

## Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

**Police Surgery** - 7.30pm – PCSO Lindsey Whitehead mentioned a number of crimes in the area including theft of diesel at Brook House Farm; an aggravated burglary. at Middlewich where one of the perpetrators was apprehended near Pippin Cottage, on Plumley Moor Road, Plumley. Helicopters were used to find the burglar. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November there was a burglary at the Coach House, Peover Lane in Chelford, the thieves took jewellery. Treetops nursery was burgled; over £23000 of stock was stolen. PCSO Lindsey said that there is normally a lot more criminal activity on the run up to Christmas and this year is no exception. She also mentioned that the driver engagement days will be running again. Anyone caught speeding will be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, at 7.45pm in Plumley Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs S Crossman (SC)(Chairman), M Taylor (MT), J Wright (JW), C Wilson (CW), T Gabbott (TG), S Wharfe (SW), J Richardson (JR), A Shaw (AS), D Nichols (DN).

**In attendance:** S Jones– Clerk,

**Apologies for absence from:** Cllrs Lloyd, Fairbrother & Walton

**Meeting commenced at 7.45pm**

- 1. To explain the Evacuation procedure** – explained
- 2. Public Session** – There were no members of the public present. However, the Chairman announced that the PC had been given a tin of biscuits by Ashley Taylor Murdoch and Gareth Williams, who now live in one of the Houses on Chapel View. The gift was to thank the PC for their letter of support when they bid for the house. Gareth is now a member of the Village Hall Management Committee. **Action:** Clerk to send thank you note.
- 3. To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lloyd, Fairbrother and Walton.
- 4. Declaration of Interests** – DN registered an interest in the item regarding the TPO and The Tennis Courts.
- 5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013** – Clerk to add Cllr Wharfe to the list of attendees. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by CW and seconded by JW.
- 6. To note any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013** – there were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 7. To receive Cheshire East Councillor's report** – There was no report from Cheshire East as Cllr Walton was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **8. Correspondence**

SC confirmed that Sarah Sanderson had been successful in her bid for the vacant 4 bed House on Moorcroft. There will be three 3 bed houses for let shortly as two of the older tenants have sadly passed away.

Chapel View – Unfortunately the tenant for the 3 bed had to decline the tenancy. SW mentioned that one of his tenants in Lostock Gralam, is now living in one of the new houses. P&P would not disclose what the local connection was for this applicant. **Action:** Clerk to write to P and P to say that the PC is concerned about the local connection. We need to know what type of connection it is, family, work etc. Letter to be sent to Tim Pinder CEO of P and P, the trustees of P and P and the Chief Planning Officer at CEC. Also we need to find out about the local connection for the tenant in number 1 Chapel View.

- 9. HS2 Update**– CW reported that he went to Westminster on 25<sup>th</sup> November with the Lobby action group went, and met various MP's, but not George Osborne(GO). The group did not find any one with a pro-HS2 view. On 26<sup>th</sup> November the Cluster Group met to discuss how to approach the GO meeting at PVH on 13<sup>th</sup> December. The main points are that the business case has not been made, and that GO said that he would stand with us throughout the whole process and get us the best mitigation possible, but so far all he has done is write a letter. Cllr M E Jones (Leader of CEC) is asking for HS2 to tunneled a lot of the way from Crewe. We will be holding GO to account on stakeholder involvement, as we don't have any, only the official consultation process. The compensation available is if your property has to be compulsory purchased, or if your house is on market and you don't get an offer at least 85% of the sales value of your house. If you do receive an offer of 85% or more then you have to accept the offer. There is compensation for disruption after the construction. A resident (High Legh) has a house about 1 mile away, which he is selling. He had an interested party but when he told the prospective buyer HS2 would be a mile away the buyer said they were not interested in buying the house. This means that all houses

in Plumley are likely to be affected if they are being sold and it is unlikely that properties near the preferred route will sell. SC & CW will attend GO meeting at PVH on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. There is also a Public display in Tatton on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December, there will be free entry to the Park. CW said that we need people to respond to the consultation as listed in the newsletter.

10. **Highways - Pedestrian Crossing, Roundabout and SID's (PCC Funding) –Update- JR/DN** - Yew Tree road in the throws, JR to chase Price Evans re sids. DN asked remarked
11. **Holford Hall viewing Platform- JW & GW** – Evan Pedley from PROW is working with owner to restore the view from the viewing platform on the footpath.
12. **To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, Village Hall, Parish Plan, Community Pride, Community Resilience, Home watch.** SC mentioned the issue of traffic coming out of Linnards Lane and turning right onto the A556, and suggested that the PC writes to CEC Highways to ask if there can be a no right turn sign for traffic exiting Linnards Lane onto the A556. PC voted – with this 8 votes in favour of making this request of CEC Highways.

Additionally, the PC decided to write to CEC Highways requesting that a survey is undertaken of the Junction of Middlewich Road and the A50 to see if additional traffic management measures can be implemented (ie traffic lights or mini roundabout) because of the speed of the traffic, the difficulty for cars turning right out of Middlewich Road, the lack of a white line, two lanes of traffic running right and left and the number of accidents which occur at this junction. **Action:** Clerk to write to CEC Highways on both issues.

CW went to community resilience meeting in October, will be another meeting with table top exercises.

### 13. Meetings

- PC Meetings – None
- External Meetings
  - HS2 Meeting with George Osborne, PVH, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013
  - Chalc Macclesfield Area Meeting, Mobberley, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014
  - Cheshire Best Kept Station awards evening, Tony, SC, Andy Yates, – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - Chalc Planning Course, 6<sup>th</sup> December - JW
  - PCC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December – Can anyone go?
  - HS2 Cluster Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November – CW
  - Town & Parish Conference – 4<sup>th</sup> November – SC, Cllr M E Jones Leader CEC & M Suarez CEO, CEC
  - CCA AGM – 5<sup>th</sup> November – NA
  - Chalc AGM – 24<sup>th</sup> October - NA

14. **Knutsford LAP** – SC mentioned that the notes from the last LAP meeting had been circulated. Rural proofing is now to be taken into account in all CEC policies and decisions.
15. **To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish** – None.
16. **Fuel Movements** – DN reported that fuel movements were unlikely to start until later in 2014. The new survey will be conducted in April/May 2014. OPA have arranged a meeting to brief local Parish Councils. Up to 4 representatives can attend from each Parish Council. The meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> December at PVH. DN to attend, any other councillors to notify the Clerk asap so that she can respond to OPA.
17. **Budget & Precept 2014/15** – After some discussion the PC resolved to a precept of £11500. However this figure was subject to the Clerk checking the cost for the annual audit fee for a council of a precept over £10000. The PC also resolved to allow the clerk to round this figure up if the audit fee was significantly higher than estimated.

### 18. Finance

18.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account	Business Premium Account
	£	£
Balance brought forward.....	8745.77	6151.99
Plus Cheshire Constabulary Award.....	250.00	
Less payments for November 2013	522.16	
Balance .....	8473.61	

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- TG, SW
- £250.20 to S Jones. November Salary\*
  - £33.28 to S. Jones. November payment for web site maintenance\*
  - £30.00 Chalc Planning Course 6<sup>th</sup> December – JW
  - £36.00 Cheshire Wildlife Trust Subscription
  - £104.40 Lithotech Ltd – November/December Newsletter
  - £35.00 R Mottershead – Ex Gratia Payment for Internal Auditor
- \*Total pay for S Jones £283.48 to be paid by standing order on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

**19. To consider risk assessment – normal word**

**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.

**21. To note progress regarding ongoing issues**

<p><b>21.1 Plumley Smithy</b> - The thatched building needs to be protected.</p>	<p><b>21.5 Moorcroft access/roadway</b></p>
<p><b>21.2 Highways Issues</b>          - <b>SID</b> –Finance-JR &amp; 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.          - <b>Pedestrian Crossing and Mini Roundabout</b> – 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.          - <b>Speeding on PMR</b> – J Crossley has not provided the number of entrances to residences on PMR from Plantation to the Middlewich Road.  <b>SpeedWatch</b> -Volunteers are required to take this forward.  <b>ACTION:</b> JR to approach Ted Morley for help.</p>	<p><b>21.6 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. 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.           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 &amp; GW to visit the Viewing platform and will also report findings to E Pedley at PROW.   <b>Action:</b> Clerk to send E Pedley contact details to GW.</p>
<p><b>21.3 PROW – Plumley Lime Beds (DMMO)</b></p>	<p><b>21.7 Chapel View, Truthall Lane</b></p>
<p><b>21.4 Fuel Movements</b> – 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.</p>	

**22. PVH Tennis Courts – Funding for Maintenance & TPO – DN – SC** commented that the Tennis Courts are provided free of charge by PVH, to bring them up to standard maintenance of £5000 needs to be carried out. They are the only leisure facility in the Village which are accessible to all ages. A meeting was held between SC, Cllr G Walton, Peter Hooley (CEC), Marianne Hodgkinson (CEC), Rachel Bolton (CEC 106 monitoring officer) to discuss any options to change the way the CIL money is spent to allow some of the funds to go to PVH to maintain the Tennis Courts. The outcome of the meeting is that in order to make a change to the way the money is spent the deed needs to be varied by the developer. The PC feels that it should have been consulted regarding the allocation of the CIL money. The minimum for the legal fees would be £500. **Action:** Clerk to write to Rachel Bolton and copy MEJ and GW stating that CEC will use CIL to maintain the play area, which they are responsible for doing anyway and that the PC does not feel that the community/Village is benefitting from the money with the current allocation of funds. Clerk also to ask Chalc if there is a precedent for CEC or PC to pay legal costs rather than the developer on a variation to a deed on a 106 agreement.

**23. Local Plan Response – JW** – This is the last chance to offer any comments on the core strategy. JW reported that there have been several changes on affordable housing, infilling, the cascade provision which goes against the principals of affordable housing. JW has sent in his comments. JW indicated that he was not necessarily the best person to put forward the comments of the PC due to his views and the location of a piece of development land next to his property.

SC – commented on the huge amount of housing planning in the Knutsford are, and that traffic management should not be redirected to the rural roads ie via Plumley and the villages.

JW mentioned the Site Allocations – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) there are a couple of sites that are in Plumley one on the nursery and the other is the Crown Estates land. This is not part of the consultation. Anyone can put forward sites to be added to the SHLAA, with or without the owners permission. SC mentioned that she still feels nursery site would be ideal for a playing field.

**Action:** Clerk to send a copy of last consultation submission Insert the traffic issue if not already included.

24. **Newsletter** – Items for the next issue – SC asked for more copies to be left at the Village Stores, and 8 for Gareth and Ashley at Chapel View. CW mentioned that he had received a comment regarding Birth, Marriages and Deaths in the Newsletter, a resident had said that when the newsletter was started it had been agreed that there would not be a list of Births, Marriages and Deaths. However, perhaps an advert in the next newsletter giving details of what is considered to be acceptable for the newsletter needs to be inserted - ie special occasions and points of note in the Village, for deaths can be accepted if the person submitting sends an article celebrating the persons life, just a note of the death, the same should be applied to births and marriages.

25. **To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters** - none

26. **To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm –**

Defibrillator

JW - Proposed development sites for notice boards and/or web site.

27. **Any Other Business**

28. **Close meeting – 9.50pm**

**Diary of events**

Date	Event	Time
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