

## Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Police Surgery 7.45pm – There was no PCSO present.

### THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Toft Church Hall. at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013

**Present:** Cllr S Crossman – Chairman (SC), Cllr May Taylor (MT), Cllr J Richardson (JR), Cllr J Wright (JW), Cllr A Shaw (AS), Cllr G Walton, CEC (GW), Jim Lloyd (JL), Cllr D Fairbrother.

**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 Cllrs Nicholls, Wilson & Gabbott
4. **Declaration of Interests** – None declared.
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013** - 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013** – None.
7. **To receive Cheshire East Council's report**

Cllr Walton reported that the A556 from Windmill via Smoker will be reduced to one lane while work is carried out. There is a £23 million pound budget for road repairs. There are to be changes to the centre of Knutsford. In Poynton there is a shared space area, it possible Knutsford will follow a similar design. DF commented that the Wrexham pedestrian area is also very nice. SC mentioned that in the Knutsford Guardian there had been an article stating that there would be free parking after 3pm parking. GW said this would be confined to just one area in Knutsford. The scheme is being run in 8 car parks across Cheshire East.

#### **8. Correspondence**

- Invitation to the Community Pride Awards Evening 10<sup>th</sup> October- 7pm Ellesmere Port Civic Hall
- Letter from resident regarding noise nuisance VH (circulated) – SC & GW went to see the resident and explained that the Village Hall is very important to the village and the PC has every confidence in DN running it.
- Mail from John Needham on behalf of Save Plumley regarding complaint to Ombudsman (circulated) - With regard to Mr Needham's comments regarding the lack of a follow up meeting with Cllr M E Jones, Leader of CE, for 5 months following the public meeting in February – reference Item 12.
- Mail from John Needham regarding incident at May Meeting (circulated) and noted
- Mail from Francine Cheney re Plumley Caverns – **Action:** Clerk to send mail to Maria Cotton at the Crewe Municipal Buildings.
- Mr Herity sent an e-mail to say that his house has been sold to Mr Burns. Mr Burns has now cut the hedge back so that it does not encroach onto Trouthall Lane.

8.1 Resolution: The Parish Council resolves to discuss matters regarding noise nuisance in the closed section of the meeting due to the confidentiality of the matters for discussion– this item is proposed and must be put to the vote at the meeting. The resolution was not carried as no members of the public were present.

#### **9. HS2 Update– CW – No update**

#### **10. Thank You Letter for S Sanderson and M Moores re Big Weekend – PC approved the wording of the letter.**

**Action:** Clerk to send letter with agreed wording.

#### **11. Artwork at the Station and unveiling event – Thank you letters – SC. JR explained that each class has grouped together and produced a piece of artwork, they are excellent all varnished and should last. SC proposed that the PC write to letters of thanks for the artwork and the display of the artwork at the station to Lower Peover school and to Sally Buttifant. This was approved by the PC. **Action:** Clerk to write letters of thanks to LP School and Sally Buttifant.**

#### **12. Newsletter Article on Pedestrian Crossing/Mini Roundabout – SC/JR/DN – The draft article was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. SC read this out at the meeting and it was then approved by all councillors for release. The final version has been sent to all e-mail recipients of the newsletter, is posted on the web site and**

will be included in the September/October newsletter.

**13. SID's – Funding – JR** – JR explained that the Police and Crime Commissioner has found a pot of money, and would like Councils to bid for it for security projects. Road safety is one of the categories which means that the PC can apply for funding for the SID's. The grant is for 50% matched funding which means the grant would constitute half of the purchase price whilst the PC would fund the other half. If two devices were purchased the price would be between £4777 and £5087 depending on which SID we purchase (either the basic model or the one with the ability to collect information on speeding vehicles when it is turned off). The Parish Council voted for the application to apply for the grant. **Action:** JR and Clerk to complete the application.

**14. Press Release for Affordable Housing on Trouthall Lane – SC.** SC mentioned that when the Affordable Housing in Ollerton were built, the Chairman of Ollerton & Marthall PC made a press release. She suggested that the PC work with P&P to produce the wording – SC felt that the release should be more about welcoming the new residents into the village but this would need to be carefully worded. CW, SC & JR would work with P&P on the wording.

**15. Study to Identify Potential Gypsy and Traveler and Travelling Showperson Sites in Cheshire East - Consultation on Methodology and Call for Sites – PC Response** – The PC agreed to use JW wording with the addition of "it". **Action:** Clerk to submit the comments written by JW.

**16. To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, Village Hall, Parish Plan, Community Pride, Community Resilience, Home watch.**

JR referred to John Needham's query regarding the safety of the bridge pavement. H Graham CEC Highways has quoted £10,000 to install lighting on the bridge, for which the PC would have be required to foot the bill. She went on to say that the bridge footpath is very narrow and would not be approved if it was being put forward to be built now. AS mentioned that installing traffic lights on bridge would make it one lane and widen the footpath . **Action:** Clerk to write to Mr Needham explaining that it is not feasible to go ahead with the lighting using the same wording as in minutes.

