

PEOVER SUPERIOR AND SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman – Phil Welch
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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 5pm on Tuesday 17th February 2026 at Over Peover Village Hall

Present: Councillors Phil Welch (Chair), Janet Winrow, Hazel Ardern, Richard Clarkson, David Whitmore, Ward Councillor Anthony Harrison and the parish clerk

Members of Public: Two (One part-only)

26.15 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Vicki Irlam, Stephanie Benson, Cathryn Ruddock and Cliff Walsingham

26.16 Appoint new councillor and receive their Declaration of Acceptance of Office form

Mr David Whitmore was appointed on to the council. The clerk received his signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and Register of Member's Interests form.

26.17 Note a councillor resignation and casual vacancy

It was noted that Cllr John Hehir has resigned from the parish council. The Clerk confirmed the returning officer has been notified and a casual vacancy posted. The parish council wishes to thank Cllr Hehir for his service and commitment to the council.

Following Cllr Hehir's departure, Cllr Whitmore offered to oversee the Speed Watch programme and Cllr Winrow offered to join the Educational Foundation as a trustee.

26.18 Receive questions or comments from the public

A member of the public asked for an update on the Snelson sign. The chair confirmed the parish council will be funding the cost and that Cllr Walsingham is in the process of acquiring the new sign.

Action: Cllr Walsingham

26.19 Receive declarations of interest in any agenda items (if any)

No declarations of interest were declared.

26.20 Approve Minutes of the last PC meeting on 8th January 2026

The minutes of the last PC meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

26.21 Discuss matters arising from the Minutes, not already covered in the agenda

Cllr Whitmore offered to make enquiries about a new date for the speed watch training.

Action: Cllr Whitmore

Cllr Clarkson to repair damage to the verge on Cinder Lane when the weather improves.

Action: Cllr Clarkson

The Chair met with CE Highways to discuss speed reduction measures in the village. Vertical measures were considered unsuitable on unlit roads so it was felt that chicanes along with speed indicator devices would be the preferred option.

Action: Chair

Cllr Harrison will continue to pursue CE Highways for the Section 106 funds Barclays paid for a bike lane to Knutsford, which was deemed impractical by Highways. It was felt the funds could possibly be diverted towards safety measures in the village. To be discussed at the next Barclays Liaison meeting.

Action: Cllrs Harrison, Irlam and Chair

Awaiting an update from Cllr Walsingham regarding the pond clearing and construction of the manhole.

Action: Cllr Walsingham

Awaiting an update from Cllr Irlam regarding photos of parking on the narrow section of road by The Dog pub.

Action: Cllr Irlam

The Chair will follow up with Christine Buckley in Enforcement regarding hardstanding at Highfield Farm and will look at the previous planning applications.

Action: Chair

26.22 Receive updates from the ward Councillor

Ward Cllr Harrison reported that Labour would like to increase the council tax rate by more than the 4.99% currently proposed. To be agreed at the budget meeting this month.

There was a vote of no confidence in the CEC leader and his deputy following the possible development of a new town in Adlington.

Following an increase in the precept, 30 PCSO roles will be lost rather than the original figure of 60, with many taking voluntary redundancies. There will also be an increase in warranted officers.

The government is making changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, the most significant of which is the removal of planning committees, with decisions instead to be made by planning officers.

26.23 Receive Gawsworth and Chelford Police Report

There were no incidents to report.

26.24 Receive an update from The Village Hall Committee

The committee has spent over £600 trying to repair the village hall roof but it is still leaking. Cllr Whitmore offered to look at the leak. The insurance for the hall is £2000. On behalf of the Committee, the chair and Cllr Winrow are due to meet with Mr Brooks in March regarding possible land for the new hall or potentially help with funds. The bank account is now open and funds from the Strictly fundraising event have been deposited.

Action: Cllr Whitmore

26.25 Receive an update from the NHP steering group

There were no updates from the group.

It was noted that CE has set out a new local plan strategy which will take it to 2030. It is calling for potential new development sites.

26.26 Finance

a. Approve the Receipts and Payment Report

The Receipts and Payments report was reviewed and approved. The Chair to authorise online payments.

26.27 Planning

a. Consider Planning Applications:

- i). **26/0353/PIP** – Land off Pepper Street, Snelson – Permission in Principle for the erection of a single dwelling. Deadline: 04/03/2026

Comment: The Parish Council has **no comment** to make on this application.

- ii). **26/0130/PIP** – Land at Holmes Chapel Road – Permission in Principle for the construction of 2 - 3 dwellings. Deadline: 05/03/2026

Comment: The Parish Council wishes to **support** this application.

Responses are submitted, and available to view, on the CE Planning website.

b. Consider any planning decisions

25/2830/FUL – Newhall, Stocks Lane: Approved with Conditions

25/2746/FUL – Snelson Methodist Chapel, Pepper Street: Approved with Conditions

25/2665/HOUS – Nine Oaks, Stocks Lane: Refused

25/1118/RES – Longshott Farm, Pepper Street: Approved with Conditions

26.28 Housekeeping and Maintenance

a. Review the parish field annual inspection report

The inspection report showed only minor issues at the parish field. Cllrs Clarkson and Whitmore offered to go through the report and fix the issues raised.

Action: Cllrs Clarkson and Whitmore

a. Receive updates on speed limit reduction, Planning Enforcement and Community Speed Watch, if not already covered

- i. Speed Reduction – Discussed under item 26.21
- ii. CE Planning Enforcement – Discussed under item 26.21
- iii. Community Speed Watch – Discussed under item 26.21

26.29 Items for the next agenda

Review footpaths

Meeting concluded at 6.45pm

The date of the next PC meeting is **Tuesday 24th March 2026**