

# PEOVER SUPERIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman – Phil Welch  
Vice Chairman – John Hehir

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 5pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Over Peover Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Hehir (acting Chair), Kathy Doyle, Vicki Irlam, David Clarke, Cathryn Ruddock, Sam Gunter, Ward Councillor Marc Asquith and the parish clerk

Members of public: One

1. The acting chair opened the Annual Parish meeting by welcoming Members. The chair's annual report was circulated prior to the meeting. A copy is attached below.
2. At the request from a member of the public, Cllr Doyle provided an update on the Nine Oaks application.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.

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## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 5.15pm (immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting)**

**Present:** Councillors John Hehir (acting Chair), Kathy Doyle, Vicki Irlam, David Clarke, Cathryn Ruddock, Sam Gunter and the parish clerk

Members of Public: Two (part-only)

### **22.31 Elect a chairperson - and receive their Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Before the meeting, Cllr Welch confirmed his willingness to continue in the role of Chair. This was proposed by Cllr Irlam and seconded by Cllr Doyle. The chair will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the June meeting.

### **22.32 Elect a vice-chair**

Cllr Doyle proposed Cllr Hehir to continue as Vice-chair; this was seconded by Cllr Clarke. Cllr Hehir accepted the role.

### **22.33 Receive apologies for absence**

The chair and Cllr McAinsh sent their apologies

### **22.34 Receive questions or comments from the public**

A member of public enquired about the number of helicopter flights in the village. Cllr Doyle offered to look through all historical planning applications to ascertain if a

Change of Use application was submitted. It was suggested that a record be made of the recent meeting with the helipad owner. Cllr Doyle to speak to the chair before proceeding.

**Action: Cllr Doyle**

**22.35 Receive declarations of interest in any agenda items**

There were no declarations of interest

**22.36 Approve Minutes of the last meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record by the vice-chair

**22.37 Discuss matters arising from the Minutes, not already covered in the agenda**

Cllr Irlam has to date obtained over 100 signatures for the petition to reduce the speed limit on Stocks Lane. Once complete, the petition will be handed over to Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Gunter has inspected some footpaths and taken photos. Cllr Doyle to send a map of all footpaths to Cllr Gunter.

**Action: Cllr Doyle**

It was decided that rather than planting a tree on the parish field, the WI should plant it opposite the Parkgate Inn to replace the dead tree.

Cllr Doyle is due to have a meeting with the school to discuss the tree stump competition.

**22.38 Receive Gawsworth and Chelford Police Report**

There were reports of anti-social behaviour near Astle Hall, a firearms amnesty and a quad bike stolen from Snelson. Cllr Clarke attended a PCC meeting where it was reported that 50% of all crime is now online and that a large number of complaints were made over the time taken to respond to 101 calls.

**22.39 Finance**

**a. Approve the Receipts and Payment Report**

The Receipts and Payments report was reviewed and approved

**b. Approve the Audited Accounts & Annual Governance Statement**

The auditor recently carried out an audit of the annual accounts and these were circulated prior to the meeting. The audited Accounts and Annual Governance Statement were approved and signed off by the acting chair and parish clerk. The clerk to send to the external auditor and publish on the website, along with the Notice of Public Rights.

**Action: Clerk**

**22.40 Planning**

**a. Consider Planning Applications**

**i. 21/3439M – Heath Cottage, Well Bank Lane – Replacement dwelling**

It was noted that due to a possible error by CE Planning, there were no recently revised plans for this application.

**b. Consider any Planning Decisions**

21/6397M – 11 Parkgate Avenue: Approved with conditions

**22.41 Housekeeping and Maintenance**

**a. Review Councillor Roles & Responsibilities' list**

The list was reviewed and, following one amendment, was approved

**b. Assets inventory**

The list was reviewed and approved

**c. Parish Field inspection report update**

The list of jobs identified in the last inspection report were under way. The swing seats have been ordered and will be fitted by the chair and Cllr Clarke.

**Action: Chair and Cllr Clarke**

**d. S106 funds update**

Ward Cllr Asquith has received no response from CE Council regarding the S106 funds and will continue to pursue the matter.

**Action: Ward Cllr Asquith**

**e. Repair to noticeboard at Four Lane Ends' junction**

It was agreed that, as a temporary measure, Cllr Clarke will repair the noticeboard using marine plywood.

**Action: Cllr Clarke**

**f. Old Fire Station update**

Cllr Hehir to request an update from the brewery.

**Action: Cllr Hehir**

**g. Procedure for reducing speed limit on Stocks Lane**

Cllrs Irlam and Doyle to hold a meeting with Barclays and will ask for assistance in getting the speed limit reduced on Stocks Lane.

The Jubilee committee confirmed that the Picnic in the Park event will not take place due to the high number of local events taking place which has made it difficult in obtaining supplies. The commemorative mugs will still be given to all school children in the village and the book Over Peover – A Cheshire Parish will be updated and published by the end of the year. The Clerk to notify residents of the cancellation.

**Action: Clerk**

**22.42 Items for the next agenda**

No items were provided for the agenda

Meeting concluded at 6.40pm

The date of the next PC meeting is **Tuesday 21st June 2022**

## **Chair's Report 2021-2022**

Happily, in May 2021 we came to the end of lockdowns and Parish Council meetings reverted back to face to face meetings again in the Village Hall. This year we saw the departure of Mrs Sue Mills and Mr Graham Hunter from the Parish Council and Mrs Kathy Doyle stepped down as Chair after 3 years hard work although thankfully, she has stayed on as a member of the Parish Council. My great thanks go to them for their years of hard work and dedication. We welcomed three new members of the Parish Council; Mrs Katy McAinsh, Mrs Sam Gunter and Mrs Cathryn Ruddock and all three wasted no time in making a positive contribution to the workings of the Parish Council.

### **Governance**

As part of the Cheshire East Community Governance review it has been decided that the Peover Superior and Snelson Parish Councils will merge in May 2023. Currently there are 8 Parish Councillors in Peover Superior and 8 in Snelson. The new merged parish, to be known as Peover Superior and Snelson Parish Council will have 11 Councillors.

The Parish Council are also working on a new parish website to comply with accessibility requirements and to have a more modern look and feel. This work is being led by Councillor Gunter in collaboration with our Parish Clerk.

### **Community**

We are now only a few weeks away from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and plans are well advanced for a celebratory picnic with barbecue and sports on the Parish Field. This is being organised by Councillors McAinsh, Gunter and Ruddock. Commemorative mugs have also been ordered, as we did for the Golden Jubilee, to be given to the children of the Primary School. We will also be working with Mr Barry Wienholdt to update and republish the book written for the Millennium "Over Peover – A Cheshire Parish".

After many difficulties the Parish Council with much assistance from Mr Robert Ball, has managed to source some replacement finger posts to replace those that were broken in 2020. These have been cast and we will hopefully see them in situ soon.

Run North West held a 10K running race through the Village last October and it seems they plan for this to become an annual event. The Parish Council, Snelson PC and other businesses voiced their objections to Cheshire East Council but to no avail. By way of compensation, the Parish Council have negotiated a donation of £500 from the organisers for the next event should it proceed.

The Village has suffered many power cuts during the last year and we had Scottish Power Energy Networks monitoring the supply however no cause was found. The Parish Council are continuously monitoring the situation and will re-engage with Scottish Power if the need arises.

The Parish Council has this year produced some welcome postcards for new residents to welcome them to our community and signpost where they can find out more about all the things going on in the Parish. If you know of a new neighbour, please let one of the Parish Councillors know.

## **Planning**

The Parish Council reviews about 4 planning applications each month and we use our Neighbourhood Plan and Cheshire East Local Plan to comment objectively. In the last year we introduced our Pre-Design engagement process and this has been used 4 times to date. Unfortunately, where developers have proceeded without planning consent or are deviating from the agreed plans, we have necessarily had to engage with Cheshire East Planning Enforcement and the Planning Inspectorate to protect the interests of our residents.

We were unable to secure any funding from the Barclay's Radbroke Hall development for traffic management through the Village but we did secure a Traffic Management Plan with measurable reduction targets and the formation of a liaison committee to monitor this with representation from the Parish Council. The first meeting has recently been held and we hope to secure meaningful progress as staff start to resume office working once again.

In collaboration with our neighbouring Parishes of Snelson and Ollerton with Marthall, we were able to defeat the proposal to build a care home on Pepper Street in Snelson. This would have created significant increased traffic through our village as well as setting a precedent regarding significant development on green belt land.

The Parish Council has submitted responses to a number of consultations on planning matters to Cheshire East Council. Topics covered included: Site Allocations and Development Policies Document, Housing Supplementary Planning Document, Jodrell Bank SPD and Local Transport.

Finally, the Parish Council has been in dialogue with Sam Smith's Brewery regarding the Old Fire Station. We are hopeful that the site will be cleared and landscaped later this year bringing an end to years of inaction and a persistent eyesore.

## **Parish Field and Noticeboards**

We are once again extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs William Stobart for their generosity in taking care of all the maintenance which keeps the Parish Field in such fine fettle throughout the year. We are also grateful to the local junior football team for their help in repainting the railings which now look so much better.

During the storms we had one or two trees and large branches come down and we are grateful to Mr Myles Dobell for his help in removing the trees and making the other trees safe. One of the trees is now a large stump near the entrance by the school and so we have asked the school to get the children to come up with ideas of what we could do with it. Whether this be a carving or something more like the Tree of Imagination in Lower Peover.

My thanks go to Councillors Clarke, Doyle and Hehir for their work repairing and maintaining the play equipment, exercise apparatus and the picnic benches. As some of the play equipment is now very old this is an increasing task to maintain it in a safe condition. The Parish Council ensures the facility is safe by an annual playground inspection and tree inspection by qualified bodies.

We are attempting to secure further monies from Cheshire East Council to replace some of the railings and also the Parish Noticeboards that are starting to deteriorate. This money is drawn from the Section 106 funds provided by the developer of Patton Close. Alas, Cheshire East Council are

being very reluctant to release the funds which are rightfully ours. We have enlisted the help from our Ward Councillor Marc Asquith but so far have had no success.

### **Traffic and Parking**

In addition to the work we are doing with Barclay's Bank, reported earlier, the Parish Council is seeking to reduce the speed limits on Stocks Lane. The proposal is to make the National limit section 50mph and reduce the 40mph section to 30 mph. There is currently a petition being circulated by Councillor Irlam and we need as much support as possible. To bolster our case, we are re-invigorating our community Speedwatch programme now that traffic levels are on the increase led by Councillor Clarke. If anyone has an interest in volunteering a couple of hours a month please get in touch with Dave Clarke.

### **War Memorial**

There was a good turnout for the Remembrance Day service and the memorial was looking at its best following the cleaning done by Councillor Clarke.

My thanks go to everyone on the Parish Council for all the hard work they put in for the benefit of our community. Thanks also to those residents who kindly offer their time to help make our community what it is. Without volunteers running clubs and activities we would just become a dormitory village and be much the worse for it. Finally, my special thanks to our Parish Clerk Mrs Shareen Worthington for her dedication and efficiency and always with a smile.