

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 29th June 2015.

Present:

Councillors: Jackie Blackburn, Paul Duffy, Alan Brocklehurst, Tim Barlow, Rachel Robinson and Cllr Lesley Smetham (Cheshire East)

Members of the public: Mr Lewis

- 1) Apologies - Bernard Kellett
- 2) Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest based on the agenda - none
- 3) The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th May were approved as a true and accurate record
- 4) Actions from the previous minutes

The only outstanding action was the 2014 audit

5) Finance

The quotation for the payment of £155 + VAT for defibrillator installation was accepted and it will be installed outside the Parish Hall over the summer holidays.

ACTION - Jackie Blackburn to arrange installation

6) Planning

The planning schedule was noted and following that there was some discussion over the Prior Notification process. These applications do not come to the Parish Council for comment but do appear on the Cheshire East Planning Portal. These applications were just noted for information by the Council.

New footpath - there was a positive response to this change, and it was noted that there are no stiles on the new route

7) Community

Defibrillator training courses - 22 people have now been on these free Hearth Start courses run by Mike and Sally Ball. It was felt that a donation from the Parish Council would be appropriate. The Parish Council will also organise a rota to check the device each week.

ACTION - Jackie Blackburn to investigate a suitable amount for a donation

ACTION - Rachel Robinson to investigate possible options for a plaque

Lapwing Lake Footpath - The feedback from the Quarry Liaison meeting is that the car park is not a planning requisite and it was felt that even if this was implemented it would exacerbate the problem by attracting even more visitors. The issue with vehicles on the bridle path will be investigated.

Long term Quarry use - this was discussed and agreed that the Special Planning Guidance put in place by a previous Council should be reviewed.

ACTION - Rachel Robinson to send the Special Planning Guidance documents to Lesley Smetham

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8) Highways

Speedwatch - Twemlow Parish Council have asked to borrow our speed gun as they do not have one of their own. They understand that all users need to attend the training course run by the Police and only stand in the approved locations. It was agreed that they could borrow it with an understanding that all breakages would be paid for.

ACTION - Tim Barlow to investigate servicing options for the Speed Gun.

Traffic Counts - the count strips were put out and the locations amended. Paul Kenyon from Cheshire East has agreed to go through the data with the Councillors which can then be reported back at a future Parish Council meeting.

ACTION - Tim Barlow agreed to ask Cheshire Police for Road Traffic Accident (RTA) statistics for the roads in the village.

Tree on Village Green - lightening struck this tree and it has been reported several times as dangerous. Once it had been confirmed that Cheshire East own the Village Green the problem should be resolved over the summer.

ACTION - Jackie Blackburn to chase if required.

Verges on Salters Lane - the grass is encroaching on the footpath again. It has been reported to Highways but one option suggested by Councillor Smetham was to use Community Payback Services.

ACTION - Rachel Robinson to investigate Community Pay Back Services

No new potholes were reported

9) Any Other Business

It was suggested that we invite our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to a Parish Council meeting.

Finally it was noted that the 2nd Phase of BT Open Reach was happening soon in the village, giving us access to super-fast broadband.

NEXT MEETING: at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm Monday 27th July