

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cliff Walsingham Vice-Chairman: David Clarke

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held remotely via Zoom at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th September 2020

Present: Cliff Walsingham (Chair), Janet Winrow, Hazel Ardern, David Clarke and the Parish Clerk

Members of Public: None

20.36 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Firth

20.37 Dispensation of Six Month Councillor Attendance Rule

Members decided against suspending the Six Month Councillor Attendance rule during the current pandemic situation.

20.38 Questions from the public and police report

There were no questions from the public and no reports of police incidents in Snelson. Cllr Clarke attended the remote PCC Conference in July and reported on incidents in the Cheshire area. It was noted that the Community Speedwatch Scheme has been reinstated. The Chair to establish contact with the PCC.

Action: The Chair

20.39 Declarations of Interest in any agenda items

There were no declarations of interest

20.40 Approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 7th July 2020

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record. To be signed by the Chair at the next 'physical' meeting.

20.41 Matters arising from the Minutes, not already covered in the agenda

There were no matters arising

20.42 Finance

- **Receipts and Payments Report**

The Receipts and Payments report, which had been previously circulated, was approved.

The possibility of incurring substantial additional costs over the proposed retirement village at Holly Tree House on Pepper Street was discussed. It was uncertain whether additional funding could be obtained from the precept due to the location of the proposed village being on the edge of the Marthall and Ollerton Parish boundary, although the major impact of this development would fall on this Parish and Pepper St in particular. This matter would be raised before the application for the ensuing year's precept is made.

20.43 Highways

Cllr Firth submitted the following update:

Overall, progress has been disappointing compared with that expected based on previous meetings/discussions with CEC Highways Department representatives. There have apparently been personnel changes and severe budget reductions coupled with increased demands due to bad weather, all of which, added to the continuing impact of Covid 19, impact adversely on the attention we can command despite regular expediting. The current position regarding the main items is as follows

1. Some potholes have been repaired but large holes still remain on Mill Lane (nearest end to junction with Pepper Street, along Pepper Street itself, Common Lane and Common Farm Lane. I have lodged a new complaint covering these during the past week and will follow up as necessary.
2. Still awaiting action on the road surface marking required at the junction of Common Lane and Common Farm Lane and promised for end August. Have, again, entered new formal complaint regarding this as "uncompleted work".
3. Two weeks ago an attempt was made, by Highways, to solve the flooding problem near Heath Cottage. The work was confined to clearing rather than repairing the drains and appears to have had some impact as the flood seems to subside slightly faster after heavy rains but is still unsatisfactory and we (the Cottage owner, Paul Kenyon and I) consider that drain repair/replacement, as carried out successfully some years ago, is again essential.

Contact with Highways will be maintained accordingly.

20.44 Planning

- **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The ecology survey was recently carried out with the results expected in two weeks' time. The Chair reported he was able to obtain an OS licence free of charge from Cheshire East. The draft plan is nearing completion and will be circulated shortly. An application has been submitted to Historic England for the listing of the Methodist Chapel.

An application for Longshott Farm is to be submitted following confirmation of the land tenure and the decision on the Chapel. Cllr Winrow agreed to carry out a Land Registry check.

Action: Cllr Winrow

20.45 Housekeeping and Maintenance

- **Approve Standing Orders and Risk Assessment**

Cllr Winrow had previously reviewed and approved the Standing Orders and Risk Assessment.

- **Personnel Meeting**

It was decided there was currently no requirement for holding a Personnel meeting. ChALC recently circulated the backdated pay increases for the current period of 2020/21.

20.46 Correspondence

A request was made by the agents of Astle Estate asking the Parish Council to confirm the Estate's ownership of the Common. After some discussion on the whole of the Common and its registration as 'Common Land', the members felt it was not necessary to endorse the ownership.

20.47 Items for the next agenda

Agree Budget

Set Precept

Set 2021/22 Meeting Dates

Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

The date of the next PC meeting is Tuesday 1st December 2020