

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SNELSON CHAPEL VESTRY ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 7:30 PM

Present:

Cllr Gordon Phillips
Cllr Janet Winrow
Cllr John Firth
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 for a speedy recovery.

2 Declaration of Interest in any Agenda Items

None put forward.

3 Questions from the public

No questions had been put forward but Cllr's said that there have been local complaints of loose dogs in the area and a general request for dogs to be kept on leads. The view was that the Parish Council should support all local landowners in erecting signs encouraging dog owners to keep dogs on a lead, particularly where sheep were grazing. It was noted there are multiple dog walkers clearly walking dogs for more than one owner.

4 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

In view of the illness of the Clerk no minutes were available for approval.

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

Not applicable as above.

6 **The Common Land**

6.1 **Japanese Knotweed**

Cllr Stanier passed an invoice to the Chair in respect of work of spraying the Japanese Knotweed on the Common, although this is now dying back naturally. Clearly the spraying is necessary to prevent reoccurrence.

6.2 **Cutting back around power cables**

This appears to have been done and a number of trees have been reduced. In addition barbed wire has been largely removed but access is becoming more difficult as the area becomes overgrown. It was agreed to avoid any public liability for the Parish Council we would not pursue creation of paths etc.

7 **Finance**

In view of the illness of the Clerk no finance details were available.

The invoice for spraying of Japanese Knotweed would be sent to the Clerk and contact would be made as to how this would be dealt with if her illness continued.

8 **Highways**

8.1 **HGV route round Common Lane.**

No signs have been erected and this was in the hands of the Clerk to pursue with the Highways Authority.

Cllr Firth advised he had contacted the Highways Authority regarding white lines and new "slow" signs on Pepper Street and these were to be added following the resurfacing.

A blocked gully on Pepper Street had not yet been dealt with in front of the Chapel car park. A statement had been requested as to what the Highways intended to carry out.

8.2 **Verges and Corners**

Work was progressing on Mill Lane/Common Lane corner but this had been temporarily stopped owing to an electricity cable being too high. Responsibility was being debated between the Highway Authority and the Electricity Company. The resurfacing work would be done for around 20 feet from the junction of Mill Lane/Common Lane.

8.3 **Speed Limits**

Cllr Walton advised that surveys were being carried out and he had been informed by the Portfolio Holder that this would then be included in next years budget.

9 **Planning**

9.1

There was a discussion regarding the appeal by the owner of Thorn Cottage for construction of two dwellings in the garden area. Cllr Winrow confirmed she had lodged a response to the appeal to endorse the decision of the Planning Officer to reject

the application. Cllr Walton confirmed he had also lodged support of the Planning Officers' decision.

Concern was expressed at the increased effect of outflow from septic tanks in the field, which was another concern, should the appeal be allowed.

9.2 Pepper Trees, Common Farm Lane apparently has signs erected regarding construction of a garage but it is clear that Cllr's have not received notification of this application, owing to the illness of the Clerk. If the Cllr's want to object then a speedy response needs to be carried out through the Cheshire East Borough Council website and Cllr Walton confirmed the relevant application is number 16/5518M.

9.3 Another application in respect of Oak Tree House, Pepper Street has been submitted for a variation to a planning application to demolish and replace the house and, again, Cllr's have not been informed of this application. The reference number is 16/5594M.

10 **Correspondence**

Cllr Winrow confirmed she had written, on behalf of the Parish Council, to Laura Trott and Jason Kenny to express our pride in their achievement and our congratulations on their success. No response had been received. Cllr Walton confirmed they were to be applauded at the next days Cheshire East Borough Council meeting where there was to be a celebration of all Olympians and Para-Olympians in the area.

11 **Date of next meeting**

The 7th March 2017 as the next meeting and dates were agreed as follows:

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

Meeting closed at 20:30.
