



PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON PARISH COUNCIL

22nd January 2016

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd February 2016 at 7.30 pm Plumley Village Hall

Councillors Present: C Wilson Chair, D Nicholls, J Wright, S Wharfe, S Crossman, A Shaw, G Coates, J Beever, H Lawton

Public Forum :

A "scam " was reported by a member of the public

- Telephone calls from individuals claiming to be from Microsoft asking people to upgrade to Microsoft 10, through the logging on process the PC became corrupted
- Telephone calls from bank requesting bank details – advice from PCSO to place the phone down

Police Surgery:

PCSO Gary Fulton was in attendance at the meeting who confirmed knowledge on the above scam and advised residents to put the phone down should anyone try to gain access to both PC and bank details

Meeting Agenda

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

Apologies were received from Cllr A Gabbott.

Consideration was given to the fact that Cllr James had been unable to attend meetings over the last 6 months due to work commitments in Scotland. It was generally recognized that he was still contributing to highways issues remotely.

Resolved that Cllr James to continue contributing to the PC in this way for a further 3 months

2. Declaration of interests

Received from Cllr S Crossman, non pecuniary for Richard Comberbach Trust and Plumley Village Hall, Cheshire Community Action and Cllr Nicholls, non pecuniary for Plumley Village Hall.

3. Minutes - the Minutes of the meeting on the 2nd December 2015 were approved – Suggested that we should note which member of the public has provided comment,

Action CW to contact relevant member of the public to seek approval

4. Cheshire East Council Matters: To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters.

- Works at the Smoker end of Plumley Moor Road to be undertaken on dates as circulated.

- Scottish Power will be doing cabling works previous weekend, footpaths will also be improved.
- Litter picking on Middlewich Road now underway
- CEC Council Tax rise looks set to be 3.75%
- R Bailey to be new leader of CEC which will be ratified by Full Council on 25/2/16

5. Clerks Report –Correspondence on items in Appendix 2/16 was received.

Additional verbal update on the transparency code from the clerk advised that a grant application will be made for a contribution towards the website and a data storage system rather than a laptop

6. Financial Payments - payments in Appendix 2/16 attached were approved .

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

7.1 **Moorcroft Play Area update** – see attached report

7.2 **General Highways issues** – covered in CEC report plus Clerk to contact Cllr James re road safety audit progress

7.3 **Community Pride entry 2016** – proposed to review the criteria and aim for 2017 – resolved to review within April agenda

7.4 **HS2 Update CW** – as attached report

7.5 **Dog Fouling Update** – Clerk advised that CEC had provided costs for 3 bins circa £1000. Multi purpose bins would be emptied on a weekly basis by CEC – requested proposed locations Resolved that C Wilson liaises re the proposed locations of the bin and the clerk to order the bins.

7.6 **Operation shield update** Clerk advised that there needed to be 20 DNA sets ordered to activate an order from the police. All Cllrs present agreed to place an order for the kits and Clerk advised he had promoted the offer within the newsletter

7.7 **Newsletter** – cllrs advised of issue with regards the late receipt of article for the December/ January issue resulting on further issues with printing and distribution. Proposals distributed prior to the meeting aimed to ensure newsletter reach residents by the 10th of the month (earlier for December edition) were accepted

7.8 **Planning**

16/0365M 2, BEXTON HALL HAMLET, BEXTON LANE – No objection but raise concerns over the future use of the garage

8. Meetings – To note feedback from meetings attended since the meeting 2nd December 2015 and to note attendance to take place at meetings during December / January

10/12 G Coates A Gabbott Town and Parish meeting Sandbach (circulated)

9. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting, proposed to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday March 2nd 2016 in the Committee Room at Plumley Village Hall

- Follow up on RTA at Crossroads

10. Close Meeting – The meeting closed at 9.15pm

APPENDIX 22/16

7.0 Clerk's Report

7.1 Correspondence

A	9/12	CEC Council Tax Support Grant advice
B	14/12	Hazell Merrill ChALC 2016 Training Calendar
C	15/12	Cllr Coates -Town and Parish Council Conference
D	15/12	CEC notes from Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy
E	16/12	CEC Town and Parish Council Conference Presentation slides
F	23/12	CEC Plumley Moor Road highways works
G	6/1	Helen Foden Cheshire Homechoice Newsletter
H	11/1	PCC MEETING WITH PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS IN CHESHIRE EAST 26/1/16
I	13/1	Chalk Clerks & Councillors Induction training
J	18/1	Rural Crime Conference
K	18/1	CHESHIRE EAST LANDSCAPE. WHY IS IT SPECIAL?
L	14/1	Cheshire Constabulary Rural Crime Conference
M	21/1	Chalc e bulletin
N	22/1	Monthly crime reports – Lindsey whitehead
O	25/1	Wendy.Sinfield@manairport.co.uk - Tickets
P	25/1	Chris Davenport Invitation to Enter the 2016 Community Pride Competition
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7.2. Road Traffic accidents - To note the occurrence of RTA's since the last meeting

_ Plumley Moor Road

8. Financial Payments

8.1 To note the current financial position

Income	Community Account £	*Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward	14,564.67	6156.71
Total	14534.67	6156.71

*Business Premium Account Earmarked Reserves

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

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

Ref	Payee	£
	PAYE	186.00
	Clerk wages – D McGifford January February	496.80
	I print – Survey	117.60
	Chalc Training	30.00
	I print Dec January newsletter – (awaiting invoice)	104.40
	Total for period	934.80
	Total Carried forward	13629.87

Reports

Plumley Play Area

January 2016 Survey – Preliminary Report

Conclusions

The survey return percentage is low, possibly as a consequence of current and perceived future play area usage patterns. The overwhelmingly positive response however, to the proposed new play area, suggests that usage would substantially increase on completion of the upgrade.

The new play area should cater to both toddler and junior age groups and should be both imaginative and enthralling. As such the equipment and play areas provided should be multi-functional incorporating, in order of preference, as many of the items listed as possible:

Multi-play tower

Junior slide and junior swing (possibly large basket/netted swing)

Roundabout, toddler swing and a low level agility course

Play house/play 'boat 'and a toddler slide

Ground level trampoline

Climbing wall or climbing net

Tunnel

The provision of ground markings for games such as hop scotch should be incorporated in the design.

The stated preference for a rubber 'safe' surface within the play area, by 57% of respondents, should not preclude the use of other materials deemed appropriate by the designers and taking into account the wear and cleanliness characteristics of the surfaces. A multi-faceted surface would also provide a natural zoning of the area.

Benches were the preferred option for inclusion within/around the play area however picnic tables would offer more flexibility of usage provided space constraints allow.

Plumley Play Area

January 2016 Survey – Preliminary Report

Report

The survey was conducted over a period of three weeks; 200 forms were printed, 185 were delivered to houses in Plumley village and a total of 21 forms were returned, an 11% response rate. Positive and constructive answers to the questions posed were received from all bar three of the returns, 86% of respondents. It was stated, by respondents, that the increased numbers of children in Plumley required better and more varied play facilities, suitable for a wider age range.

Approximately 43% of the returns were from houses within the immediate vicinity of the play area; 38% of respondents were aged 18 to 40 and 57% aged over 40.

The existing play area equipment was considered, by 90% of respondents, to be sparse, out of date, run down and potentially unsafe; 86% of respondents stated that they would use the play area more often if it had better facilities and an improved surface.

Within the existing play area the swings were considered to be the most used by 71% of respondents and the roundabout by 19% of respondents; 48% felt that the see-saw was least used.

Seventy one percent of respondents felt that any new equipment should cater to both the 0-5 and 0-11 year age groups.

When asked which pieces of new equipment they would prefer in the play area the respondents were split as follows: 62% would like a multi-play tower; 48% a junior slide and junior swing; 38% a roundabout; 33% a large basket/netted swing, toddler swing and a low level agility course; 29% a play house, toddler slide and ground level trampoline; 19% a climbing wall and climbing net; 14% a tunnel; 10% a see-saw; 5% a sand pit and a springer car/animal.

Other items that individual respondents would like to be included are hop scotch and other simple games, a play 'boat', a rocking horse and a swing boat.

Fifty seven percent of respondents felt that a rubber 'safe' surface would be preferable, 19% wooden chippings, 14% artificial grass and 14% mixed surfaces.

Benches within the play area were preferred by 57% of respondents whilst 29% would like picnic tables and 14% would prefer both.

Update on HS2

Many people believe that HS2 has been cancelled or will not happen. HS2 however is still very much a threat to businesses, farms, property owners and residents of Cheshire.

The confusion may have been caused by the recent announcement by the Department for Transport confirming the route of HS2, but only as far as Crewe. This is now termed Phase 2a. The route from Crewe northwards, now termed Phase 2b, will not be announced until the autumn of this year (2016), some 30 months after the announcement was originally due to be made. This state of flux continues to cause worry for many people from Crewe to Lymm, property prices continue to be depressed and farmers & businesses cannot plan for the future.

The recent Phase 2a route announcement talks of assessments for a station at Crewe but does not commit. It discusses the possibility of a station either outside Crewe at Basford, originally earmarked as a maintenance depot, or surprisingly at or next to the main station in Crewe town centre. This throws up questions about the continuation of the line northwards and what it may entail for Crewe and its environs.

A petition with more than 1800 signatures, organised by Mid Cheshire Against HS2, and submitted to Cheshire West & Chester Council produced a debate by the full council who have set up a 'High Speed Rail, Task & Finish Working Group' to look at the impact and opportunities of HS2, for the borough. Mid Cheshire Against HS2 are playing an active part in the process. Visits were organised, for the working group, to farms and communities severely affected by HS2 during a tour of all road crossing points on the currently planned route. As well as the adverse effect on farms and communities, the working group are particularly interested in the impact of HS2 on the local economy and particularly the conflict between HS2 and existing and proposed economically significant projects. This includes the creation of new salt cavities for gas storage, a project which, even though it is considered to be 'of national importance', will be cancelled if HS2 is built. The working group is expected to report and make its recommendations in early spring.