

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Annual meeting of Snelson Parish held in Snelson Chapel Vestry on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present Cllr Winrow, Cllr Firth, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Stanier and the Clerk.

Cllr Walton also in attendance

15.12 To Elect Chairperson -Janet Winrow was proposed by Cllr Stanier and Seconded by Cllr Phillips. She was duly elected.

15.13 To fill vacancies on the Parish Council. There are two vacancies. Cllr Winrow proposed John Firth is co-opted to the council. This was seconded by Cllr Stanier. Cllr Winrow then declared that she wished to stand down from the position of Chair and proposed Cllr Firth; this was seconded by Cllr Stanier. Cllr Firth was elected Chairman. There was one more vacancy and members were asked to explore possible members to join the council. Cllr Firth wanted to note the council's thanks to Eddie Hopkinson for his time on the Parish Council.

15.14 To elect Vice Chairperson – Cllr Phillips proposed Cllr Winrow and seconded by Cllr Stanier. She was duly elected.

15.15 Apologies - None

15.16 Declarations of Interest – None

15.17 Approve Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed off.

15.18 Matters arising from the minutes

The risk assessment is to be updated as per the suggestions made and circulated to the members.

15.19 Noticeboards - The Clerk presented the meeting with two quotes obtained for the works to Snelson, over Peover and Lower Peover notice boards. The quotes for the Snelson board were viewed and a preference was for the quote from Allan Slater but the meeting would be happy if the other councils went with either quote.

15.20 Common - After much discussion the council decided that a simple pathway clearing through the area would be the best way forward. Cllr Firth was going to ask Greg Clark to have a look at clearing a path and give his opinion as to cost and feasibility.

15.21 Highways - There was a distinct difference of opinion regarding the way forward to the issues on common lane between the December meeting and the March meeting. Therefore it was felt that a way forward should be agreed by the meeting.

The concern regarding Common Lane is that the amount and type of traffic along it has increased and although there have been no incidents it is a lane used frequently by cyclists, walkers and horse-riders. It is, in fact, together with adjoining Common Farm Lane, the only suitable stretch of road in the Parish suitable for this purpose.

One suggestion is to redirect traffic down Mill Lane and not use Common Lane at all. Cllr Walton said he was trying to get some sort of scheme devised looking at routes for haulage vehicles on the small country lanes. However whatever restrictions are placed on roads a right of access to property will always take precedence.

The repair to Mill Lane junction of Common Lane is inadequate for the types of vehicles and Cllr Walton will continue to highlight this issue to highways.

Speed limits on country roads are another issue Cllr Walton is looking into and he will include Pepper Street in this.

Over all, it was felt by the Council that significant sustained improvements in the condition of the road surfaces and traffic controls in the Parish were essential to deal with the current traffic patterns and the associated increases in both weight and speed.

15.22 Finance - The meeting noted the recommendations of the internal auditor and will speak to the bank about having a statement to 31st March for next year's accounts.

The meeting agreed the accounting statements for 2014/15 and the governance statements were agreed.

Cllr Stanier proposed that as Snelson Parish is served by Over Peover School and is represented on the education foundation of the school the council should assist the foundation with a legal bill they have incurred as part of the school becoming an academy. This was supported by the meeting and it was unanimously agreed to grant £400 to the foundation.

15.23 Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Risk Assessment – The meeting is to familiarise themselves with these documents and they are to be reviewed next meeting.

15.24 Planning. – Clerk is to convene meetings for contentious planning issues.

15.25 Correspondence – a list was circulated to the meeting.

Next Meeting 8th September 2015 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm