

# SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of a meeting of Snelson Parish Council held in Snelson Chapel Vestry on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7.45pm.**

**Present** were Les Stanier, Nigel Musson, Gordon Phillips, John Firth, Eddy Hopkinson, George Walton and the Clerk.

**11.11 Apologies** None.

**11.12 Declarations of Interest** – None

The minutes of the last meeting were read out and signed as a true record.

**11.13 Matters arising** from the minutes – Cllr Firth raised concerns regarding the increase in flooding and potholes on Common Lane. The concern is that if the gullies are not emptied then Heath Cottage is at risk of flooding. **11.13.01 the meeting resolved for the issue to be reported to the Andy Watson area highways officer and also to report both the flooding and the potholes online**

The Japanese knotweed is being dealt with by Fisher German on behalf of the Silcott estate. However the estate feel that there is little pint in them dealing with the issue if it is not brought under control on the common. The clerk was quoted £75 per spray but Cllr Stanier is confident he can get it done significantly cheaper. **11.13.02 the meeting resolved to empower Cllr Stanier to proceed with the spraying of the Japanese knotweed on the Common Land.**

Cllr Stanier had spoken to the owner of the Silcott estate regarding the Cheshire railings. He established an agreement that they would contribute to the cost of replacing or repairing the Cheshire railings on the Snelson Lane and Peover Lane. Other sources of funding are also to be explored with network rail; Manchester Airport and Stobbarts are to be approached to assist with the funding. The scrap value of the old railings could also help with the cost of repairing or renewing the railings.

The council also emphasised that they are facilitating the reinstatement of the Cheshire railing as part of improvements to the safety on the bends of the roads concerned, any aesthetic improvement to the parish is just an added benefit.

**11.13.03 resolution was made to obtain a quote for the repair and replacement of the railings on Snelson Lane Corner opposite Woodend Farm. Once obtained and responses regarding funding have been received a decision on how to proceed this can be made.**

Cllr Stanier has found a small spreader at Chelford Farm Supplies. It would take ½ ton of Grit and he is happy to store and maintain it on behalf of the parish council.

The councils insurance would cover any claims made against anyone using such an implement on the council's behalf. **11.13.04 The council resolved to find out the cost of the implement and depending on cost contact Over Peover and Chelford Parish council to see if they would be willing to join the parish council in purchasing and using during extreme weather.**

**11.14 Report From Cheshire East-** LAP Minor works list is to be a living document so the council were asked to continue to add to it by sending any additional items to George Walton. Current list has been split into minor works and maintenance and then minor works list is prioritised and work carried out according to priority. CE budget has an over spend of 16 million this is hoping to be minimised before the year end. LDF report has been completed and the results were circulated to the meeting. The Silver Bins have proved a success and are returning healthy revenue from the recycled items.

Town and Parish Conference had details of a move to an electronic planning system as well as reports on the rural LDF consultation and broadband provision. The details of the diamond Jubilee were also outlined. On that matter residents of Snelson have been invited by Over Peover to join in with their celebrations in June 2012. There was nothing to report from the parish planning network.

**11.15 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** – postponed to the next meeting. The Clerk pointed out that this was a recommendation of the internal auditor and needed to be done before the year end.

**11.16 Finance** – There were no receipts or invoices since the last meeting and the cash book and the bank statement totals match. The HM 2 ½ % consolidated stock has been sold for a value of £79.20. **11.16.1 The Council Resolved to donate £79.20 to East Cheshire Hospice, Cheques were duly signed by the chairman and vice chairman.**

**11.16.2 PAYE & NI** – the correct coding has been received and the PAYE and NI contributions are being deducted as necessary.

**11.16.3 Budget and Precept** – The budget was discussed and agreed to ask for a precept of £2000 for 2012/13. This would allow for the necessary funds to enable the parish council to contribute towards the cost of the Cheshire railings.

**11.17 Planning** – None received

**11.18 Website and Emails** – The Website is [www.snelsonpc.org.uk](http://www.snelsonpc.org.uk) and although it needs some more detail adding to it is up and running.

**11.19 Correspondence** received and noted from Chalc, Manchester Airport, Boundary Commission, Cheshire East, SLCC, NHS and CPRE. Cllr Musson asked for approval for him to follow up on the correspondence regarding the Clerks

contract of employment and the funding available for high speed broadband. The clerk recommended that Cllr Musson contact Over Peover who were working hard on the broadband front. The meeting gave Cllr Musson permission to proceed.

Next meeting is to be 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 8pm. Meeting Closed.