

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Eddie Hopkinson
Vice Chairman: Gordon Phillips

Minutes of a Meeting of Snelson Parish held in Snelson Chapel Vestry on Monday 15th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Hopkinson, Stanier, Phillips, Firth and the Clerk.

14.26 Apologies Cllr Walton has another parish council meeting and therefore may not be available to attend.

14.27 Declarations of Interest – None

14.28 Public Question time – None

14.29 To Fill Vacancies on the Parish Council – The PC has been approached by Janet Winrow who would be interested in joining the Parish Council but is unable to attend the Monday meetings. Therefore the meeting agreed to change the meeting dates to Tuesday 2nd December 2014, Tuesday 10th March 2015 and Tuesday 12th May 2015 to enable Ms Winrow to attend and introduce herself to the meeting with the view to co-opting her as a member of the Parish Council.

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

14.31 Matters arising from the minutes – none

14.32 Police report – PCSO Lindsay Whitehead attended the meeting and gave the following report to members:

18/08 A laptop was bought back from a victim at Chelford car boot sale.

Stolen goods are being sold here.

01/09 2 Males were seen looking into a property on Chelford road in Marthall in the early evening. When the caller went out to see what they were doing the both males ran away and got into a silver vehicle driving off at speed.

Cllr Hopkinson asked PCSO Whitehead if the installation of CCTV in the area would be of benefit. PCSO Whitehead said it is a useful tool for the police even an unmonitored system can be useful. However the sporadic nature of crime in a rural area could make the cost prohibitive.

Cllr Hopkinson asked the Clerk to look into the costs involved in CCTV.

14.33 Broadband – Date for the Chelford exchange to be enabled is now end of October 2014.

14.34 Common – Nothing to add. Clerk to continue to speak to Mr Curtis regarding the Common.

14.35 Highways – Cllr Firth has had telephone conversations and contact with both Andy Wilson and Simon Davies from highways. The road usage in the area has changed significantly over the years and as such this needs to be taken into consideration when repairing and planning repairs for lanes such as Common Lane and Mill Lane. The parking of cars along Mill Lane and the width of Common Lane makes it difficult for large vehicles to pass which creates issues with verges and deterioration of the sides of the roads.

The council would also like to look at imposing a lower speed limit on Pepper Street.

The meeting resolved to ask Simon Davies to have a site meeting to see first-hand the issues and discuss a way forward.

14.36 Finance –

The Comments from both the external and internal auditors were noted by the meeting.

The following Invoices were agreed for payment and signed by EH and LS

JDH Business Services LTD - internal audit	£89.76
Snelson Methodist Church – Room Hire 2013/14	£25.00
E McGrath –Clerks Expenses	£102.09

JDH Business services were appointed as internal auditor for another 12 months.

Budget – the issue of spreading grit on icy roads was discussed and the idea explored that we as a Parish Council pay CE to extend the gritting on the local roads. The Clerk felt tis will not be taken up by CE as it is already overstretched to do the areas already. Would it be possible to ask what other local councils do?

The Cost of CCTV is to be explored also as part of the budget setting process.

14.37 Planning. - None

14.38 Correspondence – a list was circulated to the meeting.

14.39 Items for the next Agenda

Future planning of Snelson PC

Budget and precept

Next Meeting 2nd December 2014 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm