

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Police Surgery 7.30pm – PCSO not in attendance SC read out report sent by PCSO Lindsey Whitehead.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 30th October 2013, in the Committee Room, Plumley Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Sybil Crossman (SC)(Chairman), May Taylor (MT), J Wright (JW), C Wilson (CW), G Walton, CEC (GW), T Gabbott (TG) & J Lloyd (JL).

In attendance: S Jones– Clerk,

Apologies for absence from: Cllrs Richardson, Shaw, Fairbrother & Nichols

Meeting commenced at 7.45pm

1. **To explain the 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** – Cllrs Richardson, Shaw, Fairbrother & Nichols.
4. **Declaration of Interests** - There were no interests declared.
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2013** – The minutes of the meeting on 25th September 2013 were approved.
6. **To note any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2013** – There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.
7. **To receive Cheshire East Councillor’s report** - Cllr Walton reported that the Local Plan “Core Strategy”, meeting in Crewe was cancelled. The document was sent to Cabinet on 16th October, to be reviewed by the full Council on 17th October. It was proposed that there should be a further public consultation on the Local Plan “Core Strategy”. This will be decided at a meeting on 1st November, and if it is decided the consultation should go ahead a communication to PC’s will be sent out on 4th November. SC commented that the PC was keen to put this information into the newsletter, the PC agreed to delay the issue of the newsletter until details of the public consultation are received.

GW confirmed that the resurfacing of Yew Tree Road, had been scheduled to take place between 27th & 29th November. Holly Tree Road would be scheduled for resurfacing when the pedestrian crossing is to be installed.

Action: Clerk to send a flyer to all householders on the bungalow estate regarding vehicular access when the works on Yew Tree Road take place.

8. Correspondence

- a) Letter from CEC regarding Precept arrangements for 2014/15 – Council Tax Support Grant
- b) Cheshire Constabulary regarding Village Community Safety Award
- c) Manchester Airport – notice of works on Runway 1 and extended use of runway 2
- d) CEC – remembrance service in Crewe 10th Nov
- e) Knutsford Town Clerk – Remembrance Service 10th Nov
- f) CPRE – Christmas Event 4th December at Cholmondley, St Nicholas Chapel
- g) Caring together leaflet – in newsletter
- h) H Merrell , Chalc – Cancellation of core strategy review meeting at Crewe
- i) E-mail from Cllr D Brown re consultation on Local Plan Core strategy
- j) E-mail from S Penny regarding details of consultation on Local Plan
- k) Mail from Pryce Evans regarding works to Yew Tree Road and Pedestrian Crossing/Mini roundabout scheme
- l) Trading standards – re BT preference telephone scam
- m) Ian McCulloch – re wrong e-mail address on web site
- n) Lostock Gralam Parish Clerk – request for contact details for OPD regarding fuel movements
- o) P Allen – RTA project for September 2014 – part of WW1 commemoration, choral performances at stations on the Mid Cheshire Line, Does Plumley want to take part if so need to ask for volunteers to make choir.
- p) J Cartledge CCA – re funding for tennis court maintenance
- q) Mail From CEC Streetscape team – declining request for contribution towards tennis court maintenance from CIL monies.
- r) CEC – Local Hero Awards

- s) PCSO Whitehead – Local Crime report for this month
- t) Cheshire Home Choice newsletter
- u) CEC – Community Transport workshop 14th Nov
- v) Chalc – Notice Board Competition
- w) CEC Highways – Request for road closure for Yew Tree Road and details of the works from Andy Wilson
- x) D Nichols – Apologies and update on OPD fuel movements, TPO & tennis Courts
Ben Wharfe may go to Crewe Remembrance Service

9. HS2 Update– CW

- HS2 Meeting on 26th September – CW – group of Parish Councils to discuss how to tackle meeting on 9th at Tatton park.
- HS2 Meeting at Tatton Park 9th October – CW & SC- The meeting was un-minuted and only comments via consultation methods will be accepted. There was concern about the airport and the link to Wigan (siding for cleaning), as this could be done at one of the existing service depots. SC commented that an HS3 to Scotland was mentioned. The government has just published a 5th attempt at justifying HS2. On the news there was an item stating that the cost per mile of track is €9million per mile in France, €129 million per mile in the UK (2011 prices). SC believes the figure of €7billion is for HS2 rolling stock and does not include the cost for the classic compatible trains. A station has been added at Crewe for classic compatible trains, not HS2. HS2 speed will be limited to 198 miles per hour. There are arguments about speed and capacity. Currently virgin say that the trains are only 50% full at peak times, this does not seem to indicate there is a capacity problem but the justification relies on the assumption that capacity will run out by 2026 to support the argument for HS2. A full geological survey has not been completed so the current preferred route is not necessarily the final route. The next preferred route moves the line away from the salt caverns, but this will bring the line closer to Plumley. There is a route via Mobberley which is still further from the salt caverns. There will be a new cluster group meeting on 6th November, and the consultation which is mentioned in the newsletter.
SW commented that when he attended an HS2 meeting the people running the meeting didn't feel it was a threat to agriculture as it was only running through grade 2 and 3 land. Can be up to half a mile wide if it is put in a culvert to cut down the sound. Most of the publicity is because of the loss of housing,

SC – The plan is obviously to link with Scotland. CW suggested the government can hardly justify the cost from London to Manchester, let alone up to Scotland.

10. Highways

- Pedestrian Crossing, Roundabout and SID's (PCC Funding) –Update- JR/DN – still awaiting plan from PE.
- Yew Tree Road Resurfacing to go ahead 27th - 29th November.
- A50 – Clerk mentioned that Cllr Shaw had commented that no-one appears to be taking any notice of the new speed limit more signs are needed. GW reported that lack of signs has been escalated to George Osborne as the side roads have signs, but there are not repeaters between Holmes chapel and Knutsford.
- Junction of A50 and Middlewich Road – AS had also mentioned the man hole cover surround has broken and there is a hole which could be dangerous – GW reported that the siding has been cut back as DF requested.

11. Holford Hall viewing Platform- JW – JW has been to have a look, he has had a look at file at photo's taken at the time of the public enquiry, and compared with what you can see now. (photos from viewing platform). Holford hall cannot now be seen. **Action:** JW to send pictures to the Clerk to forward to GW. The kissing gate on the diversion is padlocked. GW,CW and JW to go have a look and then to advise E Pedley at PROW.

12. Chapel View – PC Viewing 15/16 October – JR – SC mentioned that a member of the public had applied to take on a house on Moorcroft, however it has been allocated to a family from Goostrey. PC agreed that SC query the local connection.

13. To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, Village Hall, Parish Plan, Community Pride, Community Resilience, Home watch, Newsletter Little Gem – Community Pride Award- TG reported that 35% of the plants lost because of the dry weather, need to plant seedlings and weed. An Anonymous benefactor has been helping with the costs however more volunteers are needed to help at the station,

14. Meetings

External Meetings

- Community Pride Awards Evening 10th October- 7pm Ellesmere Port Civic Hall
- INEOS Meeting 18th October – DN
- Chalc AGM – 24th October – SC did not go
- Town & Parish Conference – 4th November, SC & GW will be attending.
- CCA AGM – 5th November – SC

SC mentioned the cheque for £250 received from the Cheshire Constabulary Community Safety Award, she suggested that perhaps a number of litter pickers could be purchased for each councillor – via CEC (4 people already have them). PC agreed to buy 12 for the PC. These could be lent to residents who help with litter picking.

15. Knutsford LAP – SC mentioned the caring together initiative. There is a lot of work on this project going ahead in Longridge.

16. To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish – There was an accident at the junction of Linnards Lane and the A556 at 6.30 pm on 24th October. The traffic was stopped both ways and a crane was needed to clear the road. CW to check to see if there is no right turn sign for traffic coming out of Linnards Lane. PC agreed to send a card to a resident who had recently lost her husband.

17. Fuel Movements – Cllr Nichols had sent a note saying that he had not received an official answer from OPA about fuel movements, but he understood they are to be delayed because an approved extraction method for leaded fuel has yet to be approved. Also, a number of dew ponds on site are likely to be affected by fuel outloading, so new surveys have to be conducted, which may not occur until mid 2014.

He also believed that an MoD press release will shortly be forthcoming because of what was said at the recent INEOS Parish Councils meeting about possible fuel movements. DN has requested a copy.

18. Finance

18.1 To note the current financial position.

| | Community Account | Business Premium Account |
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| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward..... | 9128.20 | 6151.99 |
| Plus interest on Business Prem Acct..... | 1.50 | |
| Less payments for August/September 2013 | 382.43 | |
| Balance | 8745.77 | |

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

18.2 To approve the following payments were approved:

- £250.20 to S Jones. October Salary*
- £33.28 to S. Jones. October payment for web site maintenance*
- £28.00 CCA – Community Pride Entry Fee – re-issue of cheque lost in post.
- £20.00 CCA – Annual Membership
- £29.00 CPRE – Annual Membership
- £22.00 PVH – September Room Bookings

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

18.3 Pre- Budget discussion – SC & Clerk to create a draft budget before next meeting.

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): NONE

20.2 To note the following planning decisions by Cheshire East Council: NONE

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

21. To note progress regarding ongoing issues

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| <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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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>JW produced a photo taken at the time of the footpath diversion, and compared it with a recent photo from the viewing platform. The view of the Holford Hall is clearly diminished. JW & GW to visit the Viewing platform and will also report findings to E Pedley at PROW. Action: Clerk to send E Pedley contact details to GW.</p> |
| <p>21.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)</p> | <p>21.7 Chapel View, Trouthall Lane – P&P meeting covered.</p> |
| <p>21.4 Fuel Movements – DN reported that there are some taking place and some excavations on site. It is likely that the movements will be delayed until later in 2014 (See item 17.)</p> | <p>21.7 Complaints Procedure - Update</p> <p>Approved.</p> |

22 PVH Tennis Courts – Funding for Maintenance – DN – SC raised the discussion we have had with CEC regarding the monies. GW asked Sybil for the information so that he can pursue this with the planning officer. Southern estate support removing the trees.

23 Complaints Procedure – Updated - PC approved the updated Complaints Procedure.

24 To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters – A letter is required for 8 Maltkiln Road.

25 To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 27th November 2013 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

26 Any Other Business

- a. CW suggested that the PC complain about period when no green bins will be collected is longer last year. Also why did CEC go to the expense of sending post cards, when they could have worked the dates out at the beginning of the year and included them on the new schedule, and stop any issues at last minute.
Action: Clerk to complain to CEC.
- b. TG reported that the public footpath that goes from Pinfold Lane round the back of Tabley Wood, has a field with young bulls in it and they get agitated when people walk along the path. TG’s wife has had to jump over the fence in a hurry on a couple of occasions. TG and SW to identify which fields they are in.
- c. Rail Safety Briefing – TG.
- d. Archives - Clerk mentioned that there are a lot of archives and could the PC find alternative storage as they are rarely used. SW agreed to find space for them. **Action:** Clerk to purchase plastic storage containers for the files and to arrange to take them to SW.
- e. TG Frame will purchase two frames for the “Little Gem” Award – one copy to be displayed in Village Hall and one in the Station
- f. SW mentioned that Ben Wharfe has been nominated for British free range egg producer of the year. He has been trading for 3 years now from Sapling Home Farm.

27 Close meeting – 9.40pm

Diary of events

| Date | Event | Time |
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| 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 |
| 1.05.14 | Parish Council Meeting, Plumley Village Hall Committee Room(Thursday) | 7.00pm |
| 1.05.14 | 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 |