

# SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SNELSON CHAPEL VESTRY ON TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7:30 PM

Present:

Cllr Gordon Phillips  
Cllr Janet Winrow  
Cllr Hazel Adern  
Cllr Les Stanier  
Cllr George Walton (Cheshire East Borough Council); and  
Cllr David Clarke

1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been sent by the Clerk and all Cllr's joined in sending best wishes again for a speedy recovery.

Apologies had also been sent by Cllr John Firth.

2 **Declaration of Interest in any Agenda Items**

None put forward.

3 **Questions from the public**

None put forward.

4 **Approved the minutes of the last meetings on 13 September and 6 December 2016**

Minutes of both meeting were approved but Cllr Walton commented that the minutes of Tuesday 6 December in relation to paragraph 8.3 (speed limits) were perhaps optimistic as apparently it is not yet definite that the work would be included in next years' budget, this is an aspiration.

Approval was proposed by Cllr Stanier and seconded by Cllr Phillips.

5 **To discuss matters arising from the minutes not already covered in the agenda**

Cllr Winrow updated the meeting on progress with the works to Common Lane/Mill Lane and the discussions Cllr Firth had been having with the Highways Department in relation to white lines down Pepper Street, repainting of the "SLOW" signs and the signage for a one way system down Common Lane. There were concerns apparently with the highway authority as to the white lines, in view of the fact that the road is not more than 5.5 metres wide along its length and we await the likely costs of the signage for Common Lane although the Parish Council has offered to contribute to the cost.

6 **Finance**

6.1 **To approve receipts and invoices for payments.**

In view of the Clerks' absence there were no receipts or payments to address. It was noted that the invoice for the spraying of the Japanese Knot Weed is still outstanding. The Clerk was to deliver cheque books but these had not arrived.

6.2 **To agree budget and pre-set requirement for 2017/2018.**

Cllr's discussed the budget put forward by the Clerk and all agreed that the Clerk's fee should rise in line with the appropriate recommended scale. The cost of the signage, i.e. a one way system round Common Lane, was noted as estimated and costs are still awaited.

There was some discussion regarding Operation Shield as to whether this was progressing as the relevant police officer was no longer in post. However, this would be left in the budget and considered further when further details were available.

The precept of £1,200 was therefore approved for submission to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Approval proposed by Cllr Adern and seconded by Cllr Stanier.

6.3 **To update on the Pensions Regulator.**

Cllr Winrow explained the position on pensions and the Compulsory Workplace Pensions and explained the Clerk was carrying out the necessary paperwork in respect of her potential entitlement to a Workplace Pension.

6.4 **Bank Mandate**

No papers have been provided by the Clerk; therefore nothing could be approved on this.

7 **Planning**

7.1 Cllr Walton confirmed that the Planning Application for Thorn Cottage was still pending on appeal and other planning applications had been seen by Councillors and no further comments made. Subsequent to the Meeting we have heard the Appeal has been

dismissed. Jayne Grant (owner of the adjacent house) was delighted and grateful to the Council for support.

8 **Correspondence**

None was produced as the Clerk was absent.

9 **Date of next meetings**

The next meeting and dates were agreed as follows:

- 9 May 2017
- 12 September 2017
- 5 December 2017

Meeting closed at 20:30.

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