

# Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Plumley Village Hall Committee Room. at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012

**Present:** Sybil Crossman, Tony Gabbott (left 9pm), Jane Richardson (left 9pm), John Wright, George Walton, Dennis Fairbrother, Andy Shaw, David Nichols, and Chris Wilson

**In Attendance:** Sharon Jones (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence:** May Taylor, Jim Lloyd

**Police Surgery began at 7.30pm** – PCSO's Jenny Regan and Greg Bithell

Slow signs were requested for the following events and locations

- 5<sup>th</sup> April for workday, either side of bridge.
- Jubilee weekend, just before Golden Pheasant and up to the shop.
- 30<sup>th</sup> June Village Fete – before shop and this side of railway bridge.

Speed watch – New courses will be available soon. Clerk to send Jenny Regan list of people wait for training.

**The Parish Council Meeting began at 7.45pm**

**Actions**

**1. To explain the Evacuation procedure.**

**2. Public Session** – there were no members of the public in attendance

**3. To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend-** Apologies received from May Taylor and Jim Lloyd. Jane Richardson and Tony Gabbott left at 9.00pm as they were feeling unwell.

**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 – None declared.

**5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

Note: AG said 6.9 needs to be amended to say that he requested the £100 for train was diverted to Station fund and not general funds.

Also to remove any reference to banks at station (12.3) from Minutes and from Newsletter article.

The minutes were approved with the above amendments – Proposer AG seconded by JW.

**6. To note the following matters arising.**

- Review information sent by Graham Walker, CEC Highways regarding the traffic lights on A556 at the Smoker. **ACTION-** Invite Graham Walker to a meet on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2pm(book committee room) to discuss the information he sent (Clerk).
- Safety of MOD Land near Holford Brine Fields – Second mail sent to MOD re signage – awaiting reply.
- Debris at entrance to Lime Beds (Ascol Drive) **ACTION:** Clerk to send letter to Natural England re Ascol Drive (lime beds)

Clerk

Clerk

**7. Correspondence**

7.1 Letter from S Morgan re Cutting Back of Hedge – **ACTION:** Clerk to write back to S Morgan saying that the hedge should be cut back to align with the curb and it must be kept trimmed back to the curb.

Clerk

7.2 Letter from Mrs Simkins re smoke from neighbor's burner – JR reported that the flu had been extended as Mrs Simkins requested. **ACTION:** AG to check that Mrs Simkins is now satisfied with the situation.

AG

7.3 ChALC Area Meeting Proposals - Consultation – Closing date for comments 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012. **ACTION:** Clerk to send copies to CW, JR & SC.

7.4 Thank you letters from St Oswald's Lower Peover and St John's Toft Churches for PC donations for churchyard upkeep.

7.5 ChALC courses- **ACTION:** Clerk to send copies to SC & JW

Clerk

## 8. Plumley Station Work Day & Villagers Litter Pick

- JR asked about reconciliation of donations with what will be purchased with the money. SC agreed that there is a requirement to verify how much is donated. Independent treasurer should be appointed. JR mentioned there is a rate payers association in Plumley, treasurer is Shaun Lane, 17 Yew Tree Road, Plumley. It was agreed that AG would approach Mr Lane for help. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate Collection tins (sealed) and a receipt book for larger donations.
- Community payback will not be involved on 5<sup>th</sup> April, due to Health and Safety regulations. SC mentioned that judging for the Community Pride Competition starts in April and ends in June. It was agreed that for litter picking the village would be divided into regions and allocated to each councilor. CW will do Ascol Drive, AG will do PAST to the Chapel (but will need another 3 people to help), JW will do the Chapel to Station. SC will do Yew Tree Road to Chapel Corner to Village Hall. GW to request Litter Picking Tools from CEC, to be delivered to SC. The A556 is CEC responsibility, GW to ask if CEC will arrange a litter pick from Ascol Drive to Plumley boundary just north of the Smoker including the triangle.
- Andy Yates at Plantation will donate labour and some materials for raised beds at the Station. He will also level the grass. AG will approach someone about turf. Local farmer to take away any rubble.
- Clerk circulated revised article for Newsletter and requested comments by 1<sup>st</sup> March.  
**ACTION:** Community Pride Forms - Clerk to get them from AG and submit by 9<sup>th</sup> March.

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Clerk

CW, AG, JW  
SC  
GW

Clerk  
Clerk

9. **Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** – Update from JW & SC – see attached notes from the Jubilee Celebrations Meeting, next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Crown. DN asked for clarification on the activities to be held in Plumley. JW indicated that there will be a lunch on the Sunday at the Golden Pheasant, Plumley and the villages picnic at PVH, with mini Olympics. Picnic will not be ticketed (tentage is available if weather is not so good and there is a 150 person limit in the hall). Everyone will bring their own picnic (extra food for walkers and bikers to be discussed at a later date. SC to speak to WI about this).

SC

**ACTION:** Clerk to submit form to claim £100 grant for Plumley Village Jubilee Picnic and Competition event.

Clerk

10. **Olympic Flame Banner Competition** – JR reported that the Brownies at Toft, the Chapel, and another Brownie pack were entering the competition. The closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a collection box for entries in Knutsford. GW may be invited to be a judge for the competition.

### 11. Annual Parish Meeting – see AOB.

### 12. To receive Cheshire East Councilor's report.

GW indicated that it was possible that Plumley may get additional monies when precept is paid. Clerk should receive notification shortly.

