

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Plumley Village Hall Committee Room. at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 28th March 2012

Present: Sybil Crossman, Tony Gabbott, Jane Richardson , John Wright, Andy Shaw, David Nichols(arrived 8.30), Chris Wilson, May Taylor, Dennis Fairbrother and Andy Shaw

In Attendance: Sharon Jones (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Jim Lloyd, George Walton

Police Surgery began at 7.30pm – PCSO’s Jenny Regan and Greg Bithell (were not available)

Clerk read report from Jenny.

DN – theft of lead

SW – asked if you can swap parishes to do speedwatch so that you are not speedwatching your neighbours!

The Parish Council Meeting began at 7.45pm

Actions

1. **To explain the Evacuation procedure.**
2. **Public Session** – Mrs Pam Arnfield joined the meeting.
3. **To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend-** Apologies received from George Walton.
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 29th February 2012.** The minutes were approved subject to the following changes: Clerk’s salary and web dates to be changed to February. Item 19.8 Water on Cheadle Lane – to be corrected to show there are two separate issues. **ACTION:** Clerk to make changes and publish minutes.

The minutes were approved with the above amendments – Proposer Andy Shaw, seconded by Dennis Fairbrother.
6. **To note the following matters arising.**
 - Report from the meeting with Graham Walker CEC Highways – SC commented that it was a very useful meeting. Two important points have come out of it.
 1. A 1 second delay will be added to the light change on 2 sequences (on turning left out of PMR onto A556) to allow for the possibility of cars on A556 jumping the lights.
 2. CEC Highways are installing remote traffic light equipment so that they can monitor how the traffic lights are operating in Crewe. If there is a manual override for the lights (ie the Cheshire show) the lights need to be reset to auto, seems this is not always done. The remote facility could be added to the lights on A556, the Parish Council has requested that we go to top of list to use a remote reset facility. Graham Walker will try to expedite this before the Cheshire Show.

DN confirmed he did not talk to Graham Walker re the signs on the pavement and verge at PAST as vision is already obstructed by the Smithy building and the signs would not make the visibility for cars exiting PMR any worse.

SC noted that the railings on corner of PMR outside the Smoker have been damaged, and there is also damage to a bollard. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform Andy Wilson.
 - Safety of MOD Land near Holford Brine Fields –AMCO have confirmed that the signage on the gates has been replaced. SC went to check and the signs on the gate have been changed but the concrete board has not had new signage (refers to trespassers). SC spoke to someone at the site who confirmed that there is likely to be a change of ownership of the site in the near future. **ACTION:** Clerk to go back to AMCO to request the board is also updated.
 - Debris at entrance to Lime Beds (Ascol Drive) – Natural England confirmed they have spoken to Paul Antrobus (Owner) and he will remove the debris. **ACTIONS:** AG will check it has been removed before the next meeting. Clerk to check the ownership of the lime beds as Mrs

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Phillips (Holford Hall) may have an interest in the property.

- Letter from Mrs Simkins re smoke from neighbour’s burner – JR reported that the flu had been extended as Mrs Simkins requested. There has been no further communication from Mrs Simkins. (Remove)

7. Correspondence

- The Parish Council has received 13 letters from residents regarding the proposed development on Trouthall Lane. None of the letters received so far have been in favour of the development.
ACTIONS: Clerk to send all residents letters which have not gone to CPP already to CPP. Clerk to send Equality letter to Planners for their consideration.
- A556 Bowden Interchange – SW reported that Tabley Parish Council are sending a newsletter to all villagers to ask them to complain individually to Highways and state that they want to revert back to the online route. **ACTIONS:** Clerk to ask Clerk at Tabley for their response and to talk to the Clerk at Millington too. SW to ask his son to send the technical information to support objections to proposal to Cllrs. Clerk to compose a response and send by 16th April.

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8. Plumley Station Work Day & Villagers Litter Pick

AG reported that the litter pick has already taken place. There are a few volunteers for the work day. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact CEC to cancel litter pickers and ask for bags to be delivered to AG. Notice board and seat need cleaning up – AG will do this and secure the metal posts so no-one will get hurt.

Clerk

9. Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – next meeting is 11th April at the Crown LP.

SC talked through the minutes of the last meeting and the programme of events.

Risk Assessments for Plumley bike ride and walk and picnic – **ACTION:** DN to complete a risk assessment for the events in Plumley.

DN

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 30th March. JR reported that the two entries, one for chapel and one for WI, were fantastic! George Osbourne and Stewart Gardener will be judges. The route for the flame through Knutsford.

