

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

Plumley Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 26th September 2012

Present: Cllr Sybil Crossman, Cllrs Tony Gabbott, Cllr John Wright, Cllr Stephen Wharfe, Cllr Andy Shaw, Cllr Dennis Fairbrother, Cllr May Taylor, Cllr Chris Wilson

In attendance: Sharon Jones (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr David Nichols, Cllr Tony Gabbott, Cllr Jim Lloyd and Cllr Jane Richardson

Notes from the Minutes of the Meeting

Police surgery started at 7.30pm – PCSO Gregg Bithel

SC offered condolences for the death of the two police officers in Manchester. And sympathised with the Police because of the abuse the police officers received recently from the Minister at the houses of parliament recently.

PCSO gave an update on the speed campaign. JW – said he would like to join speedwatch and volunteered to be trained. There was some debate on the effectiveness of speedwatch and police speed traps, but the consensus was to continue with the current campaign and to find out how much 2 sides would cost (one for each end of the village). May be there would be enough interest to raise the money within the village.

PCSO mentioned that the more people who are trained the better. The speedwatch rota. Speak to Jane??

SC mentioned the videos that are shown to people caught speeding. Bertie – 20 minute drama with very graphic details is shocking and helps people understand why they should not be speeding.

SC asked if the Fire Service could attend the Annual Parish Meeting and show speeding videos – Bertie. **ACTION: Clerk to talk to PCSO Lindsey Whitehead about this.**

Councillors were also concerned about the size of lorries going over the bridge.

JW asked if PCSO Lindsey Whitehead could put something into NL about it being an offence to park on the pavement.

Meeting started at 8.07pm

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 were accepted from Jim Lloyd, Jane Richardson, Tony Gabbott, David Nichols and George Walton.
4. **Declaration of Interests** – none
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2012.** The minutes were approved with some wording changes to the Police Surgery report and a change from hedges to verges in item 11. Proposed by MT and seconded by CW.
6. **To note the following matters arising.**
 - Salt Bins Update - bins are now in place at the junction of Yew Tree Road and Truthall Lane, Ascol Drive, and Plumley Village Hall. SW to arrange to fill the salt bins. If there is any left from Ascol drive SW to take it to PVH. In newsletter need to mention salt bins and refer to SNOW Guide (highways, find this and put it on the web site look at Newsletter for 2010).
7. **Correspondence**
 - Acknowledgement of comment on Planning Application for Crematorium at Lach Dennis. SW asked who made the application for the ACTION: Send link to Cheshire west west site planning application for crematorium.
 - Audit Commission Letter – Notification of Auditory for 2012/2013 **Route for traffic is an issue – SC.**
 - Letter from Tatton Estate regarding Knutsford Town Strategy
 - Letters from Tina Burns – ACTION: Clerk to send to all councillors.
8. **Plumley Station** – Cllr Gabbott was not able to attend however he had told the Clerk that work is progressing slowly because of the weather.

9. Knutsford Town Strategy Response - SC mentioned that she could not believe that the new hospital has not been mentioned. Knutsford Guardian article said it would be on old hospital site. Highways considerations have not been made for traffic getting to the site and insufficient car parking space for patients and workers at the hospital. SC said it is unclear what mixed use means, is there provision for residential homes for the elderly, sheltered housing etc. SC mentioned 38 degrees e-mail, Virgin healthcare at Tatton. Send the notes from the meeting in as a response from the PC. **ACTION: Clerk to send response on behalf of PC.**

10. New Precept Proposals - this needs to be looked at in more detail.

11. Adoption of new code of Conduct - Clerk requested to check with Jackie weaver to find out when the last date this can be done by. SC believed it does not need to be done until the next election in May 2014. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Chalc.**

12. Newsletter Distribution - SC recapped on the problems with the Chris will collect and fold and deliver to deliverers. **ACTION: draft letter to glen regarding changes.**

13. Web Site incl Community Resilience Plan - JL has committed to getting this together by end of October. A copy of the completed plan should be kept in the Village Hall. There should be a only a small number of contact numbers. Clerk to request a copy during October to put into the Newsletter. Maybe PC should compile a list of vulnerable parishoners, in order to be pro-active in an emergency rather than wait till they call for help? **ACTION: JL to look at feasibility of a list of vulnerable parishoners.**

14. To receive Cheshire East Councilor’s report – GW not in attendance.

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

- PCC (Police Crime Commissioner) Elections 15th November– PVH will be a polling station.
- Footpaths – JW has told DMMO about Mr Gill. The Lucas’s have sent in an additional form and it is now 13th on the list. This will be reviewed again in December. **ACTION: JW to write something for Newsletter to invite people to witness the footpath in use. SC suggested that JW approach Harry Kennedy.**
- Trouthall Lane - at the moment because the PMR is being resurfaced, Trouthall and Back Lanes are being used extensively. However, because the roads are narrow cars are driving on the verges and the road is muddy. Can we request a road sweeper to get rid of the mud on the road.
- **Street lights near shop and village hall, several lights not working (also write to AW).**
- **Railings and bollards at the smoker (write to AW)**
- **Road markings, white at edge and slow signs – (write to AW)**

16. Meetings - External meetings relating to the Parish Council

- Invitation From J Dwyer – Conservative Candidate for Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner. No-one able to attend.
- Macclesfield area meeting – sc reported that all the town strategies were discussed.
- Mobberley Civic sun 14th Oct – ask David if he can go. David was unable to attend. Clerk sent apologies.
- CPFA - AGM – e-mail SC information for A Thompson
- Chalc AGM
- Community Pride Awards 4th October, Middlewich - SC & AG to attend
- Ineos Meeting, 2pm 19th October, Holford Brine Fields Offices – CW to attend. Send minutes.

To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish - GW had e-mailed details of a RTA on Middlewich Road just past Heesom Green Farm. There was a car in the ditch with Ambulance and Police in attendance. Probably happened around 6 on 24th September.

17. Finance

18.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account	Business Premium Account (inc Earmarked funds)
	£	£
Balance brought forward,.....	5064.34	5648.41
Payments Received – Precept	3472.50	
Less payments for August & September 2012.....	864.00	
Balance	<u>7672.84</u>	

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

18.2 SC explained the additional payment to the clerk.

The following payments were approved (proposed by SW and seconded by CW)

- £200.00 to S Jones. August Salary*
- £50.00 to S. Jones. August payment for web site maintenance*
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- £64 to S Jones for attending Neighbourhood Plan workshop (8 hrs)
- PVH Invoices for Public Meeting in May & Community Spirit Meeting £36
- Lithotech invoice for Sept/Oct Newsletter £90
- Chalc - Chairmanship Course fee £30
- Audit Commission – Audit fee 2011/12 £144.00

*Total pay for S Jones £500 for August and September to be paid as two cheques of £250 each.

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

20. Standing Orders – CW proposed, DF second, the PC voted unanimously to adopt the new standing orders.

21. Planning.

There was a further update to the application at Windmill Wood. The Parish Council response – the parish council objects to the application as it is an inappropriate development in prime greenbelt/ancient woodland. Proposed by SC and second by MT.

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

- **12/3434M** Listed building consent for replacement windows. Sandy Lane Cottage, Sandy Lane, Toft, Knutsford WA16 8TL. **Comments:** Awaiting Comments. To be submitted by 10 October.
- **12/3117M** Children's climbing frame and outdoor seating area. Sapling Home Farm, Ullard Hall Lane, Plumley, Knutsford WA169GE. **Comments:** No Objections.
- **12/1532M** Erection of 8 No. Affordable Houses. Associated Parking and Landscaping. Construction of vehicular access. Land off Truthall Lane, Plumley, Knutsford WA16 0UG. **This application has been approved subject to a bat survey. The application will not be updated to approved status on the web site until the results of the survey have been reviewed.**

21.2 To note the following decisions on planning applications by Cheshire East Council: -

- **12/2321M** Regularisation of current use of existing stable yard & demolition of shed situated at Hucknall Farm to be rebuilt at the stable yard. Moss Equestrian, Ullard Hall Lane, Plumley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9PJ. Comments to be submitted by 9th August 2012. **Decision: Refused.**
- **12/1358M** Proposed Stables and Manege. LAND AT CHEADLE LANE, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, WA16 9SW. **Decision: Approved with conditions.**

22. To note progress on outstanding issues

22.1 Plumley Smithy – DN & SC to meet with Agents to discuss reinstatement of hedge and provision of footway.	22.5 Holford Hall – Open Day and Footpath- wait to see what happens about the planning application for catering school
22.2 Moorcroft access/roadway	22.6 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. ACTION: Clerk to send note to Andy Wilson. Road markings, white at edge and slow signs). ACTION: Clerk to write to Andy Wilson. This work is on the schedule no date set as yet. Ongoing. Clerk also to write to United Utilities regarding reinstatement of the verge.
22.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)	22.7 Plumley school bus
22.4 Railings and Bollard at Smoker – these have been outstanding for 2 years	

23. To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters.

24. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 31st October 2012 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

25. Any Other Business

- JW says that the post was not delivered when PMR was closed and also bins were not emptied. **ACTION: write to refuse PMR and Maltkiln bins not collected this week, what will happen.**
- JW also asked to research a Neighbourhood plan for the provision of a playing field.