

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2015 AT 7.00PM**

Present Cllrs R. A. Kendall (Chair), S.D Nuttall, R.E. Taylor, J. A. Jackson, C Newton, S Wilson, S. L. Geake

Cllr G Walton (Cheshire East Borough Council)

Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

1. Apologies – L Corlett

2. Minutes of the meeting held 14th May 2014 – These were read, agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item. - None

4. Correspondence – None

5. Parish Council's Annual Report – This year Lower Peover Parish Council will be losing one of our most dedicated and long serving Councillors. Les Halman, who as Chair and Councillor, has served for many years on the Council, has made the decision to retire. Les has always played a huge part in the activities of the Parish Council and his wisdom and dedication will be greatly missed.

After the recent Elections, we welcome two new faces to the Council. Steve Wilson as a Full Member and Louise Corlett as a co – opted Member. I hope that they will find the work both interesting and challenging.

We have several matters which are still on going from last year and remain items for discussion. The removal of the aviation fuel from the Brine Caverns in Plumley by INEOS has been delayed until the end of 2015. We are still in discussion with other Parish Councils and the Highways Departments over the traffic management for the removal of the fuel. We are trying to ensure the least amount of disruption for those living in the affected area. We recognise that this is a huge problem and that it is not always easy to negotiate .

The HS2 Project is still in discussion. We have attended several meetings over the last year but no firm decisions have been made.

The Outline Planning Application for 30 houses on land adjacent to Holly Tree Drive has been granted after a Public Enquiry. Although the Parish Council were opposed to this Application, the Inspector found that the Project was sustainable and that the Cheshire West Local Plan, regarding housing for the next 5 years was insufficient.

Tony Booth was very active in the representation of the local residents and the Council is grateful to him for the time and effort he put in to opposing this application on their behalf. We must now work to ensure that we have as good as possible an outcome for the Village.

The Council are addressing the problem of the 'Walk to School' for children from the Swan Green area of the village. The dangers of this route have been highlighted by concerned parents. The Council have met with some of these parents and the Highways Department. Arrangements are being made to address this problem and provide a safer walk to School for these children.

Some parts of Lower Peover are now able to enjoy Superfast Broadband and it is likely that all of the village will be connected within the next year. George Osborne attended on a very wet Friday morning to press the button on the Box at the end of Plumley Moor Road. Photographs of this have even appeared on Mr Osborne's Election Pamphlets.

The Lower Peover Parish Council web site has been set up recently by our Clerk, Liz McGrath. We hope that this will enable the residents of Lower Peover to be more aware of what is happening in the Village and to put their views forward via this site.

Even though Liz has been affected by serious illness over the winter, she has worked really hard on our behalf and I would like to thank her for this.

If you have any suggestions for the Parish Council or would like to know more about any matter the Parish Council is concerned with, please contact either our Clerk or any Councillor. All contact details are on the Notice Board out side the Village Shop and on the Web Site.

6. Parochial Charities

I. Richard Comberbach Trust - Sally Geake, Correspondent to the Richard Comberbach Trust - The Trust is a registered charity. It owns School House, Lower Peover Primary School building and grounds. It is involved with all developments in this area and takes an interest in the progress of the school. It aims to support the school in every way.

Since the last report of May 2014 the Trustees have met frequently:

July 8th 2014 The agenda included the election by the Trustees of a co-optive Trustee. This vacancy had occurred following the resignation of Mr Graham Leigh as Trustee representing Nether Peover on behalf of Lower Peover Parish Council, and LPPC electing Mr George Dutton. Mr. Dutton had previously been a co-optive Trustee and on resigning from this position created a vacancy. The Trustees elected Mr Norman Withenshaw to this post as well as that of treasurer.

September 30th 2014 Joint Governors' and Trustees' meeting

November 11th 2014 Norman Withenshaw, as treasurer, presented the accounts for year 2013-2014 which were approved and signed. The Trustees reviewed their financial liabilities.

February 3rd 2015 The agenda included prioritising the Trust's financial outlay.

March 10th 2015 Joint Governors' and Trustees' meeting. The Head teacher and the Chair of Governors both reported a successful year for the school. There are currently 192 pupils and 58 pupils have applied for the 30 places in Reception class in September of this year.

Part of the school roof needs replacing and there are some areas by the school entrance which require resurfacing.

II. Plumley, Allostock and Lower Peover Aid Fund - Sally Geake, L.P. Parish council representative

The Trustees of the Aid Fund held their annual meeting on 6th Nov 2014. Present were the Chair, Norman Withenshaw and Parish representatives from Plumley, Allostock and Lower Peover.

The Fund holds investments to the value of just over £3,000 and maintains a sum of just under £200 in the current account at Lloyds Bank.

The Trustees revised the list of previous recipients of gifts from the Fund.

Nine names were put forward from Lower Peover residents by the vicar, the Parish Council and local residents.

As the Council's representative, Sally Geake bought and distributed these gifts during the period leading up to Christmas.

7. Questions from the public for the Parish Council - None

Meeting closed 7.20pm

Signed:

Date: