



PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 16th JULY 2014 at 6.45pm IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs T Gabbott(TG)(Chairman), C Wilson(CW)(Vice Chairman), S Crossman (SC), D Fairbrother (DF), K James (KJ), J Lloyd (JL), D Nichols (DN), J Wright (JW) & G Walton (CEC)

In attendance: S Jones – Clerk, there were no members of the public

Police Surgery – There was no police surgery.

Planning Meeting – To discuss application 14/2778T – 75% crown reduction of 3, Silver Birch Trees (subject to TPO) at Gwynant on Plumley Moor Road.

The Clerk reported that further to JW mail saying the application had been declared invalid due to the lack of a plan, she had checked the application again and the description of the works had changed but there was no indication that the application was invalid. The new description of works read, “*Crown Lifted to 5m Crown thin On the tennis court side reducing overhang to 5m Reduce long laterals to 20% Removal of all ivy*”.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to send a letter of support to CEC for this application”.*

Parish Council Meeting began at 7.00pm

- 1. To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawton, Shaw & Wharfe.
- 2. Declaration of Interests** – There were no interests declared.
- 3. Minutes** - To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2014.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 25th June 2014 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

- 4. New Parish Clerk** – The Chairman welcomed David McGifford to the council. He will start to take on his duties wc 21st July, with a handover from the current Clerk.
- 5. Cheshire East Council Matters:** To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters. To deal with any questions by Members relating to the report and any questions by Members notified in advance to the Chairman and the CE Councillor.

GW indicated there was a lot of good news. CEC had being awarded a growth fund £81 million. CEC will put £20 million into Cheshire Life Sciences. Last year CEC also had a surplus of £900k from the Council Tax.

He went to say that the A500 improvement at Crewe was about to start. The Residents First Neighbourhood Plan project is also underway. CEC has questions coming back from Inspector with regard to the Local Plan, which is putting a heavy workload on the staff in the Planning Departments, leaving less time for planning at a local level. Cllr D Brown, is producing a new plan for site allocations for CE. GW said he chairs the Local Plan panel and the panel will look at site allocations in August.

The Poynton relief road and a new Station at Crewe are also planned.

SC congratulated CEC on the surplus of £900k.

- 6. Clerks Report** – To receive correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 07/14.

6.1 Correspondence

- a. Jackie Weaver RE: Advice for the Chairman
- b. David McGifford Re: Offer Letter for Position of Clerk for Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council
- c. CHESHIRE HOMECHOICE RE: Cheshire HOMECHOICE newsletter
- d. Saba, Simon RE: Windmill Wood (Toft Wood)
- e. Michelle Letter for plumley parish council
- f. sarahsanderson27 Anonymous letter
- g. Michelle Letter
- h. Jackie Weaver RE: Pension Schemes
- i. CHRISTOPHERSON, Richard Knutsford Community Hub Event - Programme
- j. Sybil Crossman Village Hall 60th celebrations
- k. MCGIFFORD, David FW: LEADER Funding Programme - CHESHIRE EAST Open Event - 8th July - Macclesfield Town Hall
- l. JEFFREY, Vikki RE: Housing Needs Survey Meeting 8th July at 3pm – Confirmation
- m. Daniel Millington Armed Policing Alliance ~[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED
- n. Rachel Allcock Rural roadshow
- o. Hazel Merrill PCC CONSULTATION MEETINGS WITH CHESHIRE EAST PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS, 29/7/14
- p. Jackie Weaver RE: Co-opted Members
- q. Hazel Raw RE: PC Booking for 30th July in Toft Church Hall
- r. Saba, Simon RE: Windmill Wood (Toft Wood)
- s. BEDFORD, Karen Notice of Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review
- t. helen.robinson@arleyhallandgardens.com Open Air Theatre at Arley Hall & Gardens
- u. Antony Hall Community Speedwatch
- v. Lindsey Whitehead Speed watch in Plumley.

TG suggested that if the PC is receiving interest from members of the Parish for a playing field perhaps a working party should be set up to find out what people want in terms of size of playing field and facilities and investigate the costs and if it will be possible to take the project forward. SC mentioned that it was a millennium project, and that it is also on the Parish Plan. She also mentioned that Ann Thompson was instrumental in this project when it was investigated before and that she should be invited to join the working party.

Action: Clerk to add “Playing field working party”, to the agenda of the September meeting.

6.2 Road Traffic Accidents - There were not accidents reported since the June meeting.

6.3 To note progress on outstanding issues

- a. Moorcroft Garage/Parking Area- No change
- b. Planning Enforcement - Properties under investigation by CEC: - No change

7. Financial Payments

7.1 To note the current financial position.

	Community Account	Business Premium Account
	£	£
Balance brought forward,	10,344.44	6151.99
Less payments for July 2014	519.65	
Balance.....	9790.60	

7.2 To approve the following payments:

- £25.00 to Toft Church Hall Room Hire for meetings in May and June
 - £96.36 to S Jones, Expenses from 1st April to 9th July.
 - £114.81 to D McGifford salary for period from 16th to 31st July. (£143.41 before tax and NI)
 - £250.20 to S Jones. July Salary*
 - £33.28 to S. Jones. July payment for web site maintenance*
- *Total pay for S Jones £283.48 to be paid by standing order on 1st August 2013

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously approve the payment listed in item 7.2.*

- 8. Pedestrian Crossing & Mini Roundabout Road Scheme (incl SID's and Village Hall Sign)** – Update and format for Public Consultation meeting to follow Parish Council Meeting. TG reported that Pryce Evans and Daniel Elder from CEC Highways would be attending the public meeting which would follow the PC meeting. They were bringing the most up to date version of the plans for the Pedestrian Crossing and Mini Roundabout road scheme.
- 9. Parish Council Meetings** – to discuss proposals to change the dates of Parish Council Meetings. TG suggested that the PC consider changing the PC meetings to the first Wednesday of the month to avoid clashes with public holidays, in particular in October and May starting on 5th November.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously approve changing Parish Council Meetings to the 1st Wednesday of the month starting on 5th November.*

Action: Clerk to issues a new schedule of meetings and amend meeting room bookings for the rest of the year and for next year.

10. HS2 Update– CW

Following meeting with the Technical Director and the Head of Route Engineering of HS2 last month there was another meeting with them to walk the route. CW is waiting for the result of the second meeting and added that it is difficult to understand why they want to go through the salt when nobody else does. Mid Cheshire against HS2 is objecting to the route because we feel it is unsafe.

Action: CW to send KJ the geologist's report.

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

- **Housing Needs Survey** - JW reported on the meeting with Vikki Jeffrey (VJ) at CEC. They had presented VJ with the customised housing needs survey. She said that CEC also wanted to amend their model survey. VJ said she would review the survey and report back to the Parish Council. TG commented that he was impressed with VJ's positive attitude.
- **VH 60th Anniversary** – SC had written to the Chairman to request the PC consider writing a letter of thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their hard work and dedication of the last 60 years and for organising the recent celebratory event.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to write a letter of thanks to the Village Hall Committee.*

Action: Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the Village Hall Committee.

- **Richard Comberbach Trust** – SC reported that for the last few years trust has not bought anything for the school because of legal fees in relation to a rights of way issue. The fees are set to increase further.
- **Footpaths** – CW reported that a resident of Ascol Drive had told him that the footpath signs have gone from Pepper Street. JL mentioned that the signs came down when the tree blew over in the winter and had not been replace. CW also reported that he told that a large concrete section of track has been put in near the Holford Hall.

Action: JW to progress the reinstatement of the footpath signs.

12. Defibrillator – The Clerk reported that she had started to fill in the form for the grant funding from Manchester Airport but still needed to complete this and to apply to the Rotary Club of Knutsford.

Action: Clerk to apply for grant funding from the Rotary Club of Knutsford & Manchester Airport

13. Meetings – To note feedback from meetings attended in June and to note attendance to take place at meetings in July.

13.1 Parish Council Meetings

- 2nd Interview for Clerk Position – 2nd July 2014, 7.30pm at Plumley Village Hall
- Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – 2nd Jul 2014, 8.30pm at Plumley Village Hall
- Housing Needs Survey Meeting with CEC – 8th July at 3pm, JW, TG and John Needham

13.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council

- Knutsford Community Hub Event – 8th July – CW
- OPA drop in sessions 27th & 28th June, Lach Dennis Village Hall
- Meeting with CEC re Housing Needs Survey on 8th July, 2013

14. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 6.45pm in the Committee Room at Plumley Village Hall.

15. Close Meeting –The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Public Session (6.45-7.00pm)

There were no members of the public in attendance.