

# **Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Plumley Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Present:** Cllr Sybil Crossman, Cllr May Taylor, Cllr David Nichols, Cllr John Wright, Cllr Tony Gabbott, Cllr Chris Wilson, Cllr Andy Shaw, Cllr Dennis Fairbrother, Cllr Jane Richardson, Cllr Jim Lloyd and Mayor George Walton.

**In attendance:** S Jones (Clerk)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Stephen Wharfe

**Police Surgery** - Started at. 7.30pm

PCSO Lindsey Whitehead 7.30pm

PCSO Lindsey reported that the Plantation workshops are going well, and she has scheduled a new meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December. SC mentioned that Andy Yates has had a number of break-ins therefore he she anticipated that he would be in favour of the surgeries. Lindsey suggested that she brings a police newspaper to the next PC meeting which has a survey on PCSO's in it.

MT commented that she had seen the SID outside the PVH, Lindsey confirmed that but also said the SID will not be put out in the cold weather now as the cold will damage it.

Lindsey said that on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov there was burglary on Malt Kiln Road, during the day time, also on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at Henshaw Green Farm. The thieves broke the door down and hit the dog. A Silver 4x4 was reported to have been seen near the scene of the burglary with 3 or 4 males in it. Also, men in 2 silver vehicles with Irish plates have been reported as selling power tools from the back of the car to farmers, if anyone sees these vehicles please contact Lindsey and don't buy anything from them.

SC mentioned there had been road traffic accidents at Heasome Green Farm, on main road at Toft.

DN commented that there had been no reports of youth activity at the Tennis Courts, PVH, since PCSO Lindsey put up the sign. Lindsey suggested taking the signs down for the time being.

DF thanked the local constabulary for calling in to let him know that his alarm had gone off last week.

Lindsey remarked that Cheshire Constabulary has a faster a response than other forces.

SC extended a thank you to Lindsey and wished her Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the residents and the Parish Council.

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**Meeting** started at 7.45pm

- 1. To explain the Evacuation procedure** – explained.
- 2. Public Session.** – There were none in attendance.
- 3. To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend.** – Apologies were accepted from Stephen Wharfe.
- 4. Declaration of Interests**  
To note any declarations of Interest need to be remade and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register. JR will absent herself on the Brook House Farm discussion in Item 19.
- 5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012.** - The minutes were approved, MT proposed & JR to seconded.
- 6. To note the following matters arising.**
  - Road Markings – see AW Note regarding policy with White Lines. Malt Kiln to Trouthall Lane, white lines down edge, if not both then on Village Hall only.
  - Movements of Fuel from MOD stores on Cheadle Lane - DN nothing to report as yet.

**7. Correspondence**

- Regarding the proposed meeting with Mike Jones, Head of CEC, - **ACTION: Clerk to Contact Mr Jones to find out the date. Date has been confirmed as 26<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm PVH.**
- Mail from a local resident regarding Brook House Farm – defer to planning item 19.
- PVH – Review of Hire Charges – this was noted by the Clerk for future reference.
- Gareth Abrahams – Photos of lorries, struggling to get under the trees from Brook House Farm on Trouthall Lane. The Clerk asked if there was anything that could be done to expedite the trimming of the trees. **ACTION: Clerk to send Photos to CEC Highways. In the meantime the branches have been trimmed.**
- Unauthorised change of use – Trout Barns – letter from Derek Ward at Planning Enforcement CEC (Business Use) a lot of vans are parked there. JL said deliveries have been calling at his house asking where the business is. **ACTION: ????**

**8. Special Dispensation to for Cllrs to Vote on Item 9 – all councillors to sign form provided by Clerk. Voted to grant dispensation.** All councillors present signed the forms and gave them to the Clerk. The PC voted unanimously to grant the dispensation to allow Councillors to Vote on the Precept/Budget proposals for 2013/2014 item 9 on the agenda. **ACTION: Clerk to keep forms on file.**

