

# Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Plumley Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013

**Present:** Cllr Sybil Crossman, Cllr May Taylor, Cllr Stephen Wharfe, Cllr Chris Wilson, Cllr Andy Shaw, Cllr D Nichols, Cllr Jane Richardson, Cllr Jim Lloyd

**In attendance:** SJ – Clerk, Ros Todhunter, Brian Simmons

**Police Surgery.** There wasn't a police surgery as there was no PCSO in attendance.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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1. **To explain the Evacuation procedure – exits shown**
2. **Public Session** – No members of the public in attendance.
3. **To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend.- AG, JW, GW**
4. **Declaration of Interests** – None.
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013.** The minutes accepted and signed as a true record.
6. **Highways Issues** – potholes on Yew tree road. Streetlights, Jim to send mail and reference numbers. Pot hole patmoss lane, Cllr Jones mentioned a pedestrian crossing at the junctions of Trouthall Lane/PMR. DN suggested a crossing and mini roundabout. PC agreed the best way forward would be a mini roundabout natural speed filter, pedestrian control crossing, across PMR near the shop. Main pavement surfaces need renewing. JR chicanes may be effective on Trouthall Lane, but speed limit of 20mph would be ideal. **ACTION; JR to draft a mail to Cllr Jones.**
7. **To note the following matters arising from the minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

- **DN to report on fuel movements**

As you know, I have been dealing with the Oil & Pipelines Agency (OPA) about the plans to remove fuel from the "Plumley Caverns" and I have maintained a (now rather lengthy) e-mail chain for the record. In particular, I have also met Mike Genge (MG), Commercial Director.

As a result of my discussions, it appears that I have been able to secure an undertaking in particular not to use Plumley Moor Road through the village for outloading the fuel. Discussions are under way between OPA & Ineos about the use of Holford Brinefield roads, but details have not yet been forthcoming.

I have also suggested that the redundant railway sidings beside the old Soda Ash factory site could be refurbished for the project, but I have not had any really positive reaction about this.

I expect to meet MG again in the next few weeks to learn more about the Holford Brinefield aspect of the project and I have asked several times about a formal press release from the OPA or the Ministry of Defence.

I understand the present site activity principally relates to the refurbishment of some of the installations on site that will have to be used, which has generated some non-hazardous sludge and debris that has/is being removed by (white) Veolia road tankers.

8. **Correspondence**

- Reply to Tina & Rob Burns from Paul Bayley, Customer Service and Libraries Manager, CEC re Affordable housing on trouthall lane noted.
- AON confirmation that snow kit is added the PC insurance policy.
- HMRC PAYE in Real Time.

9. **HS2 Route**

- **How does this affect our Parish? CW** -The houses close by will be affected visually and noise. The rest of the Parish may be affected by noise. Track will be 3 – 8 m above ground near Ascol Drive and will reach ground level at the Smoker. Noise propagation information states that viaducts and bridges are the worst. Noise mitigation may be provided in the form of barriers or dampening on track (only tested up to 70mph). By far the biggest noise threat is wind. Some houses will be provided with double glazing (no specification as to which houses qualify. Houses within 300m zone should be provided with mitigation

however there will be some properties that are unliveable. JR asked if it would be travelling at full speed near Ascol drive. At the moment this is unknown but it will be faster than current trains. Do not know how many trains, between 6 and 18 trains per hour. Night time running is mentioned but no detail as yet. BS – indicated that any decisions on numbers of trains and night time running will be made on a commercial basis. The trains will be passenger only. Freight will go onto the existing west coast line.

- **Route Change?** Not a valid argument. Either it doesn't happen or compensation and other schemes are provided. Are there any benefits to be given to people who don't want to move? The European noise survey, states that Lostock Green is already first in line for noise from A556. Surveys for HS2 look at road, airport noise as well as the noise predicted from HS2.
  - **Working with other local organizations – Representatives from the Lostock Green & Lach Dennis Action Group- Ros Todhunter and Brian Simpson.** CW to work with RT and BS. RT to send Topics and contacts list by e-mail to circulate to councilors. CW mentioned the HS2 action alliance as an organization already working against the implementation of HS2. Any protest group needs a lot of expertise in the specialist areas to be able to provide an effective argument against HS2. RT husband is a geologist (who wrote a very convincing letter to Knutsford Guardian). CW to have a meeting with Cllr Jones and HS2 regarding compensation. Currently HS2 will decide how much your house is worth. Groups need to work together to have any effect. BS – local councils need to get together and protest together. 51M are a group of Councils also working on HS2. **ACTION: CW to lead this on behalf of PC**
10. **Tree Preservation Order on land adjacent to Tennis Courts** - DN to review and SC suggested writing a polite letter to the TP section in CEC Planning. PC, PVH Committee and the owner of the trees are all in agreement that the TPO should be removed.
  11. **Consultation response to Local Plan Update – JW** – the report has been submitted to CEC and a copy sent out to all councillors.
  12. **Community Resilience Plan – ACTION: JL**– to complete Tree 2 and add it to the sharepoint site by 25<sup>th</sup> April.
  13. **Update Public Meeting with Cllr M E Jones Head of Cheshire East 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013-** SC has spoken to Gareth Abrahams regarding his observations from the meeting – he will send a report regarding the design of the houses, carbon neutral, homes for life regulations, to meet the carbon neutral standards, the footprint of each house would need to be bigger. **ACTION: Clerk to send a copy of the report to John Wright when received.** SC has met the Site Manager at the development site on Truthall Lane. He says that he has planned for all of the construction vehicles to be on the site not on Truthall Lane. PC agreed to consult Gareth Abrahams with regard to technical points on planning issues. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Cheshire Home Choice and ask that we are notified about houses that become available on Moorcroft.**  
We have not heard anything about the money that CEC were paid for the devt. **ACTION: Clerk to Write to Adrian Fisher regarding the £3000 per house which P&P mentioned before permission was granted.**
  14. **Community pride competition – litter pick (CEC equipment), bench maintenance, notice boards, fingerposts?** – SC suggested each Parish Councillor does a litter pick in a small area. JL – railway bridge to DN House, JR will do from DN House to end of Truthall Lane. Litter pick at the motorway bridge, lots of litter – **ACTION: JR to ask Williamsons if they can pick up the litter. Ask council if they have litter pickers. ACTION: JL to Monitor waste left are recycling and bin collection.** DN mentioned that the wood has split on station platform, it may need a new plank of wood or multiple slats. DN to check and report back. John Hume – best kept station, wants us to make contact with the people in the station house – **ACTION: AG to contact.**
  15. **To receive Cheshire East Councillor's report.**
  16. **To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, village hall, parish plan, Home watch.**
    - **Newsletter –last minute items for March/April edition** – NL at printers. **ACTION: Clerk to send number of copies to each volunteer to CW.**
  17. **Meetings**
    - 17.1 **Parish Council Meetings**
    - 17.2 **External meetings relating to the Parish Council**
      - HS2 Meeting with Gorge Osborne MP – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – DN
      - Local Plan Consultation – At Home – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – JW
      - Annual Parish Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 8pm PVH
      - Broadband Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> March CW & SC
  18. **Knutsford LAP – have found some money to reprint the walk booklet.** SC will be walking the route in Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 at the railway station. JW and JL may also walk the route.
  19. **To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish** – Accident on

