

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Police Surgery 7.45pm – There was no PCSO present.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Toft Church Hall. at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 26th June 2013

Present: Cllr David Nichols (DN), Cllr May Taylor (MT), Cllr Jane Richardson (JR), Cllr J Wright (JW), Cllr A Shaw (AS), Cllr G Walton, CEC (GW), Cllr Tony Gabbott (TG).

In attendance: S Jones– Clerk

Meeting commenced at 7.50pm

1. **To explain the Evacuation procedure** – evacuation procedure explained.
2. **Public Session** – there were no members of the public present.
3. **To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend.** – Apologies were received from CW, DF, SC, JL, SW.
4. **Declaration of Interests**
None
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2013** – There was one revision to item 9 submitted to the Clerk by JR prior to the meeting. The amendment to item 9 was read out at the meeting from the updated copy of the minutes. TJR proposed, second AS. The minutes were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting.
6. **To note any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 29th May 2013**- None.
7. **To receive Cheshire East Council's report** - GW mentioned there had been a violent robbery at the Egerton Arms on the previous Saturday. The Landlord was attacked, but his family were unharmed. GW said that everyone needs to be vigilant. GW brought up the subject of the village sign. DN asked to defer the discussion on the Village sign as it would be covered in Item 16.2 Highways Issues. GW also mentioned that the Official Report on Lime Green has been issued. Peter Bates has been appointed as new Chief Operating office. Monitoring Officer Suki Binjal. Adrian Fisher will retain his position in Strategic Planning. MT asked if the pot holes will be done on Yew Tree Road. GW confirmed they will resurface Yew Tree Road, they have filled the holes temporarily because of reports of damage to cars and people tripping up. DN thanked GW for getting the repairs done on Cheadle Lane.
8. **Correspondence**
 - Annual Report from Richard Comberbach Charitable Trust – the Clerk read out the report.
9. **HS2 Update– CW** – Clerk read out CW HS2 Update in his absence (attached). **ACTION:** Clerk to ask CW if he will be attending meeting on 12th July.
10. **To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, Village Hall, Parish Plan, Community Pride, Home watch.**
DN mentioned how successful the “Big Weekend” had been with the VH – Fun Day on 29th June, and the Houghton Weavers on the Sunday. Parish Plan – TG mentioned that a Housing Needs survey needs to be added to the Parish Plan. Community Pride- TG reported that the judges were in the village today. He has litter picked on PMR and asked all councillors to pick up litter. TG reported that the hole by steps will be filled and grasses planted. A lot of the flowers are not blooming as they should because of the adverse weather conditions. AllTurf are managing the wild turf area. The current planting will mature over the years. DN – mentioned that although the hedges were clipped around the signs, the hedges have all grown back now. TG said that there was a lot of interest in helping out from the residents that attended the APM however nothing has materialized. **ACTION:** Clerk to add Community Resilience.
11. **Meetings**
 - 11.1 **Parish Council Meetings** –JR reported on the meeting with Peaks & Plains (P&P) regarding tiles, worktops etc for the new houses on Truthall Lane. CW & SC unable to attend the meeting so JR helped select two styles of bathrooms for the new houses. There will be a Housing Surgery 15th July, in PVH. The houses are initially to be up for rent, P&P have not offered shared ownership before, if it goes well in Plumley it will be a first. P&P will help people review their finances to see if they are eligible for this option. TG mentioned that the financial criteria for lending is very stringent at the moment.

11.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council

- **Chalc Macclesfield Area Meeting 5th June** – Clerk read out SC update from the meeting in her absence (attached).
- **SuperFast Broad Band Launch Event 3rd June** – Clerk read out CW update from the meeting in his absence (attached).

11.3 Knutsford LAP AMG 6th June – Clerk read out SC update from the meeting in her absence (attached).

12. To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish - None

13. Finance

13.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account £	Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward,.....	6529.70	6148.41
Less payments for June 2013	438.43	
Balance	6091.27	

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

13.2 The following payments were approved, DN proposed, AS second.

- £250.20 to S Jones. May Salary*
- £33.28 to S. Jones. May payment for web site maintenance*
- £100 to Village Hall Committee for RTA annual Fee
- £39.00 to Village Hall Committee for April Meetings – APM & April Meeting.
- £16.00 to CPFA for annual subscription.

*Total pay for S Jones £283.48 to be paid by standing order on 1st July 2013

14. To consider risk assessment - DN asked if any circumstances have changed to affect a risk or liability, there were no replies . The risk profile of the PC’s activities and responsibilities was reviewed and no significant changes were apparent or reported.

15. Planning.

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

- **13/2266M**, 54 Moorcroft, Plumley– Resubmission of 12/4481M. **Comments Submitted: *The Parish Council feels the proposal is an over development of the site, leaving only a small area of private garden, the extension does not seem to comply with the 45^o rule. The 45^o rule is that an extension should not extend over a 45^o line on plan taken from the center of next doors nearest ground floor window of a habitable room. Therefore, the Parish Council Objects to this planning application***
- **13/1886M**, Leicester Warren Hall, Bexton Lane, Knutsford, WA16 9BQ - Proposed Creation of a new entrance and construction of an extension.. **Comments: No comments. ACTION:** GW will raise the lack of paper copies with CEC Planning.

