*****PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON***

***PARISH COUNCIL***

***21st June 2017***

**MINUTES OFTHE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th June 2017 at 7.30 pm Plumley Village Hall**

Councillors Present: A Gabbott (Chair) C Wilson (Vice Chair) G Coates, J Wright, J Beever

A Shaw, S Wharf D Nichols G Walton (CEC)

**Public Forum**

There was 1 member of the public in attendance

, general queries over the progress on highway issues and speedwatch enforcement on Plumley Moor Road

**Police Surgery to be confirmed**

There was no Police in attendance

**Meeting Agenda**

1. **Apologies;**

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

**Apologies were received from** Cllrs Mrs S Crossman Mrs A Thompson and H Lawton

1. **Declaration of interests**

To receive from Councillors any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Non pecuniary interest was declared by Cllr Crossman Cheshire Community Action, Plumley Village Hall, Richard Comberbach Trust Cllr Nichols Plumley Village Hall,

1. **Minutes** - To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting on the 3rd May 2017

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting 3rd of May following the inclusion of attendees A Gabbott C Wilson J Wright, G Coates S Crossman D Nichols H Lawton

1. **Cheshire East Council Matters**: To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters.

Cllr G Walton advised on the following CEC updates

* Local Plan Examination – 27th July
* Road closures and repairs will be taking place – Crown Lane, Middlewich Road and Seven Sister Lane
* Lane closures will be taking place on the A556 for grass cutting of the verges

1. **Clerks Report –** To receive
   1. Correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 6/17 attached

**Resolved to** receive correspondence in appendix 6/17

* 1. Reports of RTA

Reported accident in L Peover where a car lost control – ambulance and police in attendance

1. **Financial Payments –** 
   1. To approve payments in Appendix 6/17 attached. Includes: Salaries & expenses**.**

**Resolved to** approve payments in appendix 17

* 1. To approve the final account / audit report for the year 2016/17

**Resolved to** approve the audit report for 2016/17

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

***Note - When receiving reports and making resolutions perceived risks need to be identified and if necessary agreed actions required to mitigate them***

* 1. **General Highways issues** – (Action log attached)

Concerns raised over the CEC complaints procedure and reporting of status and actions

**Resolved that** G Walton arranges a meeting with relevant CEC Senior officers and members to discuss the above issues. Offers of support for this meeting offered by G Coates A Gabbott and D Nichols if required

**Footpaths**

**Resolved that** J Beever to continue to cover this area of responsibility

* 1. **Planning**
* 17/2536M TROUTHALL LANE NURSERIES, TROUTHALL LANE

**Resolved to** pass no comment on this application

* 1. **Cheshire Oil Development**

No further updates

* 1. **HS2**

No Further updates

* 1. **Yew Tree RA dog fouling issue and what action can be taken / initiatives**

**Resolved** to order 10 A4 laminated posters showing £1,000 fine (check if this is still current)

* 1. **Review frequency of meetings**

Chairman asked that councilors to give consideration to the quantity of meetings per annum with a view to the incorporation of Planning responses via the Planning Committee

* 1. **Neighbourhood Plan**

The clerk advised that Mr A Thomson would make a brief presentation at the next Council Meeting on Wednesday 5th July

* 1. **Newsletter proposal**

Initial debate on the continuation of a printed newsletter rather than electronic / website. Leaflet to be placed inside June / July newsletter to gauge response.

Resolved to debate at next meeting following further thought on process

* 1. **Moorcroft benches and soft surface**

Residents have found a bench for the play area and were querying maintenance and 3rd party liability for benches – **Action** clerk to establish PC Insurance

Request for additional safety surfacing – **Action** C Wilson to establish costs from CEC

* 1. **Flower bed spend proposal** (Outside of PMR Store )

**Resolved to** approve a budget of up to £50

1. **Meetings –** To note feedback from meetings attended since the meeting 3rd May 2017 and to note attendance to take place at meetings during June 2017

**No meetings attended**

1. **To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting, proposed to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th July 2017 in the Committee Room at Plumley Village Hall**

* Neighbourhood Plan inclusion
* Newsletter
* Moorcroft

1. **Close Meeting**

**APPENDIX 6/17**

**5.0 Clerk’s Report**

**5.1 Correspondence**

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| A | 12.5 | E-Bulletin- Chalc |
| B | 10.5 | Cheshire Homechocie Newsletter |
| C | 16.5 | Joint Cheshire East & Cheshire West Areas - Parish Forum |
| D | 17.5 | Cheshire Homechoice Newsletter |
| E | 18.5 | BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2018 |
| F | 18.5 | ChALC E-Bulletin |
| G | 19.5 | 17/2536M TROUTHALL LANE NURSERIES, TROUTHALL LANE |
| H | 19.5 | CEC Highways Hour Events |
| I | 23.5 | To CEC Highways RE: Plumley Highway enquiries |
| J | 24.5 | Cheshire homechoice Newsletter |
| K |  |  |

**5.2. Road Traffic accidents -** To note the occurrence of RTA’s since the last meeting

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**6. Financial Payments**

**6.1 To note the current financial position**

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| Income | Community Account  £ | \*Business Premium  Account £ |
| Balance brought forward | 16,438.09 | 6159.75 |
| Interest 2016-17 |  | 2.31 |
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| Total | 16,438.09 | 6162.06 |

**\*Business Premium Account Earmarked Reserves**

Donald Sterling Legacy 367.67

Donation for daffodil bulbs 6.50

Playing Fields provision 3,550.00

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| **Ref** | **Payee** | £ |
|  | Clerk Salary D McGifford | 255.00 |
|  | Zurich Insurance | 307.67 |
|  |  | 104.40 |
|  | **Total for period** | **667.07** |
|  | **Total Carried forward** | **15,771.02** |

**6.2 To approve the 2016/2017 Audit figures and Accounting Statement**

**2016/17 Accounting statements**

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|  | Item | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | Variance % | Comment |
| 1 | Balances brought forward | 17,859 | 18,156 | .02% | Year-end figure carried forward |
| 2 | Annual Precept | 11,197 | 11,313 | 1% | Increase due to increase in number of dwellings |
| 3 | Total other receipts | 541 | 2 | -99% | Income 2015/16 was an unexpected support grant received from Cheshire East Council compared to interest received on business account (£2) |
| 4 | Staff costs | 4,419 | 4,165 | -5.7% | Budget for 2016-17 was set at £4,800 there was an underspend of £635 as the development and management of the website was only completed in early 2017 therefore the management and maintenance costs were vastly reduced for the year |
| 5 | Loan interest | Nil | Nil | nil | No comments |
| 6 | All other payments | 7,022 | 5,826 | -18.7% | Budget for 2016-17 was set at £6,790  Underspend of £964  Website against budget £265  No request for donation from church £250  Newsletter underspend of £270  Xmas tree lights underspend of £200  Total £985 |
| 7 | Balances carried forward | 18,156 | 19,480 | +7.3% | For reasons as stated above |
| 8 | Total cash and short- term investments | 18,156 | 19,480 | +7.3% | For reasons as stated above |
| 9 | Total Fixed Assets | 3,280 | 3,280 | 0 | No additional assets acquired, |
| 10 | Total Borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | No comment |

Date of meeting 7th June 2017

Signed A Gabbott Chairman………………………………………………………D McGifford RFO…………………………………………………….

**9.1 Plumley Toft with Bexton Parish Council Action log update 7.6.2017**

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| Meeting | Issue | Person | Action | Highways  Enquiry number |
| 2015/16 | Christmas Tree Base – to receive the information from Kevin James | AG | Awaiting |  |
| 16.3.17 | Visibility issue from Church Wall | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **CEC – Resolved ?** | 3285520 |
| 16.3.17 | Visibility issue pulling out of Trouthall Lane | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **CEC – Resolved ?** | 3285521 |
| 16.3.17 | Blocked Gully | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **CEC – to be programmed** | 3285522 |
| 16.3.17 | Plumley Moor Road Bridge  Insufficient footpath width | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **CEC – Resolved ?** | 3285524 |
| 16.3.17 | Road Rail Incursion issue | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **CEC – Resolved ?** | 3285525 |
| 16.3.17 | No footway leading to the Golden Pheasant | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **CEC – Resolved ?** | 3285526 |
| 16.3.17 | Condition of signs | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **No Comment** | 3285527 |
| 16.3.17 | Crossroads issue with reduced visibility due to the hedges – Pinfold Lane | DM / GC | Highways enquiry number  Logged 27.3 response 21 days  **CEC – Inspected satisfactory** | 3285530 |
|  | Review of the junction of the A50 and Middlewich Road in Toft | GW | Agree how this needs to be progressed 5.4.17 |  |
| 6.7.16 | speeding around the Moorcroft estate posing a danger to children.  It was agreed that signage would be looked into when delivering improvements to the Moorcroft play area | CW | To contact CEC to establish if speeding sign could be incorporated into play area |  |
| 7.9.16 | Road alongside the Smoker public house, Cllr Walton agreed to ask Highways if it could be cut back as the road is narrow at that point. | GW |  |  |
| 5.10.16 | Map provided by Norma Hall re gullies, | DM | Map forwarded to CEC (partly entered via website) N Hall verbally updated that progress and improvements had been made then left the meeting | Proposed that DM contact N Hall to establish any outstanding items |
| 5.4.17 | Condition of trees on Trouthall Lane | TBA | Reported tree risk on Trouthall Lane – agree next steps |  |
| 5.4.17 | Garden refuse on Plumley Moor Road verge | DM | Clerk to write to relevant household **actioned** |  |
| 12.4.17 | Speedwatch interest PMR  Mr N Smith |  | **Article in next newsletter** |  |