11. Annual Parish Meeting – ACTION: Clerk to check if JL needs any help with presentation.

Clerk

12. To receive Cheshire East Councillor’s report – GW not present

13. To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, village hall, parish plan, Home watch.

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 Clerk to attend Audit Commission Update and SC & JW to Attend Chalc Planning Course.

14.2 Reports on Meetings attended by Parish Councillors - SC met GW at the site on Trouthall Lane, at his request. The representative of CPP also attended. Nothing was said that the PC were not already aware of. SC also mentioned an article in the Knutsford Guardian re the CPP Ollerton development. CPP still need to prove there is a need for the housing.

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 proof of ID from JW, AG, CW, AS – **ACTION:** Clerk to send forms to bank.

Clerk

16.2 To note the current financial position.

Community Account	£	Business Premium Account	£
Balance brought forward,	7253.93	2 223.68
Less payments for March 2012	<u>475.24</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

Balance 6778.69
Total balance incl Earmarked funds 6778.69

16.3 To approve the following payments:

- £200.00 to S Jones. March Salary*
- £50.00 to S. Jones. March payment for web site maintenance*
- £90.00 to Lithotech for March/April Newsletter
- £13.00 to PVH for hire of Committee Room for February PC Meeting.
- £120.72 Parish Clerk's Expenses (including £28.00 to Community Pride 2012 - Entry Fee and Fees for new e-mail account)

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

The Parish Council agreed to put £800 from this year's budget towards playing field fund. **ACTION:** Clerk to amend spreadsheets and ear marked fund)

Clerk

16.5 Non Specific Parish Grant - £732 – how do we want to spend it?

SC suggested the purchase of 4 salt bins to be located at Village Hall, Yew Tree/Trouthall Lane, Ascol Drive and Toft Church. Total would be £420. We would need to notify CEC Highways of the location of the bins. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate sizes and prices.

Clerk

AG suggested £250 for the Station Project – AG will get an idea of cost so it can go on the agenda.

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.

- Jubilee Picnic and Bike ride/walk, tug of war, mini olympics and decorated bike. DN was asked to do the risk assessments.
- Station Work Day – AG to delegate the task of doing the risk assessment. Specific jobs will be allocated to individuals to reduce the risk.

18. Planning.

There was a discussion regarding Meadowside, on PMR – there are grounds to suspect that the building at the end of the garden is being used as a residence.

And some discussion on Keepers cottage, off Cheadle Lane - there are grounds to suspect that the garage is being used as a residence. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact CEC Planning

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

- **12/0787M** Single storey kitchen extension and first floor en-suite extension to side of house, Corda, Plumley Moore Road, Plumley, Knutsford, WA16 0TU. **Comments: The extension it is near to the boundary maintenance would be difficult in future.**

18.2 To note the following applications awaiting decisions by Cheshire East Council:

- **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. Our concern is Highways, we feel this conversion is likely to lead to increased traffic. Mill lane is narrow and gives access to a public footpath; it is adjacent to the notorious A556. We feel Mill Lane should be a left turn in/left turn out only. Therefore the applicant should agree and pay for the suggested alterations to traffic management. No decision.**
- **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. No decision.**
- **11/4254M** Change of Use of the Existing Barn at Holford Hall to Create a Cottage Kitchen School. **No decision.**

19. To note progress on outstanding issues

<p>19.1 Plumley Smithy – write to Cheshire East, to check to see if result of alleged legal action regarding the gates – No reply as yet.</p>	<p>19.5 Holford Hall – Open Day and Footpath - wait to see what happens about the planning application for catering school. Holford Hall diverted footpath, there is a pedestrian gate which looks as if it is locked with a bolt and padlock (when in fact it isn't).</p>
<p>19.2 Moorcroft access/roadway</p>	<p>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. ACTION: DN concerned that the dip is really very bad, will send e-mail for Clerk to send to A Wilson.</p>
<p>19.3 Plumley Moor Road - speedwatch</p>	<p>19.7 Plumley school bus – 8th Feb JR wrote to ask if pickup can be in PVH car park. JR has chased but not had a result yet. DN said that the visibility from the entrance to PVH car park is being addressed as a separate matter.</p>
<p>19.4 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)</p>	

20. To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters – There are 3 letters to send.

21. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Thursday 26th March 2012 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.00pm.

22. Any Other Business

- SC and JW raised the matter of the public consultation with Cheshire Peaks and Plains on 12th 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.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to look for a letter we wrote to Sanctuary housing (no letter found on file)
- **ACTION:** Clerk to contact insurers AON again to get quote for annual insurance.

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Cllr Sybil Crossman