

# SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of Annual meeting of Snelson Parish held in Snelson Chapel Vestry on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**Present-** Cllr Firth, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Stanier and the Clerk.

*Hazel Ardern, Dave Clark*

**15.26 Apologies** – Cllr Winrow, George Walton (Cheshire East Borough Council)

**15.27 Declarations of Interest** – None

**15.28 Parishioners Questions** - None

**15.29 Fill any Vacancies on the Parish Council** – There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. Cllr Firth Moved to Co-opt Mrs Hazel Ardern to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Stanier. The acceptance of office was signed and Mrs Ardern co-opted.

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

**15.31 Matters arising from the minutes** - None

**15.32 Noticeboards** – The New Notice board is in place. However there is no sign saying it is Snelson Parish Councils notice board. The Clerk is to purchase a suitable sign but in the meantime a temporary one has been displayed. Also displayed is the notice of the conclusion of Audit, details of the runway closures and details of the Parish Council website.

There was a discussion about what was required to be displayed on the website and the use of Facebook as a way of getting parish residents to engage with the website and therefore the Parish Council. It was agreed that the council should try and see if a Facebook page would indeed improve hits on the website.

**15.33 Common** – Mr Dave Clark attended the meeting and gave the council his opinion on a way forward for creating an amenity with in the common. The idea would be to create a looped walkway that, once cleared would be maintained to enable walkers to use the area. Mr Clerk is to give a quote for doing the work and Myles Dobell is to be asked to resubmit his costings.

There was some discussion as to the need for repeating the work undertaken in 2010 to clear some of the ponds to assist with drainage. At present this was not deemed necessary. However it was thought that repeated spraying off if the Japanese Knot weed would be beneficial. Cllr Stanier is to contact the contractor with regard to this.

**15.34 Highways** – The contractor contacted last year regarding the gritting has yet to come back with a price. The meeting resolved to speak to neighbouring parishes to see if this was something they would be interested in implementing thus creating a route that would be cost effective for any contractor. Given that the winter is fast approaching should a decision

be needed before the next meeting the clerk will call an extra ordinary meeting to reach a decision on this.

**15.34.01 Speed limits** – Very little progress has been made and the country lanes do not fall into the criteria for a reduction. It was resolved to leave this with Cllr Walton to move forward.

The issue of the safety of school children waiting for the school bus to Holmes Chapel in a morning was discussed. The Clerk is to ask if the PCSO can attend to try to prompt drivers to the risk?

**15.34.02 Road Surface** – this was again discussed in detail. Pepper Street and the corner of Mill Lane and common lane have been added to the works list for resurfacing and repair but it is now down to budgetary restraints as to when or if they will be done. In the meantime residents and councillors should report any areas that are in need of repair either online or by phone to Cheshire East.

**15.34.03 Heavy Goods Vehicles** – There was much discussion regarding this. The long standing concerns regarding the increased use of Common Lane by large HGVs and possible remedies are well documented, most recently in the Minutes of the Meeting of 12th May. These remain and are being discussed with Cheshire East Highways Dept in conjunction with Cllr.Walton. Added to this, a current specific concern is the severe erosion, caused by HGVs to the verges at the corners of Common Lane with both Mill Lane and Pepper Street. Highways have advised that any boulders or verge markers that are installed on the verge need to meet highway approval and anything that doesn't would leave the person who installed them liable to any damage caused to vehicles in the event of a collision. The meeting suggested that it might be an idea to get a scheme devised to improve the safety of the corner with the advice of highways. Suggestions such as raised curbs or reinforced walls were suggested.

**15.35 Public Rights of Way** – Cllr Firth has reported a number of stiles on the network that need repairing or looking into lowering to PROW department.

**15.36 Finance** – The receipts and Payments report was presented to the meeting and is attached to these minutes. The Bank reconciliation was accepted by the meeting and the invoices due agreed for payment.

It was noted the Auditors concern regarding the funds held by the council.

The Council have not reviewed the Clerks fee since the current clerk started some four years ago. It was suggested by Cllr Stanier that the fee should be in line with the fees received by the clerk from other councils. The Clerk is to look at this and advise prior to the next meeting.

There is a transparency fund available for assisting councils in the equipment needed to get the council information uploaded to a website. The Clerk is to look into the possibility of this helping to install satellite broadband as her property is not going to be covered by the Connecting Cheshire Scheme.

### **15.37 Planning**

15/3723M Proposed construction of an alternative outbuilding to that granted a positive certification in July 2013

HIGHFIELD HOUSE, PEOVER LANE, SNELSON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9AW

The Council considered this application and as it was a matter of planning law felt they had no comment to offer.

15/3795M Replacement dwelling inc. the demolition of existing dwelling, garaging and stables; construction of new dwelling; relocation of entrance gates.

PEOVER GRANGE, PEOVER LANE, SNELSON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9AW

The Council were in support of this application.

**15.38 Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Risk Assessment** – The Standing orders are to be amended to include email delivery of council papers. No amendments were deemed necessary to either the Financial Regulations or the risk assessment.

**15.39 Correspondence** – a list was circulated to the meeting.

**15.40 Matters for the next agenda** –

Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

Cutting of the trees where high voltage cables go through the common.

**Next Meeting** 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.35 pm