

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Snelson Methodist Church Vestry, Pepper Street.

The Clerk received all signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms from re-elected Members before the start of the meeting.

The attached Chairman's Annual Report was received at the meeting and had also been previously circulated to Members.

There were no members of public present for questions therefore, the meeting was closed at 7.35 p.m.

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MARCH 2019

During the year from March 2018 to March 2019 the Parish Council have sought to improve conditions for the local residents of the Parish of Snelson.

1 Highways

We have been pleased to achieve our target of signage to create a one way system for the very large trucks which continue to visit the potato farms on Common Lane. This will take time to be understood by all the haulage operators, but we hope this will reduce the number of times they risk meeting.

We are also pleased with the resurfacing work which has been carried out extensively along Common Lane and much improved the potholes.

The bell curbs at the Mill Lane end of Common Lane have been replaced and reduced in height.

Thanks to Councillor Firth who has been instrumental in achieving these works.

2 Snelson Neighbourhood Plan

We have commenced the process to put together a Neighbourhood Plan and hope to progress this in 2019/2020. A Steering Group has been formed of Councillors and one parishioner and the Chair has met with the Clerk and local planning officers to put this in train. We are intending to appoint a consultant to assist us and are seeking grant funding from Cheshire East for this purpose.

Thanks to Councillor Clarke for delivering all the questionnaires and around 25% were returned with very similar responses.

3 Common Land

We have continued to monitor the condition of the Common and have addressed queries arising from a new gate being erected last year but there has been no further sign of activity by way of bird raising. The Common must be maintained for access for all for recreation and e.g. firewood.

4 Planning

We have continued to review planning applications as presented to us and have provided our response where appropriate. There have been no significant applications this year.

5 Common- Spraying

We continue to monitor Japanese Knotweed where it arises on the Common and then procure spraying where needed.

6 Operation Shield

This is an initiative by the local police force to provide Selecta packs which enable owners to label items with an invisible paint to identify these in the event of theft. The Parish Council has contributed to the cost of this and it was offered to all residents of the Parish. Thanks again to Councillor Clarke for delivering leaflets and attending several sessions jointly with the local Police to distribute kits. We had some kits left over and these are being offered to local parishes to defray some of the cost.

7 Finance

We have maintained positive finances although having contributed to the signage on Common Lane and the Police marking kits our funds are depleted somewhat. Thanks to our Clerk for keeping these in balance.

8 New Clerk

Following the resignation of our previous Clerk Liz McGrath, we have been pleased to have Shareen Worthington join us as our new Clerk and are very grateful to her for picking up the work so quickly following Liz McGrath's accident.

In conclusion, the Parish Council continues to press for improvements in all areas of the Parish.

It has been a pleasure to chair the Parish Council and I thank all my colleagues for all their continued efforts on our behalf.

Janet Winrow

Chairman 2018/2019