

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 Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Hopkinson, Phillips, Firth and the Clerk.

Janet Winrow and Cllr Walton also in attendance

14.40 Apologies - none received

14.41 Declarations of Interest – None

14.42 Public Question time – None

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

14.44 Matters arising from the minutes

There was some confusion regarding the highways visit. Cllr Firth to pursue a meeting regarding the repairs to the junction of Mill lane and Common Lane and the increased use of Common Lane by heavy vehicles.

14.45 Broadband

Chelford Exchange has been enabled and three green boxes have gone live. The other boxes are hopefully to be enabled by end of December 2014, early January 2015.

Members were told that if they wanted to check what speeds they could expect and which cabinet they are connected to they should look at the BT ADSL CHECKER site.

The Clerk is to put this information on the website.

14.46 Common

Clerk to write to Mr Curtis regarding the Common and seek to find a way forward to create a usable space for the community. In the meantime work will continue in spraying off the Japanese Knotweed twice a year.

14.47 Highways

Cllr Firth is to arrange a meeting with 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 Use of Common Lane by haulage wagons is to be tackled by approaching the haulage firms directly asking them to refrain from using Common Lane as it is unsuitable. Cllr Hopkinson to confirm a list of hauliers to contact.

The Clerk has had one recommendation for a firm who undertake gritting and is to meet with them to agree a route and get a quote for the job. Areas to be covered are from the

footpath on Peover Lane to junction with Mill Lane. Left on to Mill Lane as far as first field. Then right along Mill Lane to Pepper Street and along Common Lane. Pepper Street is gritted as part of Cheshire East's scheme.

The Clerk is to try and get an additional quote if possible.

14.48 Finance

Receipts and Payments summary was presented to the meeting agreed and signed.

Budget – the Clerk has got a company recommended by SLCC for CCTV. The yearly maintenance is £2000. Cllr Hopkinson to look into a cheaper system and report back to the next meeting.

Also discussed was the possibility of replacing the noticeboard as it is becoming increasingly unstable. There has been a second hand notice board advertised by Comberbach Parish Council. The clerk is to come back to the council with some estimates should this second hand one not be secured.

The Budget was discussed in detail and then agreed by the meeting. A precept of £1200 for 2015/16 was proposed by Cllr Hopkinson and Seconded by Cllr Firth and agreed by the meeting.

No invoices have been received for payment but the clerk was expecting an invoice from the contractor who sprays the Japanese Knotweed. Should this come in before the next meeting the meeting agreed the clerk should pay it?

14.49 Planning.

14/5456M Ivy Bank – New access to property – No comment or objections.

14.50 Correspondence – a list was circulated to the meeting.

The Police report is to be put on the parish notice board and on the website.

14.51 To Fill Vacancies on the Parish Council – Cllr Firth Proposed that Janet Winrow be Co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously agreed.

Next Meeting 10th March 2015 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm