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

***PARISH COUNCIL***

***7th November 2017***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 1st November 2017**

**In attendance:** Cllrs A Gabbott (Chairman) C Wilson (Vice Chairman), D Nichols , J Wright, S Wharfe,

S Crossman, H Lawton A Thomson, G Walton CEC

**Public Forum**

There were no questions from the 2 members of the public in attendance

**Police Surgery**

There was no police surgery

1. **Apologies** To Receive and accept apologies for absence from those members unable to attend.

**Apologies** were received from Cllr G Coates

1. **Declaration of interests** To receive from Councillors any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

**Cllr C and N**

1. **Minutes** - To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting on the 4th October 2017

Minutes of the meeting on the 4th October 2017 were signed and approved without amendment

1. **Telephone Box proposal** Councillors to debate the refurbishment of a telephone box to utilize as a community facility:

**It was resolved** that the clerk contacts the proposers of the project to establish the following:

* Responsibility for ongoing structural maintenance
* Responsibility for internal maintenance of books etc
* Gaining approval for the agreed location including any potential planning implications
* Is power required, has this been considered
* Evidence of demand / support – maybe an article in the newsletter to achieve this
* Awareness of current book related services currently in the village – eg Chapel has book sales once a month, mobile library once a month, village fete book stall, womens institute

1. **Cheshire East Council Matters**: To receive a report on Cheshire East Council – G Walton advised

* Growth of Alderley Park in terms of business and Housing
* Awareness of Cheshire East monthly Spatial Planning updates
* Bus route consultation

1. **Clerks Report –** To receive
   1. Correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 11/17 attached

**Resolved to** receive the correspondence, highlighted items placed on agenda

* 1. Reports of RTA

**Reports** of 3 road traffic incidents within a week around Ascol Drive all relating to vehicles either accessing or leaving Ascol Drive, not major incidents more “shunts”

1. **Financial Payments –** 
   1. To approve payments in Appendix 11/17 attached. Includes: Salaries & expenses**.**

**Resolved to** approve payments in appendix 11/17

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**

A Gabbott and G Coates attended a **meeting with Cheshire East Highways** 26.10.2017 to discuss the recorded issues on the Plumley Moor Road and Middlewich Road routes. They were advised that solutions were being sought to the issues raised and that budget is being allocated to support works and that the safety of the route is an ongoing project. They were advised that network rail do not believe there is a danger of vehicles effecting the railway line. Other areas being investigated include improved signage and hedge cutting (establishing responsibility and enforcing action) It is clearly recognised that speeding is still the main issue

* **Average speed cameras**

Information was provided about the positive impact that average speed cameras had in villages near Bedford – quite an expensive but effective solution - further investigation will take place in the future.

* **Speed watch update**

Speedwatch activity has started to take place on Plumley Moor Road with volunteers –

Initial findings are that there is significant speeding in that area – Cheshire Police are supporting this work

* **Smoker Correspondence**

Robinsons Brewery quickly acknowledged the correspondence from the Parish Council with regards to the hedge on Plumley Moor Road, Stated that they would look into the issue when they start the renovation of the site in November.

* 1. **Planning**
* **17/4115M RIDING SCHOOL AND EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, HOLLY TREE COTTAGE**

**The council resolved to** comment that the new scheme is a big improvement on the original one, but the council would like to raise concerns about the access and visibility and be mindful that the road is at the National Speed Limit

* **17/4986M HENSHAW GREEN FARM, PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD**

*Cllr Wharfe declared a non pecuniary interest in this application and did not involve himself in the debate*

**The council resolved to Object** with the following comments.

Whilst the Parish Council would like the existing site cleared up, and an attractive completed scheme in place, the application, does not seem to allow for vehicles to access, and egress the site, in a safe way at the same time, to negotiate the onsite bends, or for small or large delivery vehicles to access the site , leading to hazardous parking on the road at a bend.A smaller number of dwellings may lead to a better scheme. There are also some anomalies on the drawing relating to the hedge/ fence positions, which are important regarding visibility and appearance.

* **17/5042M SHERBROOK, TROUTHALL LANE, PLUMLEY**

**The council resolved to** make no comment against this application

* 1. **Cheshire Oil Development update**
* No significant updates, clerk requested to follow up letter sent with regards to their decision to paint the external fencing grey
  1. **HS2**
* Advised that Mid Cheshire Against HS2 recently met with HS2 geologists with regards to the route – outcome of this meeting is unknown
* There is another meeting with regards to the impact on HS2 around Rudheath on Friday the 3rd of November
  1. **Moorcroft play area**
* Advised that no further progress had been made with regards to the request for benches – C Wilson to establish costs of acquisition and installation from CEC / Ansa
* Grass Cutting issue – appears not to be cut frequently enough therefore leaving long grass clippings when cut **Action Clerk** to contact Ansa to establish grass cutting frequency
* The need for the clearance of leaves and debris on pavements on Plumley Moor Road and Trouthall Lane was discussed **Action Clerk** to establish cost for clearance works and circulate to Councilors

1. **Meetings –** To note feedback from meetings attended since the meeting 4th October 2017 and to note attendance to take place at meetings during November 2017

* Cllr Nichols advised that the PV Hall AGM took place the previous week and thanks were given to the Parish Council for their support

1. **To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting, proposed to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th December 2017 in the Committee Room at Plumley Village Hall**

* Neighbourhood Plan
* Budget / precept discussion

1. **Close Meeting**

**APPENDIX 11/17**

**6.0 Clerk’s Report**

**6.1 Correspondence (Advised that this is no longer required)**

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| A | 3.10 | Jonathan Beever - resignation |
| B | 5.10 | E Bulletin - Chalc |
| C | 6.10 | ChALC Annual Meeting |
| D | 9.10 | ChALC training session |
| E | 13.10 | G Roberts - Plumleys, former Plantation, development |
| F | 24.10 | Robinsons Brewery re Smoker |
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**6.2. Road Traffic accidents -** To note the occurrence of RTA’s since the last meeting

**7 Financial Payments**

**7.1 To note the current financial position**

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| Income | Community Account  £ | \*Business Premium  Account £ |
| Balance brought forward | 19,164.42 | 6162.06 |
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| Total | 19,164.42 | 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** | £ |
|  | I Print October Nov Newsletter | 75.60 |
|  | D McGifford Salary | 217.50 |
|  | PAYE | 630.00 |
|  | Cavern Clothing – Speed watch Jackets | 158.40 |
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|  | **Total Expenditure for period** | **1081.50** |
|  | **Total Carried forward** | **18082.92** |