

## Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

**Police Surgery** - GW mentioned there had been good news on the diesel theft, a number of people have been arrested and convicted. SC mentioned that Brookhouse Farm in the last police report was not the farm by the same name in Plumley. Minutes updated to reflect this. PCSO Lindsey was not available for the surgery.

Chairman expressed condolences to the McGrath family on the death of Gordon McGrath. **Action:** Clerk to write letter of condolence to Liz, Jean McGrath and to Lower Peover Council.

### AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

#### The Committee Room, Plumley Village Hall. at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Present:** Cllrs Sybil Crossman(SC), Tony Gabbott(TG), Jim Lloyd(JL), John Wright (JW), Chris Wilson(CW), Stephen Wharfe (SW) and George Walton (GW), CEC.

1. **To explain the Evacuation procedure** – explained.
2. **Public Session.** – no members of the public in attendance.
3. **To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend** - Apologies were received from Cllrs May Taylor, Andy Shaw, Jane Richardson, David Nichols and Dennis Fairbrother.
4. **Declaration of Interests** - None
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 – Minutes accepted CW prop, JW second**
6. **To note any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013**
7. **To receive Cheshire East Councillor's report** – GW praised all those who worked so hard at Plumley Station to get it to such a high standard congratulated them on winning the Best Kept Station award. He also mentioned the partnerships newsletter and asked if the PC receives a copy as he finds it a very informative publication. **Action:** Clerk to ask T Jones for a hard copy for the Village Stores. GW mentioned the CEC budget which will be put forward for approval at a meeting in February. SW asked if it was possible that CEC could be more efficient. He cited examples of workmen from CEC mending holes in the road and only doing those reported and leaving the rest. GW went on to talk about the Local Plan Consultation which received 10,000 responses. The Local Plan will go to the Strategic Planning Board on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. There will be a special meeting of to the Council to ratify the Local Plan. He confirmed that a 5 year supply of housing land has now been demonstrated by CEC. With a 5% buffer based on the Sedgefield method as instructed by the Government. This is an important step, and has been submitted the government.

Connecting Cheshire event – GW commented on the events last week. There are a few gaps in the coverage in Plumley, one near Ascol Drive, and some near Toft. These are in areas where there is no green box. Blue areas are not being implemented at the moment. They will be done at a later date. From February people should be in a position to be offered the high speed option. The minimum download speed will be 2mb, there should be an improvement on speed currently received. Estimated speeds can be obtained from broadband providers.

GW felt the events were well worthwhile. CW attended one of the events on behalf of the PC.

#### **8. Correspondence**

- a. Pryce Evans - RE: Junction of Middlewich Road and A50 at Toft. Write to Pryce and ask who is in charge. GW mentioned that highways have been tasked with making the junction safer. **Action:** Clerk to contact Kevin Melling & David topping (cc GW) to request direct contact with the working party for safety on A50.
- b. A Wilson - RE: Accidents at Linnards Lane junction with A556 – this has been forwarded to Rob Welch at CEC, Highways
- c. Lower Peover PC – Emails - RE: 13/03382/HAZ | Hazardous Substances Consent for the storage of crude oil (250,000 tonnes) | Petroleum Storage Depot Cheadle Lane Nether Peover Northwich Cheshire WA16 9SJ. There will be a second meeting with OPD in February, possibly on 18<sup>th</sup>, to be confirmed.
- d. E-mail from Peaks & Plains – in reply to our letter regarding local connections of residents of Chapel View.
- e. J Needham – e-mail regarding affordable housing – look at the freedom of information act and ask for more detail, based on our knowledge of the resident. **Action:** write to JN to say we are not satisfied, and we will be taking steps to find out more information, he is welcome to pursue from a personal perspective. **Action:** Clerk to check freedom of information details and costs.

#### **9. HS2 Update– CW**

CW mentioned there have been several meetings, GO, cluster group to decide on response to the consultation. They have now sent their response. CW felt there was too much mention of the Crewe Hub, which was Cllr M E

Jones (Leader CEC) reason to support HS2. There is a consultation on the route for HS2 which ends on 31<sup>st</sup> January. CW has collated the comments about the route from a Plumley perspective excluding the Crewe Hub, CW asked the members if the PC should send a response. The PC voted unanimously in favour of sending CW response rather than that of the cluster group. CW went on to say that the line movement is 90m closer to Ascol Drive, the reason is to make the track lower. There is no mitigation at this stage. A viaduct is proposed over Peover Eye, and they can then bring the elevation down at the Smoker Brook in Pickmere, if it moves 100m east at Ascol Drive. This will depend on whether they decided to straighten the curve out completely. It will need to be taken beyond SSSI site at Plumley Lime Beds. Surveys are continuous on that area. The airport does not need HS2 and it would be difficult to prove that it does. One exhibition said passengers can board and alight at Crewe and another said not. HS2 does not connect to HS1 in London. Stations and trains are not costed, all costs at present are for the track. **Action:** Clerk to send 2<sup>nd</sup> version of CW letter.

**10. Highways - Pedestrian Crossing, Roundabout and SID's –Update-** JR was unable to attend the meeting however the Clerk reported that some residents had been asking when the resurfacing of Holly Tree Road will take place. This is incorporated, in this Pedestrian Crossing and SID project. JL reported that Yew Tree Road is breaking up on the junction with Truthall Lane. **Action:** GW to have a look and report back to Highways.

**11. Holford Hall viewing Platform- JW** – Cheshire life had an article about walk around Plumley. The article reported that the person who walked the route, knocked at the door of Holford Hall to ask in which direction the footpath goes from the viewing platform. SC felt that may be a need for new signage at the viewing platform. JL suggested that the signage is clear unless you follow a GPS map. **Action:** JW to send Cheshire Life article to Evan Pedley at PROW to highlight the possible need for more signage at the viewing platform.

**12. To receive any comments and reports by Councillors concerning transport, planning, footpaths, highways, Village Hall, Parish Plan, Community Pride, Community Resilience, Home watch**  
Village hall want to replace the central heating boiler, applying to Cheshire Community Foundation for a grant. JL confirmed that the parish is a low risk for flooding and power cuts.

**13. Meetings**

- PC Meetings – None
- External Meetings
  - HS2 Meeting with George Osborne, PVH, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013 - meeting moved at the last minute. SC wrote to complain as we had to go outside the constituency to meet our own MP.
  - Chalc Macclesfield Area Meeting, Mobberley, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014
  - Cheshire Best Kept Station – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.
  - Chalc Planning Course, 6<sup>th</sup> December – JW – Cheshire West & Chester & CEC Planning Departments were both represented at the meeting
  - Connecting Cheshire Fibre Broadband Events 21 & 22 January – CW

**14. Best Kept Station 2013 – TG** – Report & Signs – Buy another sign, one for Plantation agreed to buy 2 signs, put on next agenda.

**15. Knutsford LAP – Caring together** – Caring for Our Neighbours – Presentation on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at Oakly House details on website.  
SC then read the LAP AMG report by CEC. Parishes are not engaging with the LAP, there are no resources, and there is a lack of connection to the strategic groups. £3million funding has been secured associated with the LAPS. St John’s Wood Community Centre, owned by CEC, is a venue for meetings. The LAP tends to focus on Longridge rather than the wider community and villages.

**16. To note the occurrence, since the previous meeting, of any road traffic accidents in the parish – check the details from Jan.**

**17. Fuel Movements** – Report from December Meeting with OPA at PVH – meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Feb PVH

**18. Finance**

18.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account £	Business Premium Account (incl Earmarked Funds) £
Balance brought forward,.....	8473.61	6151.99
Less payments for Dec 13/Jan 2014 .....	1206.64	
Balance .....	7266.97	

18.2 To approve the following payments: Approved

- £250.20 to S Jones. December Salary\*
- £33.28 to S. Jones. December payment for web site maintenance\*

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

- £250.20 to S Jones. January Salary\*
- £33.28 to S. Jones. January payment for web site maintenance
- £10.00 Chalc Planning Course 6<sup>th</sup> December – (£30.00 authorised in Nov, but course invoice for £40)
- £104.40 Lithotech Ltd – January/February Newsletter
- £14.00 MCRUA Annual Membership
- £100.00 St John’s Church Toft – Donation for Graveyard Maintenance
- £200.00 St Oswald’s church Lower Peover - Donation for Graveyard Maintenance
- £28.00 PVH for PC meetings on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct & 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013
- £83.28 for CBK Station Sign – not approved as cost needs to be confirmed for the purchase of two signs. Defer to Feb meeting.

\*Total pay for S Jones 2 x £283.48 to be paid by standing order on 1<sup>st</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

**19. To consider risk assessment**

**20. Planning.**

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

13/03382/HAZ - Planning Application Comments for Petroleum Storage Depot on Cheadle Lane– Comments regarding anomalies in post codes and location of the site for the emergency services submitted 13/1/14.

13/5188T – Works to TPO Trees – PVH – decision date estimated at 2/2/14.

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

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

20.4 The PC resolved to keep planning applications for a max of 2 years to reduce archiving. **Action:** Clerk to contact Westfields, to dispose of the old applications using CEC confidential waste facility.

**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. 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.  <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> – 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 visited the Viewing platform and have reported findings to E Pedley at PROW.</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 Chapel View – Response from P&P regarding local connection** – see Item 8d& 8e.

**23 Moorcroft** – The PC resolved to send a letter of support for Amanda Westwood to Lee Johnson at P&P – **Action:** Clerk to write to P&P with PC recommendation for A Westwood for 14 Moorcroft.

**24 PVH Tennis Courts** – Funding for Maintenance & TPO – Update – SC – The PC was not consulted before the CIL funds were allocated to update/maintain the play area on Moorcroft. GW recommended that the PC asks Rachel Bolton to change the deed to allow updating and maintaining leisure facilities. In the letter we should ask for £8k now and request a dialog with CEC regarding the allocation of the monies at a later date. State that the PC should not fund the legal costs. **Action:** Clerk to update the draft letter with the members comments and copy to GW. Clerk also to write to MCI Developments to give them an update.

**25 PC Meeting Dates** - Possibility of changing May & October Meetings – the PC resolved not to change the meetings as sufficient members would be present at each meeting to be quorate.

**26 Newsletter** – Should we change the NL sequence to avoid late issue in January in future – SJ. The PC resolved to change the Newsletter production dates to 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> August 1<sup>st</sup> October. The next newsletter will go out on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. The PC also discussed the possibility of including in the next issue the increased Precept and the reasons for the increase. **Action:** Clerk to include a competition for redesign of newsletter in the April issue.

**27 To assess the requirement for any Welcome Letters** – two required.

**28 To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.45pm (Police Surgery at 7.30pm).**

**29 Any Other Business**

- For the next meeting SLCC 2014 subscription to be 30% of the total for the Clerk's Salary, the rest to be paid by Goostrey PC.
- TG gave his apologies for the next meeting.
- SC mentioned the Community Pride Competition and suggested that a village litter pick should be organized.

**30 Close meeting - the meeting closed at 10.00pm.**

**Diary of events**

Date	Event	Time
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

## Appendix 1 – Correspondence List

- a. Hazel Merrill, Chalc – Email - Knutsford AMG
- b. DALTON GC – Email - Re: Plumley Parish Council Meeting
- c. J Royle - Email - RE: Village Stores information for website
- d. EVANS, Pryce – Email - RE: re Plumley mini roundabout/crossing/Sids
- e. JONES, Tina – Email - RE: January / February Partnerships Newsletter - request for articles
- f. Andrew Moores – Email - Arley Hall
- g. LOCAL PLAN – Email - RE: Comments on the Core Strategy
- h. John Needham – Email s- RE: Affordable housing
- i. Ravensworth Estate Agents – Email - RE: re ravensworth estate agent sign
- j. Jane Thirsk – Email - Courier Fraud Alert
- k. Simon Nuttall RE: re ravensworth estate agent sign
- l. Hazel Merrill, Chalc – Email - Area Meeting Representative - Please complete the questionnaire
- m. JONES, Tina – Email - Cheshire East Council Pre-budget Report
- n. Alison Dunabin - Email - Re: Newsletter
- o. Jackie Weaver, Chalc – Email - RE: Planning Applications
- p. Hazel Merrill, Chalc – Email - High Speed fibre Broadband
- q. BUTTIFANT, Sally – Email - RE: Seat damage and art work vandalism at Plumley Station
- r. Hazel Merrill, Chalc – Email - Royal Garden Party Nomination
- s. WHITTAKER, Lawrence, CEC – Emails – Re: Council Tax Support Grant Payment 2014/2015 & confirmation of precept form received
- t. WILKINSON, Steve (Councillor) Notes from the meeting with George Osborne MP
- u. CW&C Planning – Email- Further information received on Planning Application 13/03382/HAZ
- v. CONNECTING CHESHIRE - Invitation to Connecting Cheshire Community Briefing Events January 2014
- w. Jackie Weaver, Chalc – Email - DCLG Local Government Finance Statement
- x. Healthwatch Cheshire East - Healthwatch Cheshire East Celebration Event
- y. PCSO Lindsey Whitehead – Email – Re: Speeding in Little Bollington and Plumley.
- z. ROBERTSON, Jane – Email - RE: HS2 meeting change of venue - action required
- aa. Cheshire East Planning – TPO application 13/5188T VILLAGE HALL, PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD, PLUMLEY,
- bb. George Perfitt – Email - Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's Update
- cc. CONNECTING CHESHIRE - Connecting Cheshire Phase 1 Deployment Announcement
- dd. Jo Beaumont – Email - Transport Accessibility Grant for East Cheshire
- ee. Grace Buckley – Email - RE: Plumley Community Engagement meeting Monday 16th December 2013
  
- ff. Graeme Worrall - Cheshire Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014/15 Consultation