

# SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of Annual meeting of Snelson Parish held in Snelson Chapel Vestry on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**Present-** Cllr John Firth, Cllr Gordon Phillips, Cllr Les Stanier, Cllr Janet Winrow, Cllr Hazel Ardern, Cllr George Walton (Cheshire East Borough Council) and the Clerk.

*Dave Clark*

**15.41 Apologies** - None

**15.42 Declarations of Interest** – None

**15.43 Parishioners Questions** – Police report read to the meeting.

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

**15.45 Matters arising from the minutes** –

The police have been unable to attend school bus stop due to a change in shift patterns however the pickup point has changed and the children are able to wait off the road. The meeting agreed to purchase some signs for wheelie bins asking motorists to slow down.

**15.46 Noticeboard, Website and Facebooks** – The new transparency code has come in and requires certain information to be available on the website. This includes details of Councillors, financial information and minutes and agendas. The Clerk is to also link the website with the Facebook page.

There was concern about personal information being available on the internet. However the clerk reassured the council this new requirement was adding no more personal information that that which is already readily available in the public domain elsewhere.

**15.47 Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations** – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 is the Queen's 90th Birthday and Cllr Ardern wanted to have an open invite to people living in the parish to come to a celebration on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016. It would be bring your own food and drink with the venue being supplied by Cllr Ardern. The Council agreed it was a good idea and firmer plans were to be discussed next meeting. The possible issue of a grant towards the event from the parish Council was briefly discussed.

**15.48 Common** – Cllr Firth and Mr Clark are to report the power lines as the clerk was unable to say exactly which lines were affected. Cllr Firth and Mr Clark are also to walk the common areas that a walk way is proposed for so that clear prices can be obtained.

**15.49 Highways** – The Highways survey was previously circulated and members would complete as they saw appropriate.

**15.49.01 Gritting** - The cost of gritting, although a maximum likely cost is far too expensive for the parish to undertake. The council felt it was useful to have the details on file for extreme weather conditions but too expensive to do otherwise. The possibility of buying some grit bins was discussed. However it was felt that these would not be used.

**15.49.02 Speed limits** Frustration was voiced by members regarding the lack of ability to reduce the speed limits on rural roads. Cllr Walton reported that he was investigating the issue and looking at creating a national pilot scheme in the area, similar to one in Dartmoor and the New forest. The pilot would make all rural roads between the A roads that are now 50MPH a 40mph limit. The Chairman thanked Cllr Walton for his work in this matter.

**15.49.03 Highways meeting with CE 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015** – The meeting was attended by Cllr Ardern and Cllr Firth with representatives from Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council. The issue of protecting corners from wear caused by HGV Lorries was discussed and Simon Wallace (CE Highways) is to get quotes to put in Bell curbs on junction with Mill Lane and Common Lane and Pepper Street and Common Lane. The Clerk is to follow this up.

The meeting also expressed concern at the erosion of the verges in the area. They resolved that the Clerk contact CE regarding this also. And investigate if verge markers can be put in place in the worse affected areas.

**15.49.04 Traffic Handling** – This subject, with particular reference to HGVS, was again discussed at length and included mention of a 7.5 ton weight limit for Common Lane or, at least part of it. Whilst the right of access would still apply with a weight restriction, it was suggested in the hope that it would really be up to all concerned to act in good faith and ensure that it would only be exercised when no other route was possible. On advice from Cheshire East Highways alternative measures are to be explored.

The Clerk has contacted all the hauliers involved and they are all in agreement that something has to be done. They have suggested a one-way system and the meeting were in agreement with this. However some concern was expressed if some of the taller vehicles would be able to abide by the one way system of coming in at mill lane and out onto Pepper Street. The clerk is to contact all involved and get a basic agreement then contact Dave Thomason from CE and get some HGFV route signage agreed. It was agreed the parish council would be willing to assist in paying for this signage.

Cllr Firth asked if the farm vehicles could also use this route. Cllr Stanier agreed that they would try to do so as far as was possible.

**15.50 Finance** – The parish council had conducted a pay review and the Clerks pay was agreed to be increased to £895.20 per year for 80 hours per year backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. This was unanimously agreed by the council given that the Clerks pay had not been reviewed for some time and the new rate is in line with the national scale for Clerks.

The receipts and payments were presented to the meeting and signed. A copy of which is attached to the minutes.

**Budget and percept** – The meeting reviewed the budget for 2016/17 and Cllr Firth proposed a precept of £1200 which was seconded by Cllr Winrow and agreed by the meeting.

**15.51 Planning** -None

**15.52 Dates of future meetings**

These were agreed to be

8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**15.53 Correspondence** – a list was circulated to the meeting.

**Next Meeting** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.00 pm