SC showed a leaflet for the Fun Day on 4<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall. This is listed as cat show on the VH calendar but it is obviously not just a cat show, she queried the VH license for dancing as dancers were mentioned on the leaflet.

**17. Meetings**

**17.1 Parish Council Meetings**

**17.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council** – Knutsford town council civic service in July – SC Defibrilator – maybe in phone box (Elizabeth Hall)

**17.3 Knutsford LAP** –SC was unable to attend.

**18. To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish – RTA at 7 Sisters 11.30am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Small one Tuesday or Wednesday of last week. The new speed limit is now effective on A50 – 50mph, no new signs as yet. CW&C have also agreed to reduce them**

Accident at the Smoker – 4.30pm – 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 7.30am in the morning outside Symms and Henshaw

**19. Finance**

19.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account £	Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward,.....	6091.27	6148.41
Less payments for June 2013	445.37	
Balance .....	5645.90	

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

19.2 The following payments were approved by the Parish Council with the exception of £57.49 which is deferred until September

- £250.20 to S Jones. July Salary\*
- £33.28 to S. Jones. July payment for web site maintenance\*
- £104.40 to Lithotech for July/August Newsletter.
- £57.49 – Copy of NALC's Local Councils Explained (inc postage)defer to September

\*Total pay for S Jones £283.48 to be paid by standing order on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

## 20. To consider risk assessment

### 21. Planning.

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

- **13/2813M** – Heathfield Nurseries, Ullard Hall Lane, Plumley WA16 9RN – Outline application to provide agricultural workers dwelling. The PC agreed to use the same words as were used when the application was first submitted. SC said the lane is very narrow, recently a lorry had damaged the bridge. A resident had witnessed the lorry hitting the bridge. CEC would need the lorry number plate to claim against the company's insurance for the damage to the bridge. JR went to have a look at the damage. **Action:** Clerk to contact the owners of the lorry.
- **Toft Road Sign on A50** – DF mentioned this had been knocked down. **Action:** AS will find out more details for Clerk and GW.

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

- **13/2266M** - 54 Moorcroft, Plumley. **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<sup>th</sup> rule. The PC Objected to the application.* **Decision: Approved with conditions**
- **13/1831M** - Bowmans Cottage, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9RT - Relocation of gated entrance (Resubmission of 13/0345M). **Decision: Approved with conditions**

**Action:** Clerk to write to Planning to ask that the registration date is the date when all documents have been loaded up onto web site.

21.3 Resolution to delegate authority to Clerk for planning applications from now until the next meeting. -

**Resolved:** The PC resolved unanimously to delegate authority for responding to planning applications from now until the next meeting.

## 22 To note progress regarding ongoing issues

<p><b>22.1 Plumley Smithy</b> - The thatched building needs to be protected.</p>	<p><b>22.5 Moorcroft access/roadway</b></p>
<p><b>22.2 Highways Issues</b>  - <b>SID</b> –Finance-JR- PC will apply for funding from PCC. Still awaiting reply from CEC Highways regarding permission to site the posts for SID's.  - <b>Pedestrian Crossing and Mini Roundabout</b> –We are awaiting PE to come back with date for survey.  - <b>Speeding on PMR</b> – J Crossley to provide the number of entrances to residences on PMR from Plantation to the Middlewich Road. Not provided yet.  <b>SpeedWatch</b> - JR mentioned she doesn't have the time to give it full attention. Need one or two volunteers to take this forward. <b>ACTION:</b> JR to approach Ted Morley to ask if he would help.</p>	<p><b>22.6 Holford Hall</b> –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. JW has found 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. JW has read a copy of the report. There is an agreement that the footpath and the viewing platform is maintained.  <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk has requested a copy of the agreement from PROW. PROW are to inspect the footpath and report back.   <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to E-mail details to GW</p>
<p><b>22.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO) JW awaiting return of forms from Madge Holt and Edna Fewtrell.</b>   JW has received the completed forms and has sent them off.</p>	<p><b>22.7 New Build, Trouthall Lane – P&amp;P meeting covered.</b>   JW asked if the roof tiles are same as the sample we looked at. <b>ACTION:</b> JW asked AS to check as he has samples. AS checked and he believes the tiles are the same as the sample.</p>
<p><b>22.4 Fuel Movements</b> – 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><b>22.7 Complaints Procedure - Update</b>   To be prepared during August ready for proposal at the September meeting.</p>

23 To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters – A welcome letter is required for Mr Burns, Brookside,

Trouthall Lane – **ACTION:** SC

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

**25 Any Other Business**

- CCA will attend the next meeting to talk about Community Land Trusts etc.
- Muriel & Joe Capper wedding anniversary, congratulations in September/October newsletter.
- JL mentioned it is possible that Jane Gough – has land near railway bridge on trouthall lane which may be for sale.

Meeting closed at 21.55pm

**Diary of events**

Date	Event	Time
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