

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Plumley Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 30th January 2013

Present: Cllr Sybil Crossman, Cllr May Taylor, Cllr Stephen Wharfe, Cllr John Wright, Cllr Tony Gabbott, Cllr Chris Wilson, Cllr Andy Shaw, Mayor George Walton.

Apologies from: Cllr David Nichols, Cllr Dennis Fairbrother, Cllr Jane Richardson, Cllr Jim Lloyd

In attendance: Sharon Jones (Clerk), Mr A Williams, Mr Paul Binyon, Mr J Crossley, Karen Jones.

Police Surgery. Began at 7.38pm (PCSO Lindsay Whitehead was unable to attend due to illness)

SC read out the crime report sent by PCSO Lindsay Whitehead.

Mr Williams (AW) added that on Sunday 28th January there was a prowler at his property. The prowler tried the door handles. He reported the incident to the police. There was also a prowler at his property on 14th January. (He lives at the Chase, Trouthall Lane).

AG – Reported there was a prowler in his garden, (Malt Kiln) the week before Christmas. **ACTION: Clerk to inform PCSO Lindsay Whitehead of the incidents.**

Mr Crossley (JC) – has spoken to the police regarding the speed and volume of traffic on the Plumley Moor Road. He lives near Plantation. JC will list the accesses between end of motorway bridge and junction of PMR with Middlewich Road identifying the properties and length of this stretch of road. and let us have the information.

Meeting started at 7.45pm

1. To explain the Evacuation procedure

Public Session. AW also raised the HS2 route and the transport of fuel from the MOD land on Cheadle Lane. SC explained that there is fuel to be moved and that DN is working closely with MOD to minimize the impact on the roads in Plumley. DN will report at the February meeting.

AW remarked that he believes fuel is already been moved using takers, 3 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, they are using a route around Back Lane, over Peover Eye to PMR.

Mr Binyon raised the state of the signage on A556 between the Smoker and Ascol Drive. The warning signs are dirty, and the lights on them are not working. PB has logged this on the CEC website has seen no action as yet. **ACTION: Clerk to mail AW to ask for them to be cleaned (PB to send number to Clerk)** He also stated that moss is encroaching on the footpath, making it narrow and slippery. This is affecting the footpath on both sides of the A556 from the Smoker to Ascol Drive. PB has already cleared the first part from Ascol Drive. GW advised that members of the public must use Hi Viz vests, jacket when working on the roadside.

JC – said that he has noticed the high speed and volume of traffic going past his house on PMR in last 6 months seems to have increase in volume of traffic. PMR is used a short cut through to Knutsford. Police have told JC that there is a process for raising this issues but CEC Highways don't seem to be aware of the process. GW explained that there is a speed review, A50 Holmes Chapel Road, proposing a reduction in speed limit from 60mph to 50mph. This could lead to the speed limit on Middlewich road being reduced to 40mph and in turn this should be replicated on PMR and the other roads in the area. GW referred to the government initiative to slow down traffic with more speed cameras.

SC explained that if the speed is reduced to 40mph, JC, could acquire speed monitoring equipment. the PCouncil and Police. Karen Jones (KJ) – explained that her god daughter Lindsay Betts, has put her name forward for 46, Moorcroft. KJ has asked for PC to support Lindsay's application. KJ stressed that Lindsay has a strong local connection. SC mentioned that she has in the past written personal letters of support for local applicants which have been notified to the PC. The PC have also sent letters of support.

2. To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend. – Apologies were received from Cllr David Nichols, Cllr Dennis Fairbrother, Cllr Jane Richardson, Cllr Jim Lloyd

3. Declaration of Interests – AG declared an interest in the Planning Application for 12 Malt Kiln Item 20.1. on the agenda. This is his neighbour's property.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2012. The minutes were proposed by SW and seconded by MT. The minutes were accepted.

5. Parish Council Support for Housing Applications on Moorcroft – Lindsay Betts & Sarah Hargreaves.

SC met with LB and her uncle prior to the PC meeting and wrote a personal letter of support to Peaks & Plains

(circulated before meeting). JR met with SH and wrote a similar personal letter of support for her. At the meeting the PC voted to support applications from Lindsay Betts and Sarah Hargreaves application for 46 Moorcroft.

6. Highways Issues

- E-mail from Julian Crossley – re Speed of Traffic on PMR – discussed in item 2. Public Session.
- Pot holes – Yew Tree Road, PMR, Sudlow Lane – AW will make quick repairs and resurface in the summer.
- Road Markings on PMR – will not be done.
- SID - ACTION: Clerk to ask CEC Highways DT to come out and provide a quote.

7. To note the following matters arising. – there were none.

8. Correspondence

- Letters from Mr& Mrs Burns – re Affordable Housing. These letters have been circulated to all Cllrs.
- Letter from CEC re DMMO Status, Update from JW now 9 on the list. CW said that one of the residents had died and the other is unlikely to complete the form.
- E-mail regarding A50 Peover - Proposed 50 MPH Speed Limit Reduction – wrote in support.
- E-mail from Lower Peover Clerk regarding support for a reduction in speed limit on Middlewich Road – wrote in support.
- Tree Preservation Order on land adjacent to Tennis Courts - ACTION: Clerk to write to CEC planning to request that the TPO is revoked. Clerk to get details of the TPO first and find out who the planner responsible is. May be on map. Chris Hudson, CEC Trees person.

9. Consultation response to Local Plan - The PC must respond by 26th February. The plan is focused on Knutsford, not including the surrounding villages including Plumley. ACTION: Clerk to look out the response on draft plan and circulate for additional comment. Link to online version of the new plan. JW to consolidate response and Clerk to file online.

10. Community Resilience Plan – Jim Lloyd – phone list

- Snow equipment – in the Village Stores (insurance for liability only – ACTION: Clerk to arrange)

11. Public Meeting with Cllr M E Jones Head of Cheshire East 26th February 2013 – ACTION: Clerk to write to Cllr Jones secretary to ask Cllr Jones to ask if he can arrive a 7pm to meet the PC. GW suggested that SC introduce the meeting. DN can chair in SC absence, JW to be at the meeting. Clerk to take notes. Sign in sheets will be required. Clerk to arrange audio equipment (batteries)

12. To receive Cheshire East Council's report. – item covered in public session.

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

- Newsletter- E-Mail from G Abrahams – Volunteering to deliver and write articles. ACTION: Clerk to write confirming route.
- Welcome Letter – new version – e-mail and ask for comments again. ACTION: Clerk to circulate and ask for comments.

14. Meetings

15.1 Parish Council Meetings

- Meeting with Cllr M E Jones Leader of CEC, 17th January – SC, DN – Parish Plan, desire for a Playing Field etc, giving a background of the village (parish).
- Meeting with CEC Highways 24th January and Knight Frank for The Crown Estate and CEC Highways, both reluctant to provide a footway because it could lead to litigation should someone be hurt. The Crown Estates will arrange for the hedgerow to be trimmed back. Knight Frank were aware that DN raised this, and will talk with DN directly. They were interested to know how many people use the route in order to make a decision as to whether a footpath is a viable option.

15.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council

- Best Kept Station Competition – 22nd January- SC reported that Plumley won the Tidiest Station award. There is an article in Northwich Guardian/Knutsford Guardian. ACTION: Clerk to add a link to the article to the PC web site.
- JW to report on meeting in December where CEC Leader spoke. JW reported that the meeting was about the Local Plan -Adrian Fisher, Richard Howse, and Cllr M E Jones were at the meeting. Cllr Jones was hearing questions about planning applications from all over Cheshire East. He took other questions. JW asked a question about the housing supply, as a surveyor he said there seems to be an over supply rather than an under supply because of the drop in values. Which is why developers are not building. Cllr Jones did not agree or disagree, but he is trying to encourage development.

- Macclesfield Area Meeting – 6th February at Wilmslow Parish Hall 7-9pm.

15. **Knutsford LAP** – next meeting will focus on dementia.

16. **To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish** – AS wife had an accident turning out of the Cobbles on Lower Peover, because of poor visibility caused by a sign on the verge. The sign has now been removed but there is a piece of car bumper on there corner of the Cobbles.

17. **Finance**

18.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account	Business Premium Account (inc Earmarked funds)
	£	£
Balance brought forward.....	6970.34	5648.41
Less payments for January 2013.....	1119.40	
Balance	5850.94	

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

18.2 To approve the following payments:

- £400.00 to S Jones. December and January Salary*
- £100.00 to S. Jones. December and January payment for web site maintenance*
- £104.40. Lithotech. Jan/Feb Newsletter setup and printing costs.
- £72 Society of Local Council Clerks Association Annual Subscription
- £14 MCRUA Rail User network
- £36 Cheshire Wildlife Trust
- £68 PVH Room hire (Nov Meeting plus Senior Citizens Christmas Party)
- £100 Donation for upkeep of St John’s, Churchyard Toft
- £200 Donation for upkeep of St Oswald’s, Churchyard Lower Peover
- £25.00 Toft Church Hall Hire Fees (balance of the monies for May, June & July meetings 2012 £12.50 already paid total £37.50).

*Total pay for S Jones £500 to be split into 2 x £250 cheques for Dec 12 & Jan 13.

PC voted to approve the payments.

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. **Planning.**

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

- **12/4590M** - Demolition of existing extension. Erection of conservatory and erection of oak frame to rear or living room. ORCHARD COTTAGE, BACK LANE, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, WA16 9SF. **Comments: Request that the original footprint of this property is compared with the proposed footprint. The PC feels the footprint has increased greatly by means of various planning applications made over the years. Add the old name of the cottage on the comments.**
- **13/0160M** - Proposed single storey rear extension. 12, MALT KILN ROAD, PLUMLEY, CHESHIRE, WA16 0TS. **Comments: No comments.**
- **13/0207M** - Certificate of lawfulness of proposed use for a detached building within the curtilage of the dwelling. Grey Dawn Cottage, PINFOLD LANE, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, WA16 9RR. **Comments: There are two applications this one and an application for planning . JW to check what needs to be done.**

20.2 To note decisions made on the following planning applications.

- **12/4674M** - Single storey extension on rear elevation. MONTANA, PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD, PLUMLEY, CHESHIRE, WA16 9RT. **Application approved with conditions.**
- **12/4481M** - Single storey rear extension. 54, MOORCROFT, PLUMLEY, WA16 0UW. **Application refused.**
- **12/4388M** - Temporary 2 year consent to maintain 2 timber stables and allow the use of stable for livery purposes (no. 6 & 7 on proposed site layout drawing 101 rev 2). MOSS EQUESTRIAN, ULLARD HALL LANE, PLUMLEY, CHESHIRE, WA16 9PJ. **Application approved with conditions.**
- **12/4387M** - Regularisation of current use of existing stable yard (resubmission 12/2321M). MOSS EQUESTRIAN, ULLARD HALL LANE, PLUMLEY, CHESHIRE, WA16 9PJ. **Application approved with conditions.**
- **12/4166M** - Use of a leisure/entertainment barn as ancillary accommodation with “The Barn Conversion” and the creation of a separate curtilage to that dwelling. Brook House Farm, TROUTHALL LANE, PLUMLEY, WA16 0UP. **Positive Certificate Awarded.**
- **12/4167M** - Use of The Barn Conversion as a separate independent dwelling and use of land as garden in association with Brookhouse Farmhouse and The Barn Conversion (Certificate of Lawful Existing Use). Brook House Farm, TROUTHALL LANE, PLUMLEY, WA16 0UP. **Positive Certificate Awarded**

21 To note progress on outstanding issues

<p>2.1 Plumley Smithy – DN & SC to meet with Agents to discuss reinstatement of hedge and provision of footway.]</p> <p>Meeting to be held on 24th January 2013. David to talk to Daniel Fields</p>	<p>21.4 Railings 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.</p>
<p>21.2 Moorcroft access/roadway</p>	<p>21.5 Holford Hall – Open Day and Footpath- wait to see what happens about the planning application for catering school.ACTION: Clerk to write to Mrs Frances Phillips expressing that PC disappointed there was not an open day in 2012. Mrs Philips replied stating that the timing of the open day was not a matter for the Parish Council’s concern. Viewing platform which is a way of viewing the house, is it still there. JW to check.</p>
<p>21.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)</p>	<p>21.6 Excess water on Cheadle Lane - DN 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 which is flooded. Road impassable because of the drainage problem. ACTION: Clerk to send note to Andy Wilson stating that when the 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.</p>

22 To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters.

23 To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 27th February 2013 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

24 Any Other Business

- **ACTION: Clerk to contact Bob Vass re questions for housing survey.**
- Annual Parish Meeting – request a written report from Sally Buttifant. Ask Jonathan Royle and James Eaton to read their reports. Ask Fire service to Show one of their speed videos.
- AG – Fund raiser for Charity on James Eaton’ farm, same weekend as the 22nd June (same weekend as the Fete).
- **ACTION: Clerk to put Cheshire Show dates onto web site.**

Diary of events

Date	Event	Time
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