GW presented a map of “developable” land in the Knutsford area for councilors to view. SC confirmed that the requested road repairs on Yew Tree Road had been completed by CEC Highways as well as sorting the holly tree near the shop.

13. **To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, village hall, parish plan, Home watch.** JW mentioned there had been a communication regarding the footpath witnesses for the Lime Beds footpaths. SC asked JW to inform DMMO that Ken Gill is not in good health and should be approached as a witness asap. Janet Woolridge dob can be found from Neville Baker or Jean Mergatroyd. Village Hall access bus pull in, hedge is to be cut back to allow greater visibility.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to CEC re Rural touring arts production last month, hall was full. Money to go to Fete.

Clerk

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

- 14.1 Invitation to attend Connecting Communities meeting event 7<sup>th</sup> March, Crewe.- No council members to attend.
- 14.2 Reports on Meetings attended by Parish Councilors  
SC went to Chalc meeting about Local area Partnerships/AMGs on which she sits as a P

Council rep

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

16. Finance

16.1 Clerk to present forms to add Cllrs as signatories for signature. – Signatories form signed and authorized, awaiting personal details from JR and AG – ACTION: Clerk to send forms to bank.

Clerk

16.2 To note the current financial position.

Community Account	Business Premium Account
£	£
Balance brought forward, .....	7570.93 .....2 223.68
Less payments for Feb 2012 .....	<u>289.00</u>
Balance.....	<u>7281.93</u>
Total balance incl Earmarked funds ... <u>7281.93</u>	

Earmarked funds	£
Donald Sterling Legacy	367.67
Donation for daffodil bulbs	6.50
Tercentenary Lower Peover School	190.00
Playing Fields provision	2,250.00

16.3 To approve the following payments:

- £200.00 to S Jones. Feb Salary\*
- £50.00 to S. Jones. Feb payment for web site maintenance\*
- £39.00 to PVH for hire of Committee Room for October, November and January PC Meetings.

\*Total pay for S Jones £250 to be paid as one cheque

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. Planning.

18.1. To note receipt of the following planning applications (with comments by the PC):

- **11/4361M** Conversion of former barns to a residential dwelling ancillary to the main dwelling, Holford Mill, Chester Road, Plumley, Knutsford, WA16 0UA. **Comments: If planning permission were granted there should be a condition that the barns remain ancillary to the house and not as a separate dwelling. Plus Sybil’s comments about the road.**
- **12/0551M** Outline Application for Two Storey Proprietary Manufactured Oak Framed Dwelling. Pippin Cottage, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford, WA16 9SB. **Comments: There is no good reason given for this property to be built other than for commercial gain and furthermore it is in the greenbelt. Objection.**

**ACTION:** Clerk to submit planning responses by 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Clerk

18.2 To note the following planning decisions by Cheshire East Council:

- **11/0311M** Yew Tree Farm, Middlewich Road, Toft, Knutsford, WA16 9PG. Proposed Re-Siting of Access to Yew Tree Farm and Neighbouring Field. **Approved with conditions.**

**Note: This item was originally registered in February 2011 but was delayed for a year to allow for a survey of the local bat population to take place. The PC was given the opportunity to make comments at the time of the original registration.**

- **11/4254M** Change of Use of the Existing Barn at Holford Hall to Create a Cottage Kitchen School. **No decision.**
- **11/4212M** Single Storey Extension, Grey Dawn Cottage, Pinfold Lane, Plumley **Application Refused - failure to comply with rural extension policy.**
- Application No **11/3852M**. Replacement of conservatory with orangery. Single storey rear and side extension, part rear extension to be two storeys. Conversion and extension of garage for ancillary accommodation. Bowmans Cottage, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9RT. **Approved with conditions.**

**19. To note progress on outstanding issues**

19.1 Plumley Smithy – write to Cheshire East, to check to see if result of alleged legal action regarding the gates. CW spoke to him and he is willing to move signs if we so wish. (Alter position) will decide what to do after the meeting with Graham Walker from CEC Highways.	19.6 Holford Hall – Open Day and Footpath - wait to see what happens about the planning application for catering school
19.2 Land adjacent to Car wash – A556- CW – overgrown now and cannot see rubbish (remove )	19.7 Fly tipping – Moss Wood – AS has resolved this with Meller Braggins (remove )
19.3 Moorcroft access/roadway	19.6 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. Subsidence is ongoing and still developing – urgent attention required. <b>ACTION: Clerk to write to Andy Wilson.</b>
19.4 Plumley Moor Road - speedwatch	19.9 Plumley school bus
19.5 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)	19.10 Tree with loose branch to be felled – done – (remove)

**20. To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters** – SC sent two this month.

**21. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

**22. Any Other Business**

SC mentioned the TOTC production on 8/9/10 March, tickets are still available.

The Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting was circulated, Cllrs were advised that they would be required to present a short report on their area of responsibility.

SC and JW raised the matter of the public consultation with Cheshire Peaks and Plains on 12<sup>th</sup> April regarding the Village requirements for affordable housing. CW mentioned that there was outline planning permission for a piece of land off Truthall Lane. **ACTION:** Clerk to try to find a planning application on CEC site. Also Clerk to look for a letter we wrote to Sanctuary housing.

All

Clerk