**9. Budget 2013/14 – Precept** – After some discussion the Budget for 2013/14 was calculated at £7300. AG proposed this was accepted and CW seconded the proposal. All councillors voted to accept the figure of £7300 as the precept amount for 2013/14. **ACTION: Clerk to send off precept form before 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**10. Community Resilience Plan – Jim Lloyd** – JL provided the telephone tree for review. DN suggested that if there is a disaster the mobile phone network is more resilient than landline service and that maybe mobile numbers should be on the telephone tree also. Additionally, each councillor should keep their own list of neighbours; this list should not to be kept electronically. JL asked AS and DF if they would help with contacts and good neighbour lists in Toft and Bexton. AG suggested that perhaps we should launch an appeal for people who would like to be helped if there is an emergency, in the newsletter, with form or tear off for reply. **ACTION: JL to update phone tree and pass to the Clerk for publishing. Clerk to put appeal in January Newsletter.**

**11. To receive Cheshire East Councillor’s report** – GW reported that Budgets for council tax, speed review for A34 and A50 from Lymm to Toft and Area review for LAP areas for roads were all current projects. There will be a higher spend on the roads in the next few years on general maintenance. Have emptied 60k of 88k gullies, all were full, to help with drainage. Ten new gritters have been purchased, with a new system for gritting which makes it cheaper, using brine. Spatial Development Team currently working on the CEC Development Plan. The Document has to come to the strategic planning board next week and then go to the Cabinet in December, 1000 pages. The document should be available to view in January; it will be available to view at Knutsford library. **ACTION: Clerk to put this in the NL, Development Strategy, Contact Spatial Planning to ask when it will be available.**

**12. Items for next issue of Newsletter** – Development strategy viewing in January (see 11 above)

**13. To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, village hall, parish plan, Home watch.** DMMO,- JW has sent one form back, awaiting 3 & 4 Ascol Drive, **CW to try to get forms back.** DN – WI have gifted £250 to PVH. JW – curbs are broken on PMR since the resurfacing. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Carol Concert with Mereside Brass at PVH, Donations gratefully received. Rural Touring Arts Production of “A Christmas Carol” – raised £150.

**14. Meetings** - External meetings relating to the Parish Council

**Town and Parish Council Meeting** – SC was unable to attend – no other attendees.

**CCA AGM** – Miriam O’Rielly from Countryfile gave a presentation at Vale Royal Abbey – SC attended.

**CEC Strategy Meeting** - JW to attend at Middlewich Community Church.

**15. To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish** – none reported.

**16. Finance**

16.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account	Business Premium Account (inc Earmarked funds)
	£	£
Balance brought forward.....	7335.84	5648.41
Less payments for October 2012.....	365.50	
Balance.....	<u>6970.34</u>	

	£
Earmarked funds	
Donald Sterling Legacy	367.67
Donation for daffodil bulbs	6.50
Playing Fields provision	3,050.00

16.2 To approve the following payments:

- £200.00 to S Jones. November Salary\*
- £50.00 to S. Jones. November payment for web site maintenance\*
- Toft Church Hall Invoice for May, June, July £12.50

- PVH Invoices for October Meeting £13
- Lithotech Invoice for Nov/Dec Newsletter £90

\*Total pay for S Jones £250 for November to be paid one cheque of £250. The financial proposals were accepted. Proposed a CW and seconded by JR.

**17. To consider risk assessment** - The risk profile of the PC's activities and responsibilities was reviewed and no significant changes were apparent or reported

**18. Christmas Website Banner Competition** – 11 entries have been received. **ACTION: Clerk to send suggestion for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners to all councillors.** Prize giving to be made at Carol Concert on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at PVH. AG – has Santa suit which he could make available for Afternoon Tea with Santa on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**19. Planning.**

