

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOWER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LOWER PEOVER SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM**

Present Cllr R. A. Kendall (Chair), Cllr S Nuttall, Cllr R Taylor, Cllr C Newton, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr L Corlett, Cllr S Geake,

Cllr G Walton (CE Borough Council)

Clerk Mrs E A McGrath

16.01 Police Report – Sgt Andy Millar from Knutsford rural policing gave the area report to the meeting. He told the meeting about Operation Shield which is an initiative where neighbourhoods are invited to buy ‘Selecta DNA’ packs to protect property and possessions. The packs can mark approx. 20 items from laptops to bikes, garden tools to mobile phones. The pack is individual to each property and where whole communities have signed up there has been a reduction of crime in that area by as much as 68%.

Some Parish Councils have opted to buy these for the communities, others have sent round expressions of interest forms and once a significant number of orders have come in these packs are ordered and a meeting is organised to give them out and tell people more about it.

The Meeting resolved to send round details on the village flyer.

The Clerk gave the report from Kellie Mankee from Northwich Rural Policing.

16.02 Public Questions and Comments – None

16.03 Apologies – Cllr A Jackson

16.04 Minutes of the meeting held 11th November 2015

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

16.05 Matters arising from the minutes not already covered in an agenda item. – Transparency fund is available to pay for the website hosting and putting details online. The Clerk is to look into and apply for this. The code also requires financial details to be put online. The Clerk is to create a page on the website for this information.

Cllr Stocks still not updated about his progress on the cobbles or the missing post box.

16.06 Reports from the Unitary Authorities – Cllr Walton reported that following the resignation of Cllr Jones as leader there is an election taking place tomorrow night. The two candidates are Cllr Bailey and Cllr Clowes.

The Local plan is moving forward and there will soon be notifications issued of further consultations. The grit lorries have been out very little but as the cold weather is forecast this is likely to change. Cllr Walton is continuing to ask for Foxcovert Lane to be re surfaced and he reported that Plumley moor road would be done near the smoker as the surface is dangerous.

Any accidents that happen in the area, even if not reported to police, could councillors make a note of where and when and let him know.

16.07 Highways

Walk to school – The airport grant application has been submitted.

16.08 House keeping and Maintenance

•**Fingerpost sign** - These are located on Back lane and opposite Plumley moor road and are in need of painting. The Clerk is to contact George Dutton to see if he is interested in putting in a quote and advert to be put up in the shop to see if anyone else is interested in quoting for the job.

•**Noticeboard, Telephone box and AED** - no news. The Clerk is to speak to Lawrence regarding these items.

16.08 Planning – a list of planning applications and decisions were presented to the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

Councillors had received comments regarding the new shed that has been erected on Middlewich Road. The Clerk confirmed that the council had made no comment regarding the application when they considered it. There was no reference to the shed being blue at the time!

16.09 Finance – The Clerk went through the receipt and payments summary which is attached to these minutes. The bank reconciliation was accepted as correct.

There were no BACS payments made since the last meeting.

Parish Plan monies – no decision from CCA yet.

16.09.01 Personnel committee – The Committee reported its recommendation that the clerk's fee be increased to £2909.40 per annum.

The meeting agreed the pay increase and there was some discussion regarding the clerks hours. It was agreed by the meeting that the Clerk would keep a time sheet over the next 12 months and then the hours worked could be reviewed with this in mind.

The Personnel committee also had a suggestion that has come out of the personnel review. This was to trial having set timings for agenda items to help the meeting run more smoothly. This was agreed by the meeting.

16.09.02 Budget and Precept – The budget figures were reviewed and A percept of £6000 was proposed by Cllr Kenda and Seconded by Cllr Nuttall. The Meeting were in full agreement. This amount would be split between the two authorities 73:207.

16.10 Meeting Dates 2016/17

The following dates were agreed by the meeting.

Wednesday 14th September 2016

Wednesday 16th November 2016

Wednesday 11th January 2017

Wednesday 15th March 2017

Wednesday 10th May 2017

16.11 Correspondence – A list of correspondence was circulated and is attached to these minutes.

16.12 Matters for the next Agenda

AED, Notice board, telephone kiosk

Parish Plan Monies

Highways

Walk to School funding

Meeting closed 21.10

Signed:

Date: