

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Police Surgery at 7.45pm – No PCSO Present

There was some discussion regarding the number of accidents occurring on the A50 junction with Middlewich Road. The police have said that the issue is not speed related.

DF mentioned that there have been numerous accidents on the bends and that most of the accidents are not caused by locals. Cars travel too fast along the A50 road and overtake in the hatched area.

GW mentioned that the new police commissioner is thinking about a scheme to quick fine dangerous drivers. He also stated that people should drive in line with road conditions as well as within the speed limited

GW advised that the A556 from J19 on M6 should be the next road to have the speed limit reduced to 50mph.

A member of the public mentioned that the speed of traffic on Plumley Moor Road (PMR) had increased since the road has been resurfaced.

The Lights at the smoker have improved the junction with A556 and PMR.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Plumley Village Hall Committee Room at 8.00 pm on Thursday 29th May 2013

Present: Cllr Sybil Crossman, Cllr May Taylor, Cllr Stephen Wharfe, Cllr D Nichols, Cllr Jane Richardson, Cllr J Wright, Cllr D Fairbrother.

In attendance: S Jones– Clerk, Mr J Needham, Mr B Scott

Meeting commenced at 8pm

1. To explain the Evacuation procedure- fire exits pointed out and evacuation procedure explained

2. Parish Council Elections

2.1 Chairman – MT Proposed SC, SW seconded – PC voted unanimously for SC as Chairman. SC signed the declaration.

2.2 Vice Chairman – JR proposed DN, SC seconded– PC voted unanimously for DN as Vice-Chairman.

2.3 Councillors responsibilities – JW (Planning) JR (Highways) Footpaths (JW & JL) Community Pride (AG) VH (DN) Homewatch (CW), PPIG (AG), Community Resilience (JL & DN)

2.4 Responsible Financial Officer – Clerk

2.5 Internal Auditor – R Mottershead.

3. Public Session.

A resident asked if we could change the notes from Public Meeting with Cllr Jones in February to the number of residents that attended as he feels the numbers were understated. The Clerk explained that everyone who signed in at the meeting was listed on the notes but a figure would be entered instead of the names provided as requested. Action: Clerk to update the notes of the meeting with Cllr Jones.

The resident also asked if we had arranged another Meeting with Cllr Jones. SC explained it wasn't appropriate to arrange the next meeting before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as the Chairman may have changed. The resident also asked if the PC would request a written update from Cllr Jones that could be circulated.

SC said that in her opinion there was not much to update about the Pedestrian Crossing/mini roundabout at the junction with Trouthall Lane and PMR, this was because the site meeting had not yet taken place and that the SIDS need to be part of this discussion too.

SW commented that it was surprising that there haven't been more accidents at the junction of Trouthall Lane and PMR. Action: Clerk to chase Pryce Evans re a date for the on-site meeting for Pedestrian crossing and mini roundabout.

A resident mentioned a difficult spot where there isn't a footpath over the bridge, once grass starts to grow the footpath disappears.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways to request the grass is cut.

The resident also said that when driving in the winter months, drivers can't see people coming over the bridge on the footpath, and asked if there was a possibility of getting some lighting installed. JR mentioned that there is a light stand on the other side of the road and on the bridge. JR to have a look and report back (JL asked if any current lighting could be made to cover a larger area). Action: JR to report back about the

existing lighting. Clerk to contact Highways or Network Rail about a possible solution..

SC suggested having white lines, along the edge of the path, there are some on the road, however when the road was resurfaced the PC requested they lines were continued along the edge of PMR but this was refused by Highways.

The resident also mentioned that the grid on drain is blocked on the South Drive side of the road, water is overflowing. Action: Clerk to ask CEC to unblock the drain.

Another resident mentioned the Truthall Development and voiced his concern that this may be expanded. SC stated that the PC has had no notification of any proposed developments at the moment and that speculative development can be made anywhere, with or without the land owners permission.

4. **To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend** - Apologies received from Cllr A Shaw, Cllr C Wilson and Cllr A Gabbott.
5. **Declaration of Interests** - SC declared an interest in the item 10, re Senior citizens party invitation.
6. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2013.** – the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.
7. **To note any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 25th April 2013** – None raised.
8. **Annual Parish Meeting: To approve minutes and to discuss any matters arising from the minutes** – the minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
9. **Highways Issues**
 - **Pedestrian Crossing and Mini Roundabout – Update JR**
 - **SID Quote- Update-** JR & DN talked to David Thomason (CEC Highways) about siting of the posts for the SID's. JR said that DT suggested that the post for the traffic approaching from Lower Peover, would be sited on the VH side of the bridge, and would be on the off side of the road at the bottom of the car park embankment, back to back with an existing highways sign. The second post for traffic approaching the village from the A556 could be sited on either side of the Village Stores drive way, however, trees do make siting of the post difficult as the SID's are solar powered devices. DT was very thorough, two new posts, two solar panels and one SID, would be required. There is a query over the costing of the posts, pricing ranges from £2800 and £3000 with the additional intelligence for gathering speed information. JR to chase David Thomason regarding price for posts.
 - **Action:** Clerk to have a look at costs and to see if we can afford to buy the SID equipment.
10. **Correspondence** – The Clerk reported the following correspondence had been received.
 - E-Mail from Mr Scott regarding P&P at Village Fete
 - E-Mail from Mr Needham regarding P&P at Village Fete
 - E-Mail from Penny Allen regarding £100 for Rural Touring Arts – PC agreed to send £100 or the £250 annual donation to the VH, now to cover this cost. Action: Clerk to contact P Allen regarding payment.
 - E-Mail from Linda Boag-Munro regarding PC Funding for Senior Citizen's Party – PC agreed to room hire s cost being charged to the PC
 - A556 Bowden Improvement – Action: Clerk to write to Clerk for Tabley to support their response. Clerk to check what is on the cd and then circulate.

Additionally an e-mail had also been received (after the agenda was published) which was a copy of a mail to the Fete organizers from Peaks & Plains giving their apologies as they will not now attend the Fete as they will be holding their own surgery. in July. There will also be an invitation from P&P for the PC to visit the houses in the Autumn. Currently the PC has been shown the building materials and finishing for the houses.

11. **New Build, Truthall Lane** – Meeting with P&P to discuss interior fittings/finishing – JR, SC & CW to attend.
12. **HS2 Update**– There was a meeting at Bucklow hill with George Osbourne regarding HS2 and a meeting at Cottons where Cllrs M Jones spoke. The £36 billion does not include trains or compensation. The true cost is nearer £100 billion. Mr Windsor from Buckinghamshire spoke against HS2. There is an alternative route, provided at the Cottons meeting from a resident in the area which takes up less of the countryside, as it hugs existing tracks taking less greenbelt. Manchester airport are not providing any funding for HS2. There are a number of groups forming on HS2, one with Pickmere, Tabley, Mere etc, and another group based in Lostock green having a meeting at the beginning of July, and a bring and buy to raise funds to fight against.

There was the opportunity to make donations at the end of the meeting at Cottons and there will be a stall at the Cheshire Show.

There are a number of routes. JW commented that HS2 doesn't make economic sense, as all railways lose money. Train travel is an old mode of transport.

One argument that has been put forward is that the money should be put into the existing tracks and services rather than have HS2 it would cost less and cause a lot less disruption to the countryside.

- 13. Community Pride Update-** SC mentioned that one of the judges had called to say they would be having a look around the village this week. SC has been to see the builders and they have swept the road. SC asked that people pick up litter even if it's not their patch. JR commented that her daughter disgusted that people have been bagging dog poo and throwing it in the hedge. She will do a poster for the Newsletter/Web site.
- 14. To receive Cheshire East Council's report** – GW said that there wasn't much to report, the new Chief Exec has been appointed, a Mr Suarez. SW asked about his salary, GW said he couldn't comment on his salary. MR Suarez currently works for Lambeth Council, and will not start for a while. Kym Riley will stay on until the transfer takes place. The Monitoring office has gone, no-one new appointed as yet. John Nicholson's replacement is Caroline Simpson. Clerk to check to see if there are any press releases as it was not in the Daily Telegraph or Knutsford Guardian. Check on CEC web site.
- 15. Knutsford LAP** - Next meeting next Thursday. They are currently looking at how the LAPs are organised and how they work. SC handed out the rail walks books. The Knutsford LAP are Rolling out an anti-drugs initiative for children. The PC didn't think there was much call for this in Plumley. However, JL mentioned that White Range Rover has been seen at the Duke of Portland in Lach Dennis. It is known to the police to be related to drug dealing.
The Olympic banner is coming to the Fete –JR to organise.
- 16. To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, village hall, parish plan, Home watch.** DN mentioned Village Hall sign – Cost too high – GW to have a word with DT at CEC Highways.

DN reported that the Fun day will be on 29th June, he congratulated Sarah Sanderson and Michelle Moores for their organisation of the event. Michelle has broke her ankle but is still carrying on with the Fete. Houghton Weavers – tickets are now running out. Tickets are £10. There will also be a hog roast. Mereside Brass are not able march and play at the fete. SW to enquire to see if another local band can help out.

17. Meetings

15.1 Parish Council Meetings

15.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council

- **HS2 Meeting at Cottons 22nd May - CW**
- **Tatton Estate, Knutsford Consultation, 21st May – SC (personal)**
- **Knutsford Mayor Making Ceremony – SC**
- **Knutsford Town Council Civic Service – 30th June.**

- 18. To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish** – An accident was reported at Toft.

19. Finance

19.1 To note the current financial position.

| | Community Account | Business Premium Account |
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| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward, | 6772.48 | 6148.41 |
| Payments Received – CE Grant | 348.00 | |
| Less payments for May 2013 | 590.78 | |
| Balance..... | 6529.70 | |

| Earmarked funds | £ |
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| Donald Sterling Legacy | 367.67 |
| Donation for daffodil bulbs | 6.50 |
| Playing Fields provision | 3,550.00 |

19.2 The following payments were approved:

- £250.20 to S Jones. May Salary*
 - £33.28 to S. Jones. May payment for web site maintenance*
 - £202.90 Chalc Annual Subscription
 - £104.40 Lithotech for May/June Newsletter
- *Total pay for S Jones £283.48 to be paid by standing order on 1st June 2013

19.3 Audit Commission Form and Budget - The form was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

20. To consider risk assessment

21. Planning.

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

- **13/1831M** Bowman’s Cottage, PMR, Plumley – Resubmission of 13/0345M. Relocation of gated entrance. **Comments: PC feels the driveway conflicts with telephone exchange, there is lot of traffic in and out. The driveway is also too near the junction with PMR. PC requests that highways are consulted.**
- **13/0299M** Grey Dawn Cottage, Pinfold Lane, Plumley– Single storey extension to dwelling. Application was refused, owners are appealing against the decision. *If we do not contact Planning with any new comments or withdraw existing comments, our existing comments will be taken into consideration during the appeal.*

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

- **13/1290M** Heathfield Nurseries, Ullard Lane, Plumley – Outline application to provide agricultural workers dwelling – **Application withdrawn on 20th May.**
- **13/1009M** Orchard Cottage, Back Lane, Plumley - Demolition of existing single storey extensions and addition of a single storey fully glazed oak frame conservatory – **Approved with conditions.**

21.3 Review of Planning Application Process – Clerk reported that the current process is not in line with the legal requirements, therefore a new process needs to be considered. Clerk to provide update at the next meeting.

22. To note progress on outstanding issues

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| <p>22.1 Plumley Smithy – The thatched building needs to be protected.</p> | <p>22.4 Moorcroft access/roadway</p> |
| <p>22.2 Highways Issues - SID – CEC to provide a quote. Chased 19 March - Speeding on PMR – J Crossley to provide the number of entrances to residences on PMR from Plantation to the Middlewich Road. Not provided yet. - Road signs on A556 – Clerk has requested cleaning. - Moss on Pavement on A556 – Clerk requested this is cleared Finger post at pinfold lane has been cleaned - CW.</p> | <p>22.5 Holford Hall –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 JL reported that the hedge is trimmed at the view point, however the view is still obscured by planting behind the hedge. Footpaths cannot do anything as there is no obstruction to the path. ACTION: Find a copy of the planning inspectorate report. Mr Budenberg CPRE – SC explained that Holford Hall not made available, he offered to write to the owner if necessary.</p> |
| <p>22.3PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO) JW has contacted Madge Holt and Edna Fewtrell, to fill in forms, he has yet to receive the completed forms.</p> | <p>22.6 Excess water on Cheadle Lane - There is excess water on Cheadle Lane at a drain near the Peover Eye which is flooded. Road impassable because of the drainage problem. Clerk sent note to Andy Wilson stating that when the cold weather comes it ices up a third of the road. CEC Highways have now scheduled the work to cure the dip in Cheadle Lane for early June.</p> |

23. To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters - one is required for Mrs Holts house (MT).

24. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on **Wednesday 26th June 2012 at Toft Church Hall at 8.00pm** - SC will be unavailable for the next meeting therefore DN will Chair the meeting.

25. Any Other Business

Diary of events

| Date | Event | Time |
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| 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 |