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

- **13/1557M**, Ridge Cottage, Holmes Chapel Road, Toft, WA16 9ES - Part single storey & first floor extension and new rear sunroom. Comment: No objections from PC. **Decision: Approved with conditions**

15.3 Proposal for Application Process – Clerk. Further to the discussion at the May meeting, the Clerk reported that she has checked the Standing Orders and it is possible for PC to delegate responsibility for Planning decisions to the Clerk. To be legal, this must be done at each PC meeting for the period between meetings, this would enable the Clerk to collate comments and send them to CEC Planning on the councils behalf. DN asked if this could be added to each agenda and also requested that Councillors copy each other when they send back their comments forms. JW asked if this would help were there are any conflicts of opinions so that they can be resolved and the Clerk can be instructed with the updated comments. This was agreed as the best course of action. (For information: The Standing Orders state that two or more Parish Councillors need to request an extra-ordinary meeting in order for such a meeting to be convened. This would also be the case for planning matters. It is therefore important not only that the Clerk sends out the forms on time but also that the Parish Councillors return them as quickly as possible with their comments.) It was agreed that Planning Applications received before the monthly PC meeting with reply dates after the monthly meeting should be discussed at the regular meetings.

16 To note progress regarding ongoing issues

<p>16.1 Plumley Smithy - The thatched building needs to be protected.</p>	<p>16.5 Moorcroft access/roadway</p>
<p>16.2 Highways Issues</p> <p>- SID –Update – Finance-JR & SJ- JR asked GW to remind DT, CEC Highways about the quote and the siting. The Clerk confirmed that she had checked the finances and that the PC could afford to pay up to £3000 towards the costs if the PC chooses to go ahead.</p> <p>- Pedestrian Crossing and Mini Roundabout – Update JR & DN meeting with Pryce Evans(PE) on 18th June. PE seemed to think that Pedestrian crossing would have the most positive impact on speed of traffic/safety. However, the mini roundabout was not dismissed. The next stage is to survey the area. We are awaiting PE to come back with – ACTION: JR will ask Clerk to chase if not heard by wc 8th July. There are safety issues with siting of crossing. The Village hall sign can be done at the same time as any other work to cut installation costs. The crossing will be a push button on demand crossing.</p> <p>- Speeding on PMR – J Crossley to provide the number of entrances to residences on PMR from Plantation to the Middlewich Road. Not provided yet.</p> <p>SpeedWatch - JR mentioned she doesn't have the time to give it full attention. Need one or two volunteers to take this forward. ACTION: JR to approach Ted Morley to ask if he would help.</p>	<p>16.6 Holford Hall –Viewing platform - 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.</p> <p>Mr Budenberg CPRE – SC explained that Holford Hall not made available, he offered to write to the owner if necessary. JW has read a copy of the report. There is an agreement that the footpath and the viewing platform is maintained. ACTION: JW to send an e-mail with details and Clerk to write a letter.</p>
<p>16.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO) JW awaiting return of forms from Madge Holt and Edna Fewtrell.</p> <p>JW has received the completed forms and has sent them off.</p>	<p>16.7 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. CEC Highways have now completed the work to repair the dip on Cheadle Lane. DN ASKED FOR THIS POINT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE NEXT AGENDA</p>
<p>16.4 Fuel Movements – DN reported that there are some taking place and some excavations on site. Still reassessing what is underground. There are not that many tankers and they drive carefully. DN needs to contact HSE Inspector regarding the site.</p>	<p>16.8 New Build, Trouthall Lane – P&P meeting covered.</p> <p>JW asked if the roof tiles are same as the sample we looked at. ACTION: JW asked AS to check as he has samples.</p>

17 To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters – MT asked if a welcome letter had been sent to 31 Yew Tree Road. AS to let Clerk know if he needs a welcome letter for new residents in Toft. **ACTION: Clerk to ask SC if she has delivered a Welcome Letter to new residents in Yew Tree Road, if not Clerk to provide one for May to deliver.**

18 To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 31th July 2012 at Toft Church Hall at 8.00pm. AG offered his apologies for the July meeting - JR mentioned she had not been able to check out the lighting and other issues near the Station (Bridge). She will check if HW or Railways.

DN mentioned that hedge at Brookside Cottage, is growing out into Trouthall Lane – **ACTION: Clerk to write a letter to Mr Herrity (owner Brookside Cottage) to politely request the hedge is cut back and send a copy to CEC Highways. A similar letter needs to be written to the owner of the White House on PMR. TG to get address and forward to the Clerk.**

19 Any Other Business

- **Proposal for PC to adopt a Complaints Procedure – Clerk** – The draft procedure had been circulated to the PC prior to the meeting. PC agreed to create a customized complaints procedure based on the Chalc Version. Add this item to the next agenda.
- **Items for the Newsletter – Clerk – ACTION:** TG to provide article on UGANDAID event for NL. Clerk to ask SW for an article on the Cheshire Show – Time permitting.
- **Cheshire show** – JW mentioned the traffic queuing on PMR, all the way from the village to the lights at the Smoker. **ACTION: JW to send summary to the Clerk to forward to Cllr Wharfe.**

- The Clerk reported that Mr Willocks, of Fingerpost Cottage, Toft, had complained that the grass verge had encroached onto the pavement on A50 to such an extent it was too narrow for baby buggies. GW agreed to mention this at the next CEC High Ways meeting. Mr Willocks also remarked that the Notice Board at Toft Church was in need of rubbing down and re-varnishing. AS agreed to do the work on the Notice Board. The Clerk reminded AS that he could claim back any out of pocket expenses for materials to do the work. TG asked if he could do the same for the materials to repair the bench. The Clerk asked them to submit receipts for the materials before the next meeting. **ACTION: AS to carry out work on Toft Notice Board.**

Diary of events

Date	Event	Time
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

Appendices

HS2 Update – Chris Wilson

Three days after Patrick McLoughlin, Secretary of State for Transport, asked MPs to give him a blank cheque for HS2, the National Audit Office produced a damning report into the project. They say that HS2 Ltd has used out of date modelling and 12 year old data to boost the economic case, they have not been transparent, the business case does not make sense, there is no evidence that HS2 will boost growth or help the regions, the timetables put forward are over ambitious and, most importantly, the total bill is now increased from £33bn to £53bn.

This project is out of control; politicians involved have been seduced by the words 'high speed rail'. It is time ministers stopped their headlong rush to build HS2 and listened to what this independent public body and other reputable commentators are saying; **STOP HS2.**

You CAN help.

Email your MP, George Osborne, at <http://www.georgeosborne4tatton.com/content/contact-form> to say that you are a constituent and opposed to HS2. Encourage friends or family members who live elsewhere in the country to contact their MPs.

Superfast BroadBand Update – Chris Wilson

The £28.5m project to bring superfast broadband to Cheshire was officially launched at Oulton Park on 3rd June 2013. By 2016 over 96% of Cheshire premises will be able to access high-speed fibre broadband making Cheshire one of the best connected regions of the UK; bringing a faster and more reliable broadband speed; helping in the access of new online services and applications. According to research from Halifax, access to a good broadband signal is an important factor when choosing to buy a home. Nearly one third of people surveyed said it is likely to affect their thinking on whether to buy a home in a particular area and one fifth say they would be prepared to pay between 4%-10% more for the same home if it had good broadband.

Will YOU be able to access superfast broadband?

Plumley and parts of Toft which are on the Lower Peover exchange will not necessarily benefit. We have to show a need for the investment by registering our interest at:

<http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk>

Please register your interest as soon as possible. Superfast Broadband is only a click away.

Chalc Macclesfield Area Meeting Report – Sybil Crossman

Sonia Rewhorn..newly appointed deputy officer was introduced.

Local Plan...Consultation on Publication of the Core strategy planned for late summer.

Public examination of the Core Strategy is expected towards the end of 2013

We were told by a CEC Cllr that CEC admin has reviewed its policy and were moving to being a commissioning council. Each area of work is being reviewed. A new Trust @The Engine of the North' has been created Assets reviewed and will be marketed to developers. Trust costs around £500,000...estimated £100m will be realised for investment. Leisure Services, green spaces to be managed by a charitable trust but not now PROW.

This may all change asset Transfer and Service Devolution.

Organisational chart requested.

Adoption ..work being done to increase numbers of people coming forward.

New consultation on Strategic sites...no formal consultation on SHLAA

Elections

Chairman...Sybil

Vice Cllr Ken Edwards (CEC Cllr and Bollington)

ChALC Executive members..Ken Edwards

Lilian Burns (prestbury)

Deputy Sybil

Ken Butler (Rainow) is a Chalc Board member ..Vice Chairman of CHalc

Next meeting ..18 Sept...Wilmslow /Mobberley

Knutsford LAP - Area Management Group Feedback Form – Sybil Crossman

In order to ensure clear communication, between each Local Area Partnership (LAP) Area Management Group (AMG) and local councils in the LAP area, nominated local council communicators sit on each AMG.

This form is to be used by the nominated communicator, following each LAP AMG, to record up to 5 top points of interest to local councils and return, by email, to Hazel Merrill of ChALC at hazelmerrill@chalc.org.uk. Hazel will then disseminate information to all local councils in your LAP area on the work of your LAP.

	ChALC area meeting represented:	Name of representative:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Crewe & Nantwich	Sybil Crossman
	<input type="checkbox"/> Congleton	Representatives parish/town:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Macclesfield	Plumley with Toft and Bexton PC
Please use the following space to record the top points of interest discussed at the meeting:		
1	Troubled families..families known by CEC but not yet assignedmeeting with relevant parties to action	
2	Drug Proof your Kids...Faith groups in Knutsford continuing with this projectwork	
3	Hampers for Hope...foodbank..to be set up for Knutsford area	
4	Reprinted and updated Rail walks booklet available..to be used by Fire and Rescue as part of their Global Corporate challenge	
5	My World project...Graduation ceremony @ concorde Manchester Airport in July	