PMR on a Thursday opposite the shop, possibly Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Finance**

20.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account	Business Premium Account (inc Earmarked funds)
	£	£
Balance brought forward.....	5850.90	5648.41
Less payments for February 2013.....	542.00	
Balance .....	5038.90	

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

20.2 To approve the following payments:

- £200.00 - S Jones Clerk’s Salary for February
- £50.00 – S Jones Website Salary for February
- £28.00 - Community Pride Entry fee payable to CCA.
- £250.00 – Plantation Garden Company Ltd, work at Station
- £14.00 – PVH Hire for Committee Room for 30<sup>th</sup> January PC meeting

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

Payments were approved May prop, Chris second.

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

**22. Planning.**

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

**ACTION: Clerk to write to Adrian Fisher, regarding notification of planning applications. And to write again about building in the grounds of Moorfield PMR, near the Grange.**

- **13/0299M** – Application for single storey extension. . Grey Dawn Cottage, PINFOLD LANE, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, WA16 9RR. **Comments: The proposed ‘link’ extension would considerably increase the size of this residential property, we feel this is inappropriate development of a small site as this is a Cheshire cottage and should be retained as such..**
- **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: No comments.**
- **13/0345M** – Relocation of driveway. Bowmans Cottage, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford WA16 9RT. **Comments: The new entrance is nearer to the junction with PMR. Pinfold Lane is narrow here and we are concerned that there is a risk of accidents between vehicles exiting Bowman’s Cottage and those using Pinfold Lane. We request that CEC Highways are asked to comment on this aspect. The plans appear to show the new entrance is set back from the carriageway – we request that there is a car’s length between the gates and the carriageway and request that the wall is low enough so as not to restrict visibility.**

22.2 To note decisions made on the following planning applications.

- **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. **Decision: Refused**

**23 To note progress on outstanding issues**

<p><b>23.1 Plumley Smithy</b> - Meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013. David to talk to Daniel Fields still ongoing.</p>	<p><b>23.5 Railings at Smoker</b> – 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><b>23.2 Highways Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>SID</b> – CEC to provide a quote</li> <li>- <b>Speeding on PMR</b> – J Crossley to provide information on the number of entrances to residents on PMR from Plantation to the Middlewich Road.</li> <li>- <b>Road signs on A556</b> – Clerk has requested they are cleaned and lights restored.</li> <li>- <b>Moss on Pavement on A556</b> – Clerk has requested this is attended to.</li> <li>- <b>Potholes</b> – PMR &amp; Sudlow Lane –Completed.</li> <li>Finger post at pinfold lane – <b>ACTION: CW to clean.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>23.6 Holford Hall</b> – Open Day and Footpath- wait to see what happens about the planning application for catering school.<b>ACTION: Clerk to write to Mrs Frances Phillips expressing that PC disappointed there was not an open day in 2012.</b> 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 and that the hedge is trimmed sufficiently that the view of the moat is not obscured <b>ACTION: JL to check.</b></p>

<p><b>23.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)</b></p> <p>23.4 Moorcroft access/roadway</p>	<p><b>23.7 Excess water on Cheadle Lane</b> - 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. <b>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.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to ask AW about water on Cheadle Lane</b></p>
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**24. To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters. ACTION: Clerk to change Parishes to villages, extend to two pages and add logo.**

**25. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**26. Any Other Business**

**ACTION: Clerk to write to A556 lobby group, do we want to abandon the new scheme. Can we send a letter to the lobby group before 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

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[suzic@dialstart.net](mailto:suzic@dialstart.net)

**ACTION: Clerk to invite the following people to the Annual Parish Meeting and ask them for written reports to be made available at the meeting and on the website:**

**James Eaton – Methodist Church, Jonathan Royle – Plumley Village Stores, Mrs Lawton - Lower Peover School Board of Governors, Virginia Williamson - Women’s Institute, David Nichols – PVH, Richard Cumberbach Trust.**

**Diary of events**

Date	Event	Time
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