

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 26 January 2015.

Present:

Councillors: Alwin Thompson (Chair), Richard Massey, Jackie Blackburn. Alan Brocklehurst, Paul Duffy, Rachel Robinson, Peter Stephenson. Two Residents.

The Chairman invited the member of the public to raise any issues of concern. One member of the public introduced herself as Mrs. Piggot who said there were two issues she wished to raise.

- Change of time for postal collection. Mrs. Piggot said that the collection time from the post box opposite the Methodist Church had changed to 9:00am before Christmas 2014 although the collection times at Windy Arbour and the Parish hall had remain unchanged. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Post Office asking that the collection time from the post box opposite the Church be changed back to 4:15pm.
- Increase in the volume of airplanes flying over the village. Mrs. Piggot said that she believed there had been an increase in the number of airplanes flying over the Village. She said she would provide the appropriate contact details in order to check if this was the case.

1 Apology - Councillor Lesley Smetham (CEC).

2 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest. - none.

3 The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4 Issues arising from the October meeting:

Septic Tank at Thorntree Bungalows - The Clerk reported the response he had received from Peaks & Plains indicating that the tank is now working as it should and that they are looking into two more areas:

- The drain runs and ventilation to the tank.
- The contents of the tank - whether there is anything going through that the tank can't process e.g. chemicals, cleaning products etc.

Peaks and Plains also indicated that these issues are being considered by a senior member of staff and that the Parish Council would be updated as soon as possible

Speed Indicator Device - The Clerk reported that the potential loan of the Speed Indicator device for a review at Gleadsmoss had been referred to Mrs. Val Burlison at CEC.

Cheshire Railings - the Clerk reported that the CEC website indicated that funds were available for Cheshire Railings but none were specified although it did say that joint funding partnerships would be given priority. Following discussions it was agreed that:

- The Parish Council would arrange to have the Cheshire Railings at Ivy Farm and Highways Garage repaired and charge the repairs to CEC as the work has been outstanding for some considerable time.

5 Finance

- Council approved the payment of £222 to Brocklehurst Construction Ltd for **drainage work on the Village Green**. This work was agreed at the September 2014 meeting of the Parish Council.

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- Council approved the payment of £500.64 to the **Clerk for salary and expenses** for the period August - December 2014.
- **Tennis Court** - Following the donation of £1000 to the Parish Hall Committee for re-surfacing of the Tennis Court it was agreed to invite Lisa Kennerley to the next meeting of the Parish Council for an update on the development plan for the Tennis Court.

6 Planning

- Council noted the latest planning schedule.

7 Community

- **Traffic Plan** - Council noted the updated (version 6) traffic plan. Following discussion it was agreed that references to 20mph should be replaced by 30mph and references to 40mph should be replaced 30mph. Jackie Blackburn wished to record that residents at Gleadsmoss still wanted to see a speed restriction in the area. (this has been included in the Traffic Plan.
- **Holmes Chapel Road A535** - following reports from a resident it was agreed that action was needed to reduce the number of accidents on the bend at Bomish Lane and a speed reduction be included in the Traffic Plan. **Community Pride Competition**- Council agreed to enter the competition for 2015. It was noted the two areas for improvement from the 2014 competition were:
 - Leaves in the telephone box
 - Varnishing the notice boards.

It was agreed that Jackie would seek to establish the level of use of the telephone box and Paul and Rachel would examine the possibility of treating the notice boards.

- **Royal Garden Party**- It was agreed that Alan Brocklehurst be nominated to attend.

8 Reports

- Council noted the latest **Highways Schedule**. It was reported that the potholes at the edge of the car park at the Parish Hall needed attention. The Clerk indicated that a number of issues had been outstanding for some time and it was agreed that he summarise these and ask what CEC's action plan was for the work.
- Council noted that latest **accident log**.

9 Any Other Business

- **Defibrillator** - Richard, reported that the Parish Hall Committee's insurers would not insure the defibrillator or any potential risks associated with its use. It was agreed that the Clerk seek to establish if the Parish Council's existing policy would cover the defibrillator and its use.
- **Website** - Peter indicated that the development link for the proposed new website would be made available from 27 January 2015.
- **Quality Councils** - Council noted the document circulated by the Clerk concerning the revised scheme.
- **Fly-tipping** - it was reported that the footpath outside Dairy House Farm, Whitecroft Heath Road was blocked by fly-tipping. Richard undertook to deal with the matter.
- **Jodrell Bank Cottages** - Rachel reported that she had heard that the University was proposing a new ten year plan and was concerned that this may deal any sale of Jodrell Bank Cottages which had still to be put on the market. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the University indicating that any delay in offering these properties for sale would be seen by the Parish Council as an act of bad faith on the part of the University.
- **Distribution lists** - Jackie reported that she had re-written the distribution list which could now be used as part of the Parish Resilience Plan to identify a Parish Councillor to shadow an area of the Parish.
- **Footpath outside the Post Office**- it was reported that leaves were blocking the footpath and spilling into the road. It was agreed that this be reported to CEC and that the Parish Council should

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introduce an additional “clean up day” to deal with issues such as this as a contribution to the Community Pride Competition.

- **Police Visit** - it was reported that the Police had visited at least two residents concerning a person who is defecating in fields.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm

NEXT MEETING: at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm Monday 23 February 2015.