

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Snelson Parish Council held in Snelson Chapel Vestry on Monday 11th June 2012 at 8.00pm.

Present were Nigel Musson (Chair of meeting), Gordon Phillips, Eddy Hopkinson, John Firth, George Walton and the Clerk.

12.13 Apologies Les Stanier.

12.14 Election Of Chair – Nomination of Nigel Musson was proposed by John Firth and Seconded by Gordon Phillips. No other nominations were offered and Cllr Musson was willing to stand and duly elected.

12.14.01 Election of Vice Chair – Nomination of Eddie Hopkinson was proposed by John Firth and seconded by Gordon Phillips. No other nominations were offered and Cllr Hopkinson was willing to stand and duly elected.

12.15 Declarations of Interest – None

12.16 The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and with the date amended, signed as a true record.

12.17 Matters arising from the minutes – The Potholes, although some have been dealt with more need to be reported, especially on Common Lane. The road is also collapsing on Pepper Street near Holly House. **12.17.01 Cllr Firth is to let the clerk know the exact location so they can be reported online.**

Cllr Firth is concerned regarding the speed of traffic along Pepper Street, there seems to have been a reduction in speed in Over Peover with the installation of the speed signs. **12.17.02 the meeting resolved to add the issue of speed limits to the meeting's agenda on a regular basis.**

12.18 Broadband – Cllr Musson has had a meeting with Kathy Doyle from Over Peover and Neil Hanlon from Ollerton with Marthall parish councils. Joint with Julian Cobley and Andrew Arditty from Connecting Cheshire, the three groups are seeking a way forward. A minimum of 2MB coverage is to be achieved across Cheshire but in the 10% of the area where high-speed provision is difficult, alternative funding and local solutions will need to be found. The three parish

councils have agreed to work together to achieve this, once the definite locations of the hard to reach 10% has been defined.

12.19 Common Cllr Stanier is to action spraying of the Japanese knotweed on the common moved to next meeting as Cllr Stanier away.

12.20 Cheshire Railings – Cllr Hopkinson has the necessary contact number for a welder/contractor. He will arrange a mutual time for Mr Williamson, himself and the welder to meet up to try and renovate the railings.

12.21 Report From Cheshire East- Cllr Walton has become Mayor of Cheshire East and as such is busy in this role, However he is still available should there be any issues he can help with.

12.22 Highways – already covered in matters arising.

12.23 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – The area that needs to be looked at is the timing of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the annual parish meeting to meet statutory requirements. **12.23.01 the meeting resolved to adopt the financial regulations and Standing orders and implement the necessary changes to the meeting timetable to implement the necessary timings of the annual meetings.**

12.24 Finance -

Receipt of ½ year Precept	£1000.00
Receipt of non specific grant	£153.00
Frank Williamson Fee June- August	£162.50
Liz McGrath Clerk Fee & Expenses September –May	£422.19 VAT £6.27
HM Revenue & Customs	£97.50
Insurance premium	£144.59
ChALC Affiliation Fee	£35.70
JDH Business Services	£60.00 VAT £12.00

12.24.01 Meeting resolved to add all elected members to the list of signatories so to avoid changing signatories yearly.

12.24.02 The Annual return to HMRC has been submitted by the Clerk.

12.24.03 The Internal Auditors report was received by the meeting and noted that all recommendations had been implemented.

12.24.04 The Figures for the external audit and the annual statements of Governance were reported to the meeting. **12.24.04.01 The figures and statements were agreed by the meeting and the forms duly signed.**

12.24.05 BDO have been appointed by the audit commission to audit the accounts for 2012/13. The council had no issue with this appointment.

12.25 Planning – The following plans have been received by the council and viewed prior to the meeting. No comments were given to the applications.

12/1135M Woodside Farm - Proposed Silage Clamp APPROVED W/C

12/1374M Peover Grange – Time extension on existing permission

12/1617M Mere Hall – Single storey rear extension. Link and white render.

An approach has been made to the parish council regarding the possible installation of a telecommunications mast on Chelford Heath that will be accessed off Common Farm Lane. The Council has responded to say that they hope that the access will not have a detrimental to the road surfaces and that there will be minimal disruption to residents.

12.26 Correspondence received and noted from ChALC, Health watch, Connecting Cheshire, Cheshire East consultations, rural housing enabling guide. **12.26.01 the meeting resolved to write to all residents to canvass opinion on affordable housing on an informal basis so that the council is able to make informed decisions on the parishes' behalf.**

Next meeting is to be 10th September 2012 at 8pm.

Meeting closed 21.21 hours.