



PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council

Held on

Wednesday 25th September 2014 at 7.30 pm Plumley Village Hall

Present: Cllrs A Gabbott (AG) (Chairman), C Wilson (CW) (Vice Chairman), G Walton (GW) (CEC) K James (KJ), J Wright (JW) D Nicholls (DN) H Lawton

In attendance D McGifford – Clerk and four members of the public

Police Surgery: During the day of the meeting PC Mike Dawber said he would like to attend the meeting as a replacement for PC Whitehead. Due to an unforeseen incident PC Dawber was unable to attend and the police surgery was covered by PC Daly

Points raised by Parish Council – Continued concerns of the speed of traffic on Plumley Moor Road and requested further support on speed checks – PC Daly advised that there were 2 PC's undertaking speed checks today and noted the request for additional and continued support.

Residents commented about cars dwelling late at night on Haskell Drive – PC Daly advised that they were aware of the issue and had been monitoring this.

PC Daly –

Encouraged people to report any known cars / drivers suspected of drink - driving.

Advised on his role as the Wildlife Crime officer and requested residents to make contact with any information / concerns that relates to this.

Public Session – 7.30 pm – 7.45pm

A resident raised the issue of continual parking across their driveway which is adjacent to the village shop despite measures being put in place by CEC highways.

Action Cllr Walton agreed to have further discussions with CEC Highways regarding any other available measures

Another resident raised the following issues:-

1. The footpath finger posts sign has been removed along with the Cheshire Way discs on the post that signed the way of the footpath the travels from Trouthall Lane over the Peover Eye, past the new brick gates for Holford Hall and over the fields to Ascol Drive. The post and discs were located at the point the footpath travelled over the bridge to the Peover Eye and turns towards Holdford House. This footpath is well used but this will diminish over time when there is no signage, at present it appears that you are entering someone's property. a section of the same footpath has already been relocated with the usage questioned. Residents of Ascol Drive see this as a vital link to the Village centre with the Train Station, Post Office and the weekly Plumley Mums and Tots sessions to name but a few important areas.
2. Last year I requested that the footpath alongside the A556 from the Smoker to Ascol Drive to be cleared to allow safer access this was not completed, please can Cheshire East complete this as its dangerous to use the footpath, you are forced close to the road and the heavy, fast traffic.

3. The road signs indicating speed etc. need cleaning/checking for full operational use and adherence to the standard before winter arrives to keep the residents safer when traveling to and from home on this very fast, dangerous road.

Action The Parish council is aware of point 1, Cllr JW is working on this and Cllr KJ agreed to follow up on previous letter sent to Cheshire East Council regarding points 2 and 3 and the Parish Council

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for the raising of the above issues and their attendance

Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.10pm

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend.** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Crossman and Lloyd
2. **Declaration of Interests** – there were no interests declared
3. **Minutes** - To approve & sign the Minutes of the meetings of 2nd and 16th July and 13th August 2014.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings 2nd and 16th July 2014 and 13th August 2014*

4. **Plumley Station** -A brief presentation from Sally Buttifant - Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership Officer

The Parish Council was made aware of potential changes to the service on the Chester to Manchester line which is based upon information within the draft strategic document “Transport for Greater Manchester 2012.” Within this document there is an alignment of the frequency of services against usage. The main figure that is relevant to Plumley is that an annual usage of less than 25,000 journeys pa could result in a reduced service of less than 1 train per hour. Currently figures show that usage is just above this threshold on paid journeys.

Sally also took the opportunity to thank the Parish Council for its support of the “Over by Christmas” event.

Action: Clerk -To include the potential service change issue in a future agenda item

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 stated that he had been working with highways with regards to the closure of Plumley Moor Road and to ensure that the best options for access to businesses and residents were in place. Concerns were raised by councilors with regards to the lack of adequate notice, length of the diversion routes and also requested that business names need to be shown on the diversion routes – AG already in contact with Pryce and Daniel at CEC

GW advised that the examination of the Local Plan had now started and that access to planners on planning issues would be very difficult due to their involvement in the Local Plan process and also a general reduction in staff.

GW advised of further highway patching work between the Golden Pheasant and the Golf Club.

Issue raised by KJ with regards to refusal of CEC highways to provide pre work signage drawings

Action GW to investigate

6. **Clerks Report** – To receive correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 09/14

- a) From Tina Burns Re: Public meeting 16/7/14 re: crossing and roundabout
- b) From ChALC Rural Matters Board (East); Funding Opportunities
- c) From JONES, Tina Garden Waste Consultation Shutdown results
- d) From CONNECTING CHESHIRE Connecting Cheshire Update - Lower Peover Exchange
- e) From Becky King World War 1 Centenary Commemoration
- f) From Lower Peover Parish Council response to OPA open door event
- g) From SALLY BUTTIFANT, Poster for the Plumley performance of Over By Christmas
- h) From Hazel Merrill PCC consultation meeting with parish and town councils in Cheshire East
- i) From CHESHIRE HOMECHOICE Cheshire HOMECHOICE Newsletter
- j) From Tony Gabbott re rely from Vikki Jeffrey re housing needs survey
- k) From Michael Ross Over by Christmas: a choral commemoration - Music at Stations - 7-28 September
- l) From CPALC The Parish News Thursday, 04 September 2014 From
- m) From Alan Lawson CEC Community Partnerships - Workshops for Local Councils
- n) From Sharon Jones - responses relating to Open meeting re puffin crossing and general scheme
- o) From CEC Mayors service invite
- p) From Manchester Airport concert tickets
- q) From SC – email clarification of land ownership Plumley Moor Road
- r) To Letter- Plumley Village Hall, letter re VH 60th anniversary
- s) To e-mail Rachel Bolton re section106 o/s issue

Actions – Clerk

- To include letter received from N Hall regarding anonymous letter in November Correspondence.
- To draft response to Tina Jones item a)
- To request 2 free tickets from Manchester Airport item P) and to donate to Plumley Village Hall as raffle prize

6.2 Road traffic accidents – Car reported to have left the Highway at Middlewich Road and gone into a field, however no formal notification has been provided for this incident.

6.3 To note progress on outstanding issues

- **Moorcroft garage** – no update **Action** Clerk to discuss with SC

7. Financial Payments - To approve payments and balances

7.1 to note the current financial position

	Community Account £	Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward	9790.60	6151.99
Income		
Second precept	5598.50	
Interest		
Total	15,389.10	6151.99

7.2 To approve the following payments from the Community Account:

Ref	Payee	£
3538	Goostry Parish Council – Room hire for handover D McG SJ	15.00
19351	I Print – Newsletter	104.40
	Cheshire wildlife Trust – membership renewal	36.00
	Campaign To Protect Rural England – Membership renewal	36.00
	Clerk Salary – D McGifford August (Gross)*	310.50
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	Amber IT Ltd – website maintenance and clerk phone calls	76.88

*To be adjusted for tax

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

8. Pedestrian Crossing & Mini Roundabout Road Scheme (incl SID's and Village Hall Sign) –

Formal update from CEC not received despite request, current issues with the drains and culvert have necessitated the requirement of the closure of the road to allow required drainage works to take place. The Parish Council has requested as much support as possible from CEC, for both residents and businesses, during the road closure which could be for a maximum of 2 weeks. Still concerns over vehicle speeds on Plumley Moor Road – requests have been made to the police to support the monitoring of this (noted in Police surgery item). Need for community “speedwatch” training is required and to be organised.

Action Clerk to arrange a date for training

9. Playing Fields. To discuss the development of a working group

AG proposed that a working group is set up to examine the needs and requirements for a playing field in Plumley. The working groups’ objective would be to establish the need via a public survey and an estimate of the costs of both developing and maintaining the facility.

The working party will be led by CW with support from SC,KJ, DN, and the offer of support from the clerk

Action CW to arrange first meeting of the working group

10. HS2 Update– CW

There has been a follow up meetings with regards to the salt depressions and also geological surveys which could impact on the routing of HS2. Rerouting could occur if proposed route is too expensive to deliver for geological reasons. The date for the announcement of the final route is later this year with a final statement due in the autumn of next year.

It was noted that a change in the political make up could also impact on the delivery of HS2

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

11.1 Changes to Knutsford Area Management Group – Sybil Crossman

Meeting held 4th September at Knutsford Fire Station.

It was confirmed by CEC officer Richard Christopherson, formerly the Knutsford LAP manager, that LAPs and therefore AMGs had been disbanded. A presentation was given by Dot Flint and David Mc Gifford relating to

the 5 Town Partnership, formed of Sandbach, Alsager, Middlewich, Congleton and Holmes Chapel. DF and DM were involved in the Sandbach Partnership and the presentation explained the way the Partnership worked in Sandbach. This involved mainly in the Town Centre activities, with community type groups ...not the statutory bodies eg Fire, Police and Education.

Many successful grant applications had been made by the community groups, these working together under the Partnership arrangements. It was confirmed that the Partnership did not really serve the rural areas, outside the town centres. CEC is now looking at options to serve those areas. In the meantime it was arranged for Knutsford to explore the idea of Partnership working, just working with Knutsford groups for the present.

11.2 Amended Planning Application Trouthall Lane Nurseries ref14/3593M

The application has been "called in" by GW, and on the basis that Plumley PC objected to the initial application and that there is no fundamental changes to change that position

Resolved: *Unanimously agreed to raise a further objection to the above planning application*

12 Defibrillator – Update, no progress to report

Action -Clerk reported that he would now look to take responsibility to develop proposals for this project

13. Meetings – To note feedback from meetings attended in July /August and to note attendance to take place at meetings in September / October

13.1 Parish Council Meetings – covered in minutes, agenda item 3

13.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council

Changes to Knutsford Area Management Group 4th August 2014 Knutsford Fire Station – Sybil Crossman (minute 11.1)

13.3 Housing Needs Survey – 19th September Meeting between AG, JW,CW and John Needham to discuss proposed changes by Cheshire East Council to the Housing Needs Survey. The group discussed areas of concern which will be detailed in a response to CEC .

Action AG to generate draft response

14. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th November 2014 in the Committee Room at Plumley Village Hall.

- S106 issue

15. Close Meeting