

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Police Surgery 7.30pm - PCSO Lindsey Whitehead: SC read out PCSO Whiteheads report. DN is dealing with complaint about noise. A50 speed limit reduction to 50mph is to take effect on 27th Sept. **Action:** Fly tipping on Moorcroft. Clerk to contact CEC.

SC asked PCSO Whitehead about the noise nuisance at the Village Hall on 1st September. PCSO Whitehead stated that noise nuisance is an Environmental Health (EH) problem not a Police issue unless there is any disorder associated with the noise nuisance. The Police have sent a form 400 to EH. Additionally, there was an attempted burglary at 1pm today, at Greystones on Trouthall Lane. The resident heard a bang downstairs. When the resident came down stairs the Patio doors were smashed. Members of the public need to be vigilant. PCSO Whitehead said that the talks she carried out at Lower Peover School went well.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Committee Room, Plumley Village Hall. at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 25th September 2013

Present: Cllrs Sybil Crossman (SC)(Chairman), David Nichols (DN)(Vice-Chairman), May Taylor (MT), Jane Richardson (JR), J Wright (JW), C Wilson (CW), G Walton, CEC (GW), T Gabbott (TG).

In attendance: S Jones– Clerk, Ashley Taylor Murdoch, Gareth Williams, James Cartledge, CCA.

Apologies for absence from: Cllrs Wharfe, Fairbrother, Shaw & Lloyd

Meeting commenced at 7.45pm

1. To explain the Evacuation procedure - explained

- 2. Public Session** – SC explained that Ashley Taylor Murdoch and Gareth Williams had come to the meeting to introduce themselves to the PC as they have put in a bid for one of the houses on Chapel View. SC mentioned the local connections they have with the village. JR & AS have already written personal letters of support for Sarah Train who has also put in a bid for one of the Chapel View houses. Cllr Richardson has drafted letters of support for all applicants for the PC to review (Item 13). The PC voted to send letters. **Action:** Clerk to send the Letter of support to P&P.

James Cartledge CCA – SC invited JC to come and talk to the PC about how they might acquire a playing field for the village. There have been attempts in the past but none have been successful. SC mentioned that she feels a playing field is lacking in the village. The PC believes that the monies from the Chapel view houses will be used to update the play area on Moorcroft. JC has had a look at potential grant funding to acquire a playing field – there is a lottery scheme for up to £50,000 unfortunately the window was June to August this year. The conditions state that the land must be purchased by or leased to the PC for a min of 25 years. The PC would need to identify land to lease or purchase locally and then apply for a grant to develop the play area. Heritage Lottery money is available, under the “parks for people” initiative, for sums from £100k to £5million. Any project must have a strong historical connection in order to be considered for this funding. There are also funding options for maintenance. Some of the grants for maintenance require a 12 month break between grants. Many of the grants are for matched funding, but not necessarily pound for pound. A PC can apply for more than one at a time. Community Land trusts are mainly for Community initiated housing. There are sport related grants – Sport England has a grant scheme. There is a small grants scheme up to £10,000 and another up to £100,000. CEC have a grants scheme for up to £1000 and Manchester Airport have a grant fund scheme for up to £5000. Before applying the PC needs to find out the space requirements for the facilities required and there should be a survey of residents to find out if a playing field is what they want. This would be required to back any funding bid. **Action:** Clerk to investigate if funding may be available under the CEC Dream Fund.

SC mentioned the CCA AGM on 6th November in St John’s Church Hall, Hartford – JC will be on paternity leave but John Heselwood or Mark Reading will cover whilst he is on leave.

- 3. To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lloyd, Wharfe, Fairbrother and Shaw
- 4. Declaration of Interests - None**
- 5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2013-** The minutes were approved and accepted as a true record of the me
- 6. To note any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 31st July 2013** – SC suggested that JL approach J Gough, regarding the possibility of land being available for a playing field. **Action:** Clerk to notify JL.

7. **To receive Cheshire East Councillor's report** – Cllr Walton reported that the Core Strategy was presented at Crewe Alexandra. The document outlines potential and future developments, in total approx 650 houses in and around Knutsford. There is a question on the numbers, clarification need to confirm if it is 550 and 650 houses. Plumley will be dealt with in Site Allocations which is part of the next stage. The Core strategy will go to the inspector in December and the inspector should respond next summer. Next year starts by looking at the greenbelt and villages (like Plumley), minerals, waste etc. Huge number of man hours. Richard House has been seriously ill and could take no further part in the Core Strategy.

GW also mentioned various e-mail scams, and warned Cllrs not to be taken in by pleas for help coming via e-mail purporting to come for friends or colleagues.

On behalf of Cllr Shaw, the Clerk mentioned the lack of white lines on the A50, George mentioned that the junctions use a different machine and will come back to do it later.

MT mentioned that the street lights at the Smoker on A556 are not on at night. There are some that have been turned off purposely.

JR mentioned the resurfacing of Yew Tree & Holly Tree Road. GW – AW and SD away till next week but he will pursue this issue on their return.

8. Correspondence

- a. Reply from Planning Enforcement regarding Orchard Cottage & The Barn, Trouthall Lane.
- b. Chalc Annual Meeting 6pm 24th October, Winsford
- c. Town and Parish Council Conference 6.30pm 4th November Alsager Civic Centre
- d. PCSO Lindsey Whitehead – Police report
- e. Mail from John Needham regarding Complaint to Ombudsman – This had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting. At the meeting the PC agreed that if Councillors had information of relevance they should send it to the Clerk or to Mr Needham direct.
- f. Reply from Address Management CEC regarding change of name from Merry Lane to Merry Farm Drive.
- g. Two complaints from N Baker regarding state of Yew Tree & Holly Tree Roads, lack of date for resurfacing from CEC and no reply to his question regarding when the roads were last resurfaced – GW has now replied and will continue to pursue a date for the resurfacing of the roads with CEC Highways.
- h. Reply from John Needham regarding Update on Crossing and Mini Roundabout
- i. Mail from J Royle regarding ownership of access to driveway and street light
- j. Community resilience Speed Training Event in October – CW to attend
- k. Reply from T & R Burns regarding successful resolution of their complaint regarding confidentiality.
- l. Notification of CPFA AGM – 10.00am 31st October 2013, Winsford
- m. Consent for A556 Knutsford to Bowden Scheme – notice of procedural decisions reply by 4th October.

SC wrote, in a personal capacity, a letter on behalf of herself and JR, to MCI regarding the Site Manager on Chapel View. This was because has been very considerate and as helpful during the construction of the houses.

Action: Clerk to ask J Royle if he has heard back from CEC regarding his driveway.

9. HS2 Update– CW

- Including Draft Code of Construction Practice – CW – Consultants have been employed to push this forward. The Local group is going to take action. Draft code of construction practice – CW no action required at present.
- HS2 Meeting on 26th September –Andrew Ross of CEC to speak – CW to attend
- HS2 Meeting at Tatton Park 9th October (HS2 Ltd) – CW & SC to attend

10. **Highways - Pedestrian Crossing, Roundabout and SID's (PCC Funding) –Update- JR/DN** – awaiting the location of the SIDs for traffic coming from A556. Pryce Evans to provide the information. PCC funding cannot be applied for until we have a location plan for the SID's.
11. **Holford Hall viewing Platform- JW** – Willow cleared?/copy of maintenance agreement from public enquiry. JW to check if the Willow has been cut back to allow a clear view of Holford Hall from the viewing platform. GW to find out if PROW will provide details of the maintenance agreement between CEC and Mrs Phillips with regard to the footpath. **Action:** Clerk to send GW the details of the contact at PROW (see Item 21.6 Holford Hall).
12. **Clerk's Salary Increase in line with NALC scale – 1% increase** – Clerk asked that the payment be deferred to the

next financial year as it will be too difficult to change the standing order at the bank for such a small change in salary. The PC agreed that the increase is available when the Clerk requests it.

13. Chapel View

- Shared Ownership – The grant for building the houses was for rented accommodation, not shared ownership.
- PC Viewing Dates – 15th /16th October – There are viewings set up for 15th at 2pm and 16th at 10.00am, **Action:** Councillors to send names to Clerk by Friday 27th September. Clerk to update P&P with new names.
- Letters of support for Ashley Taylor Murdoch & Gareth Williams, and for Sarah Train - PC agreed to provide letters of support for all applicants (see item 2. Public Session). **Action:** Clerk to send letters to L Johnson at P&P before 27th September.

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

– No items received.

15. Meetings

15.1 PC Meetings – Prospective date for Public Meeting with Cllr M E Jones, Leader CEC – PC agreed there was no need for another meeting until the pedestrian crossing plans have been made.

15.2 External Meetings

- CHALC Macclesfield Area Meeting – 18th September – presentation on local plan, HS2
- CPFA AGM - 31st October 10.30am Winsford Lifestyle Centre
- CCA AGM - 5th November, Hartford
- Mobberley Civic Service - 8th September
- Community Pride Awards Evening 10th October- 7pm Ellesmere Port Civic Hall – AG to attend reply for Tony.
- Cheshire East Council Civic Service - 20th October Sunday. St Andrews Church 2pm

16. Knutsford LAP – Nothing to report.

17. To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish – A friend of the Gabbott family was knocked off his bike by a car on Saturday 1st Sept on Plumley Moor Road at about 6:00pm. He sustained cuts and bruises but is thankfully otherwise unharmed. The Driver of the vehicle did not stop.

18. Finance

18.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account £	Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward,.....	5645.90	6148.41
Plus Deposits – 50% 2013/14 Precept	3651.00	
Less payments for August/September 2013	708.46	
Balance	7917.48	

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

18.2 The following payments were approved by the PC:

- £250.20 to S Jones. August Salary*
- £33.28 to S. Jones. August payment for web site maintenance*
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- £104.40 to Lithotech for September/October Newsletter.
- £37.50 room booking fees for May, June & July meetings at Toft Church Hall

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

19. 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):

- **13/3495D** - Oak Bank, PINFOLD LANE, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, WA16 9RW - Discharge of condition 3 (Landscaping) on approval 13/1270M - Hay and straw store adjoining an existing agricultural building on agricultural land. No comments required
- **13/3527D** - THE BARN, HOLFORD HALL, CHESTER ROAD, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, WA16 0UA - Discharge of condition 3 of 11/4254M - Roof Materials. No comments required

- **13/3370M** - Seven Sisters Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Knutsford WA16 9ER - Prior Notification of Change to a Flexible Use of building excluded from Planning Permission 10/3821M by virtue of Condition 10. The building measures 10.56M x 10.44M the gross external area is therefore 110.24 sqm. The building will begin to be used as Class A3 (restaurant and cafes) within the flexible use class on 28 August 2013. The building will provide additional indoor seating area to the Ice Cream Parlour already established on site. No comments required.

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

- **13/2813M** – Heathfield Nurseries, Ullard Hall Lane, Plumley WA16 9RN – Outline application to provide agricultural workers dwelling. **Comments: The PC objected to this application.** This application has now been withdrawn.

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

21. To note progress regarding ongoing issues

<p>21.1 Plumley Smithy - The thatched building needs to be protected.</p>	<p>21.5 Moorcroft access/roadway</p>
<p>21.2 Highways Issues - SID –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. - Pedestrian Crossing and Mini Roundabout – Following meeting 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. Awaiting PE to come back with date for survey. 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. - Speeding on PMR – J Crossley has not provided the number of entrances to residences on PMR from Plantation to the Middlewich Road. SpeedWatch -Volunteers are required to take this forward. ACTION: JR to approach Ted Morley for help.</p>	<p>21.6 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. PROW has asked Mrs Phillips to cut back the willow. Mr Budenberg CPRE – SC explained that Holford Hall not made available, he offered to write to the owner if necessary. There is an agreement between CEC and the owner regarding maintenance of the viewing platform, however PROW have said PC cannot have a copy as it is a document between CEC and the owner.</p>
<p>21.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO) - JW has send forms from Madge Holt and Edna Fewtrell.</p>	<p>21.7 Chapel View, Truthall Lane – P&P meeting covered. AS reported the roof slates were the same as the samples</p>
<p>21.4 Fuel Movements – DN reported that there are some taking place and some excavations on site. Still reassessing what is underground. DN needs to contact HSE Inspector regarding the site. CW has been told it will be tinkered by road, from keepers cottage road and moss cottage road, this is why there is netting on the hedge to stop birds nesting. Pipeline not ruled out. DN still needs to make observations to HSE.</p>	<p>21.7 Complaints Procedure - Update To be prepared during August ready for proposal at the September meeting See Item 23 Complaints Procedure.</p>

- 22 **UGANDAID – report from fund raising event** – TG reported that the event was designed to raise money, and provide a good night out. The band was excellent, but there were less people than expected in attendance. The band went on to perform at Glastonbury the following week. The event realised approx £2000 of profit. This pays for tuition for two students for 3 years.
- 23 **Complaints Procedure – Action:** Clerk to update item for meeting with PC or relevant committee and add this to the October Meeting Agenda
- 24 **To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters** – None required. **Action:** Clerk to put welcome letter on the website.
- 25 **To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 30th October 2013 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

26 **Any Other Business** – Due to Bank Holidays the Annual Parish Meeting and the April meeting will move to 1st May 2014.

DN remarked that a branch off a tree near Ann Barlow's house had fallen onto the road.

The Clerk reported that Glen & Barry Godson will be leaving the Village. The PC agreed to send a letter of thanks for their support with the newsletter and other village activities over the years.

27 **Close meeting** – the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Diary of events

Date	Event	Time
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
29.1.14	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
26.2.14	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
26.3.14	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
1.5.14	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room(Thursday)	7.00pm
1.5.14	Annual Parish Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room (Thursday)	8.00pm
28.5.14	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Toft Church Hall	7.45pm
25.6.14	Parish Council Meeting, Toft Church Hall	7.45pm
30.7.14	Parish Council Meeting, Toft Church Hall	7.45pm
24.9.14	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm
29.10.14	Parish Council Meeting, Toft Church Hall	7.45pm
26.11.14	Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room	7.30pm