



PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council

Held on

Wednesday 5th November 2014 at Plumley Methodist Church

Present: Cllrs Gabbott (AG) (Chairman) H Lawton (HL) S Crossman (SC) D Nicholls (DN) J Wright (JW)
G Walton CEC (GW) A Shaw (AS) J Lloyd (JL)

In attendance D McGifford Clerk and 4 members of the public

Public Forum 7.30– 7.45pm - Public comments – 4 members of the public were in attendance

- Report of a theft of house signage on Plumley Moor Road – image captured on CCTV
- Concerns of continual speeding through the village and sudden stopping at the roundabout.
- Pet cat killed by speeding vehicle on Plumley Moor Road
- Anonymous letter received by resident re negative opinion of households new gates

Police Surgery – report from L whitehead, attendance PC Dawber and WPC ...

05/10 Suspicious male about 35 years old with a walking stick seen looking into neighbours house on Chelford road in Ollerton around 19.00 hours.

07/10 Report of a vehicle being used in an anti-social manner on farm ground land via an open gate on Brook farm, Marthall lane, Marthall. Empty vodka bottles found.

26/10 Suspicious white B reg transit van seen around Merriden lane, Snelson seen around 15.30 hours x 3 times in the week by neighbours.

1/11 Suspicious male seen wearing dark hoodie around 16.30 hours in the school lane area of Ollerton.

01/11 Burglary dwelling at a property on school lane in Ollerton. Offender seen on CCTV was seen to enter the property early evening whilst the house owners were at home and use a ladder to gain access to a bedroom window. Jewellery and small house items were stolen.

PC Dawber agreed to look into further support for speeding issues on Plumley Moor Road and investigate the delay in arranging speedwatch training for Plumley

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend.

Apologies received from Cllrs James, Wilson and Wharf

Action– Clerk to send a letter of support to Cllr Wharf following his recent illness

2. Declaration of Interests – There were no declarations of Interest

3. Minutes –The Minutes of the meetings of 25th September 2014 were approved without amendments

4. Cheshire East Council Matters:

Cllr Walton reported he took the issue of the lengthy diversions on Plumley Moor Road back to CEC highways who stated the reason was for the route to be suitable for all forms of vehicles.

Reported speeding issues on Plumley Moor Road and use of mobile phones by drivers at a regional police conference in Macclesfield.

Advised that Superfast Broadband would become connected in Plumley during November.

Advised that CEC are developing an energy supply company to provide competitive energy rates for Cheshire East residents and businesses

5. Clerks Report – To receive correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 12/14 attached.

Correspondence was received from Mr Beacock and Mr Lee providing observations relating to the pedestrian crossing and roundabout on Plumley Moor Road

Action it was agreed that the Clerk would write letters, approved by the chair, to both parties addressing their concerns.

6. Financial - Payments in Appendix 012/14 attached. Includes: Salaries & expenses were approved, however it was noted following the end of the meeting that the payment for Plumley Village Hall should be for £14-00 not £18.00 as reported by the clerk. The balance to carry forward will be amended to £13,952.02.

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

Following the completion of the scheme views were shared with regards to the effectiveness of the scheme and varying general concerns. CEC are due to undertake a full safety audit of the scheme and the following issues were agreed to be the major concerns

- Installation of SID's
- Hatchings at roundabout and maybe position of roundabout were causing issues with drivers sight lines when turning onto Plumley Moor road
- The new signs advising of roundabout are too close to the roundabout
- New signs obscured by trees
- Lighting not working and an issue of the design

Action. It was agreed that the clerk should write to CEC Highways to ensure they consider the above points during the safety audit.

Speedwatch – Training identified as a major priority in terms of dates and volunteers

Action Clerk to follow up on arranging a date for training ASAP and to request cllrs to provide names of potential volunteers

8. Playing Fields. Update on progress of the working group

The action group will meet on Monday 17th November to discuss the type of questionnaire, target demographic and time scale. With respect to the comments from Paul Beacock; He wrongly suggests a primary link between a playing field and housing development. The playing field has been an objective of the Parish Council since 2008, when the Parish Plan was published. The proposed survey will look in detail at what, if anything, is required and the Parish Council will then decide what action should be taken.

9. HS2 Update– CW HS2: Everybody will be aware of the new initiative "HS3". Another ploy to sell HS2 to the country and whilst there is no doubt that we need infrastructure investment in the north, it is local commuter journeys that need to be addressed. In making his announcement, Sir David Higgins Chairman of HS2 let the cat out of the bag by suggesting that "While HS2 may persuade some firms to relocate, it would also allow commuters who work in London to live much further away." Higgins recently called for 240,000 new homes to be built each year to accommodate the extra 9m people projected to be living in Britain by 2037. "Better rail links would mean many of these homes could be in the Midlands and north of England", he said.

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

10.1 Amended Planning Application Trouthall Lane Nurseries ref14/3593M

Cllrs were advised that this planning application had been refused by CEC

10.2 Planning 21 Yew Tree Road Plumley ref 14/4728M

Resolved that there were no objections, no formal comment required.

10.3 Community Pride award – To note that the Plumley with Toft and Bexton website received a commendation at the annual awards.

Action Clerk to communicate thanks and congratulation to Sharon Jones for the achievement

10.4 North West in Bloom – Plumley station achieved level 4 in the 2014 North West In Bloom awards

10.5 Speed watch plan – as commented within item 7

10.6 Section 106 update –Clerk reported that there was still no feedback from CEC regarding a request made in April 2014.

Action Agreed that Cllr Walton and the clerk to make contact with R Bolton (section 106 officer) at CEC regarding feedback

10.7 14 Moorcroft Tracy Symms

The council formally noted the letter of support for Tracy Symms housing application at for 14 Moorcroft

10.8 Damage to bridge at Peover Eye Back Lane

Cllr Nicholls reported damage to a coping stone on the above bridge

Action: Clerk to communicate issue with relevant department within CEC

Post agenda – Planning Applications

- **14/4809M Oak Cottage**

Resolved that there were objections and no formal comment required

- **14/4681 7 Sisters Lane**

Councilors debated the merits of the scheme and it was resolved that an objection should be raised on the following grounds

- The sign is too big and prominent and will have an impact upon the openness of the Green Belt.
- The sign will be a distraction for drivers on a dangerous stretch of road, it will also reflect light back on to approaching traffic.
- The sign is not directional but advertises the attractions of the Bells of Peover, it is not a discreet arrow sign.

Action – Clerk to communicate objection on behalf of the Parish Council to Cheshire East Council

11. Defibrillator – Update – clerk reported that he was due to meet representatives of the Knutsford community Heart start before the next meeting

12. Meetings – To note feedback from meetings attended in late September /October and to note attendance to take place at meetings in November

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

12.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council

- AG Mobberley PC Civic Service 19/10
- AG St Oswalds Harvest Festival 12/10
- SC ChALC AGM 22/10 (report appendix 11/14 -12.2)

13 To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 in the Committee Room at Plumley Methodist Church Hall.

- Section 106
- Housing needs survey
- Speedwatch
- Peover eye

14 Close Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

APPENDIX 011/14 – 6.1

6.0 Clerk's Report

6.1 Correspondence

	Date	e-mail correspondence received
1	sept	Norma Hall – re anonymous letter
a	25/9	Rosemarie Teece – advertising in PC Newsletter
b	29/9	SallyButtifant over by Christmas thank you
c	29/9	Rural service newsletter
d	30/9	Lindsey Whitehead – future police surgery's
e	1/10	Cheshire Police Alert
f	1/10	St Oswalds Church Lower Peover
g	2/10	Tina Jones – Partnerships newsletter
h	10/10	Cheshire Police Alert
i	16/10	ChALC – Charter for Local Councils -
j	17/10	ChALC - - Councillor 2 training session
k	17/10	CEC – Healthwatch newsletter
l	20/10	CEC Paul Traynor, Highways service contract
m	17/10	Tracy Symms – 14 Moorcroft
n	20/10	Wendy Sinfield MCR Airport community sponsorship Tickets received
o	22/10	Helen Foden Cheshire Homecare newsletter
p	23/10	Cheshire Police alert
q	23/10	Lindsey Whitehead Cheshire speedwatch plan
r	23/10	Tina Jones CEC – Flood Action campaign
s	27/10	Rural Service Network newsletter
t	27/10	Cheshire Police Alert
u	21/10	Lindsey Whitehead – Twitter alert system (speeding etc)
v	28/10	Ian Lee re Concern on roundabout
aa	29/10	AED – Knutsford First Responder Trust
bb	3/11	Jade Thornton Knutsford Crown Court
cc	4/11	Communication from Paul Beacock
dd	27/10	CEC Planning App 14/4809 M Oak Cottage
ee	3/11	CEC Planning APP 14/4681 signage Seven Sisters
		Written correspondence received
w	16/10	Active Cheshire
		Written correspondence sent
x	27/10	Tracy Symms – letter of support from AG
Y	27/10	Vikki Jeffrey CEC Housing needs survey response

6.2 Road Traffic accidents - To note the occurrence of RTA's since the September meeting

Reported accident on 7 Sisters lane where it appears a vehicle failed to stop at the junction and came to rest in the adjacent field

6.3.To note progress on outstanding issues

No progress on Moorcroft Garage – action Cllr Lloyd to report

7. Financial Payments

7.1 To note the current financial position

Income	Community Account £	Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward	14,499.90	6151.99
Income	0	0
Total	14,998,20	6151.99

7.2 To approve the following payments from the **Community Account**:

Ref	Payee	£
	C Wilson - Flowers	29.00
	Plumley village Hall – September meeting	18.00
	D McGifford salary – October gross £310.50	Nett 248.40
	D McGifford Salary – November gross £310.50	Nett 248.40
	Total	543.80
	Balance to be carried forward	13,956.02
	PAYE Due for August Sept salary – Payee HMRC - shown on 25/9 agenda	124.20
	PAYE Accrued for October November salary	124.20

Appendix 11/14 -12.2

ChALC AGM – Sybil Crossman

The AGM which was held in Middlewich on 22 October 2014 was well attended by both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester councillors, clearly well over 100 present. Dr Jonathan Owen CEO of the National Association of Local Council (NALC) gave a comprehensive keynote speech, covering, amongst various topics, Improving local communities working together, Neighbourhood Plans, NALC partnership working with Government, Protocol signed two weeks ago with the Society of Local Clerks. He indicated the Quality Council scheme is to be replaced in 2015. The Audit Commission is also to be replaced in 2015.....consideration is still being given to its successor.

Under Finance it was agreed, after explanation, that annual Subscription rate would increase by 2p per elector (£32 min, £1306.50 max) next year.

CEC Cllr Les Gilbert spoke about Localism and Enforcement.

The Nominations for the Executive Board and Area Representatives and Deputies were agreed (this included myself for Macclesfield and Trafford Area)

Motions relating to rural Broadband and the Sat Nav type settings were agreed and will be carried forward by Chalc.