**19.1** To note receipt of the following planning applications (with comments by the PC): JR left the room.

- **12/4166M** Use of a leisure/entertainment barn as ancillary accommodation with “The Barn Conversion” and the creation of a separate cartilage to that dwelling. Brook House Farm, Truthall Lane, Plumley, WA16 0UP.
- **12/4167M** Use of the Barn Conversion as a separate independent dwelling and use of land as garden in association with Brook House Farmhouse and the Barn Conversion (Certificate of Lawful Existing Use). Brook House Farm, Truthall Lane, Plumley, WA16 0UP. **ACTION: Clerk to send suggested comments to CEC Planning tomorrow with the addition of electoral role information and stating that the case has not been proven by the applicant.**

**19.2** To note decisions made on the following planning applications. JR rejoined the meeting.

- **12/3410M** Single-Storey Conservatory to Rear Elevation. Barnfield, Back Lane, Plumley, Knutsford, WA16 9SF. **Decision:** Approved with conditions.
- **12/3434M** Listed building consent for replacement windows. Sandy Lane Cottage, Sandy Lane, Toft, Knutsford WA16 8TL. **Decision:** Approved with conditions.
- **12/1532M** Erection of 8 No. Affordable Houses. Associated Parking and Landscaping. Construction of vehicular access. Land off Truthall Lane, Plumley, Knutsford WA16 0UG. **Decision:** Approved with conditions (see <http://doc.cheshireeast.gov.uk/NorthgatePublicDocs/07434064.pdf> )

**20 To note progress on outstanding issues**

<p>20.1 Plumley Smithy – DN &amp; SC to meet with Agents to discuss reinstatement of hedge and provision of footway.</p> <p>SC spoke to Knight Frank and hope to meet with Highways in December.</p> <p>Two signs for Carwash need to be removed (one on verge ask if Highways can get rid of it).</p> <p>SC, JR &amp; DN will ask if there can be some improvements to the area.</p>	<p>20.5 Holford Hall – Open Day and Footpath- wait to see what happens about the planning application for catering school.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Write to Mrs Frances Phillips – disappointed there was not an open day this year as promised.</b></p>
<p>20.2 Moorcroft access/roadway</p>	<p>20.6 Excess water – Cheadle Lane - DN asked JW for map as the dip in the road is getting bigger and it is now filling with water. As a separate issue, there is excess water on Cheadle Lane at a drain near the Peover Eye. Drain near the Peover eye is now flooded. Road impassable because of the drainage problem. <b>ACTION: Clerk to send note to Andy Wilson.</b> Road markings, white at edge and slow signs). CEC have responded to say that red backing to Slow's is not used anymore. An edge line is used generally to highlight a possible bad section of road or any possible hazard, in this case the bridge. We wouldn't carry the edge line down the full length of road in the hope to reduce vehicles speed; the vehicles are made aware of the speed limit with the signs and markings on the road. <b>When cold weather comes it ices up a third of the road. CEC Highways have replied to say that this is not as high a priority as other flooding issues at the moment. However, As soon as they can they will put the job through for piping up this section of verge.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to write to CEC Highways to say that the dip in the road is so severe that we would suggest that the next course of action is to close the road.</b></p>

20.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)	20.7 Salt Bins - Thanks to Stephen for putting salt in the bins. SC
20.4 Railings and Bollard at Smoker – these have been outstanding for 2 years. CEC Highways say that the railings have been measured but that CEC has removed funding for them to be installed. Awaiting decision on bollard.	

**21. To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters. – None.**

**22. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**23. Any Other Business**

- Street lights – an audit is still required. Completed by JL
- Defibrillator – Elizabeth Hall, JL said that the British Heart foundation give grants but in order to get the grant the defibrillator needs to be where anyone can access it.
- Housing needs survey – AG suggested that we ask Bob Vass for a suitable list of questions to use in a housing survey and any other information. ACTION: Clerk to ask for this information.

**Diary of events**

Date	Event	Time
30.1.13	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
27.2.13	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
27.3.13	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
25.4.13	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.00pm
25.4.13	Annual Parish Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	8.00pm
29.5.13	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Toft Church Hall	7.45pm
26.6.13	Parish Council Meeting, Toft Church Hall	7.45pm
31.7.13	Parish Council Meeting, Toft Church Hall	7.45pm
25.9.13	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
30.10.13	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
27.11.13	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm