thought is needed.

Cllr Walton will advise of the time scale to this as soon as he has the details.

#### **14.42 Finance**

The RFO presented the meeting with a summary receipts and payments for the period 13<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE was approved by the meeting for payment.

To	For	£
Cheshire Community Action	Membership and Community Pride	48.00
Lower Peover School Governors	Room Hire for meetings	36.00
ChALC	Affiliation Fee	122.70
Broker Network	Insurance	278.95
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**14.42.01** The RFO presented the meeting with the Receipts and payment account for the year end along with the cash book, reconciliation and variance explanation. These were unanimously agreed by the meeting

**14.42.02** The Annual statements of Governance were read and approved by the meeting for 2013/14.

**14.42.03** the meeting agreed to ask Gill Sibley to be internal auditor for the parish council for the next 12 months.

#### **14.43 Housekeeping and Maintenance**

- **Telephone boxes** – To be disconnected this Friday and removed ASAP
- **Village Sign** – in progress
- **Beech Tree & Trees** – Warburton's Landscapes are to remove the debris from fallen branches etc. from Smithy Green. Also Clerk to ask why triangle has not been mown at top of Barrows Brow.
- **Noticeboard** – The Clerk is to meet with Tony from David Lewis Centre to discuss.

**14.44 Correspondence** – A schedule of Correspondence was received by the council had been circulated to Members. Cllr Taylor is happy to attend the INEOS workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> May if the venue is changed to a more local one than Chester Racecourse.

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

**14.46 INEOS Brine Caverns** - There has been no update but it was felt that the parish council should put its concerns in writing to the OPA.

**14.47 Highways –**

The Ownership of the former Macclesfield BC owned part of the cobbles is being investigated by CE. The Clerk has very little evidence and it was suggested that as the area in question is the primary access route to a CWAC school it is in their interests to repair and maintain it. The Clerk is to see if this can be progressed.

**14.48 HS2** – Cllr Taylor has co-written a paper as part of his involvement with the group Mid Cheshire against HS2 on the geology and safety of the proposed plans. This paper is to be handed to the department of transport for their consideration.

**14.49 Matters for the next Agenda**

Email Distribution

War memorial

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Risk Assessment

Meeting closed 22.00 pm

Signed:

Date: