



PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 4th February 2015 at 7.45 pm Plumley Methodist Church Hall

Present: Cllrs – A Gabbott (AG) (Chairman) C Wilson (CW)(Vice Chair) S Crossman (SC) G Walton CEC (GW)
K James (KJ) J Lloyd (JL) S Wharfe (SW) H Lawton (HL)

In attendance: D McGifford Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Forum: There were no questions from the public

Police Surgery – There was no police surgery – the following report was received from PC Lynsey Whitehead
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26/01: Damage to Peover superior school fence. No break into the property.

10/01: Abandoned Caravan on layby near to Radbrook hall – Toft road. Removal form submitted by police to Cheshire east council.

12/01: Found blue/ white pedal cycle on Plumley moor road Plumley. Booked into Knutsford property.

18/01: Criminal damage by unknown male to private property gates on Toft road.

26/01: Theft of 3 foxes from the Lower moss nature reserve. Fence had been cut to remove animals.

We also had a report of criminal damage to the owner of a motor vehicle that works at Radbrook Hall. Vehicle was parked on layby near to Radbrook Hall and had returned to find 2 x tyres damaged. I have made a poster and laminated it, and placed in on the lamp post in the layby – informing drivers leaving cars at their own risk.

Minutes of the meeting

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

Apologies were received from Cllr D Nichols

2. Declaration of Interests – SC declared an interest in Plumley Village Hall and Cheshire Community Action – both positions are in an unpaid, non pecuniary capacity. SW declared an interest in item 9.6 Planning application 15/0279 Ullard Farm

3. Minutes – The minutes of the meeting 3rd December 2014 were approved

Chairman: Cllr. Tony Gabbott

Parish Clerk: David McGifford

4. Cheshire East Council Matters: Cllr Walton advised the following –

- Consultation on Alderley Park future development is currently in progress
- The roundabout at Truthall Lane closed for a further 2 days
- Presented to the Parish council an updated Highways structure
- Imminent launch of the CEC Fairer Power scheme
- The winter gritting routes can be viewed on the CEC website

GW was asked if any strength tests had taken place on the bridge on Plumley Moor Road amid concerns of the level of HGV's using the road – KJ advised that he had written to CEC re these concerns

5. Clerks Report – To receive correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 1/15 attached.

- Written correspondence was received from St John The Evangelist Church – Toft requesting funding support for the churchyard maintenance, approval in principle was given.

Action: Clerk to review previous payments and present at the meeting 4/3/2015 to agree level of contribution

6. Financial Payments - To approve payments in Appendix 01/15 attached.

- Clerk advised that the Plumley Village Hall contribution of £100 could not be paid as relevant documentation had yet to be received.
- All other proposed payments were approved – Payments for the period £839.40, Balance in the Community Account to be carried forward £13,121.25

6.2 Road Traffic Accidents – Two accidents were reported on Middlewich Road and at Toft near Finger Post cottage

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

- To date the PC had received 2 items of negative correspondence regarding the scheme and had responded accordingly.
- Safety Audit still to be completed by CEC, this will be done when all works completed – concerns raised about the timings on the pedestrian crossing and the sightline at the roundabout when coming onto Plumley Moor Road.
- Comment was made that the SID close to the station was not consistently working.

8. HS2 Update– No further updates from the meeting 3/12/2014

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

9.1 No right turn on Linnards Lane -There is no restriction on turning right onto the A556 from Linnards Lane (unlike say Ascol Drive which has a no right turn sign). Observations have been made about dangerous vehicle maneuvers – **Action KJ** to contact highways and advise them of the issue.

9.2 Feedback from KJ re visit to Mr Willocks

The visit related to 3 concerns – 1. Pub signage application – this has already been refused by CEC Planning 2. Condition of notice board at Toft Church, **action** – clerk to include as an agenda item to consider options on refurbishment or renewal. 3. Installation of SID in appropriate location. KJ has contacted D Thomason as CEC highways re this and is awaiting a response.

Unrelated to the agenda item but covered under highways issues – Grit/salt boxes – currently 3

boxes initially purchased by the PC, agreed that 2 would be the responsibility for the PC to fill / maintain, the 3rd near Ascol Drive could potentially be adopted by CEC Highways. **Action** KJ to discuss with highways and to fill the one current empty salt/grit box.

9.3 Housing needs survey AG –

Following a debate focusing on the “need not want” element of the housing needs survey, JW raised concerns that the survey could be moving the Council into a position of building houses on the greenbelt. It was **resolved** that upon receipt of the data from CEC the Parish Council would debate and agree the options available to them as well as identifying any associated risks.

9.4 Best Kept Village (BKV) AG stated that the council needed to identify additional resource as this would be required to enter the BKV competition in 2015. Councillors were asked to consider who else could lead on this and to think about co-opting additional volunteers.

9.5 Dog Fouling issue – as outlined in the newsletter there is an increasing amount of dog fouling around Plumley. There was a need to understand the responsibility of CEC in terms of provision of bins and collection of waste. **Action** Clerk to contact CEC to understand responsibility and how this issue has been resolved in other parish’s.

9.6 Planning 15/0088M – Ash House Ollerton – Amended application, historically no objection by the PC, proposed by JW that this remains the same. **Resolved** that there would be no objection against this application. **15/0279 Ullard Farm**, Proposed by JW that based on information within the application that the council should not object to the application. **Resolved** that there would be no objection against this application.

9.7 Funding request St John – Toft – as covered in item 5 clerks report

9.8 Councilor attendance – Following guidance from Chalc the council was advised that due to non-attendance at meetings for a period of more than 6 months Cllr Fairbrother had automatically been disqualified as a Parish Councilor for Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Fairbrother to advise him of the disqualification.

10. Defibrillator – Update

11. Village Consultation – **AG** asked the PC to consider the merit of asking the parish what else they would like to see the pc working on or providing. The suggestion was to use the newsletter to and invite responses.

12. Meetings – To note feedback from meetings attended in late December / January 2015 and to note attendance to take place at meetings during February

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

13. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th March 2014 in the Committee Room at Plumley Methodist Church Hall.

- Disabled access at the station

14. AOB –Re Comberbach Trust SC advised that the issue regarding the right of way and associated costs had now been resolved.

15. The meeting closed at 21.45pm

APPENDIX 01/15 – 6.1

5.0 Clerk's Report

5.1 Correspondence

	Date	e-mail correspondence received and forwarded
A	10/12	Rural service network
B	15/12	CEC Planning 14/3593M Trouthall
C	16/12	Chalc Newsletter
D	24/12	CEC approval of tax base and precept
E	7/1	Cheshire Homechoice
F	7/1	P Willocks request for contact
G	12/1	Nalc newsletter
H	15/1	N Hood alert
I	15/1	Chalc commissioners traffic license
J	19/1	Cheshire Wildlife
K	21/1	Adam Keppel Gardner SLCC agenda / minutes
L	27/1	Rural Service Network
M	28/1	CEC – N Hood planning
N	28/1	Cheshire Homechoice newsletter
O	28/1	CEC Partnerships newsletter
P	30/1	CEC Election Briefings
Q	2/2	CEC Planning 15/0279 Ullard Farm
R		
		Letters received
	9/12	St John The Evangelist Church – Toft – Funding request
	19/1	Cllr Wharfe – letter of thanks
		Letters sent
	20/12	Mr Willocks – action from minutes 3/12
	20/12	Mr and Mrs Riley – action from minutes 3/12
	12/1	Planning Inspectorate – objection to Trouthall Lane

5.2 Road Traffic accidents - To note the occurrence of RTA's since the December meeting

6. Financial Payments

6.1 To note the current financial position

Income	Community Account £	Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward	13464.47	6151.99
Income – HMRC refund	496.18	0
Total	13960.65	6151.99

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

Ref	Payee	£
19604	I Print – December January newsletter	104.40
	PAYE – October /November/ December	186.20
	D McGifford salary – January gross £310.50	Nett 248.40
	D McGifford Salary – February gross £310.50	Nett 248.40
	Plumley Village Hall xmas tree contribution – approved 3/12	30.00
rcpt	Plumley Village hall Contribution – approved 3/12	100.00
4/12	Hire of Church Hall 3/12	22.00
	Total	939.40
	Balance to be carried forward	13,021.25
	Accruals	
	PAYE Accrued January / February salary	124.20
	Housing needs survey budget – approved 3/12	1,500.00