



**PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

29th October 2019

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6th November 2019 at 7.30 pm Plumley Village Hall**

Councillors in attendance;

A Gabbott (Chairman) G Coates (Vice Chairman) S Jones, J Wright, V L Roxby, S Crossman, A Thompson, S Wharfe, D Nicholls, A Shaw M Asquith (CEC)

Public Forum

There were 2 members of the public in attendance

- To raise concerns related to Plumley Station
- General interest in the Parish Council Meeting

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

There were no apologies for absence

2. Declaration of interests; To receive from Councillors any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Non – pecuniary Cllrs S Crossman Plumley Village Hall, Richard Comberbach Trust and Cheshire Community Action

Non – pecuniary A Shaw Richard Comberbach Trust

Non – pecuniary. Dd Nichols Plumley Village Hall.

Non - pecuniary VL Roxby with matters relating to Toft Estate

3. Minutes; To approve & sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2019

PTB/29/1920 Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 4.9.2019

4. Plumley Station

Raj Chandarana from Northern Rail to listen to the concerns of the parish Council with regards to recent changes at the station and general health and safety concerns. Raj agreed to review the following

1. The location of the ticket machine
2. Disability access issues
3. Amazon lockers to be relocated and potential neutral colour change- Raj to advise the clerk on the date of a visit to agree potential locations
4. Live train information system – Raj to check if this is planned for Plumley with an indicative date
5. Advise when Harrington Humps will be introduced at the station
6. Lighting on the bridge

On each item timelines for action / feedback to be provided

5. Cheshire East Council Matters:

To receive a report on Cheshire East Council

- Advised that there was ongoing discussions relating to the governance of CEC

6. Recognition of past Councillors

PTB/30/1920 Council resolved to give discretion to the Chairman on how recognition can be given to retiring councilors who have given exceptional service to the council. This would be funded through the Chairmans allowance - ***Local Government Act 1972 ss15(5) and 34 which allows for an allowance to meet the expenses of office.*** The Chairman will advise the Council of his thoughts at the appropriate time

7. Clerks Report – To receive

7.1 Correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 11/19 attached

PTB/31/1920 Council resolved to receive the correspondence in appendix 11/19

Action – Clerk to contact P Aston to request more details about the 75th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War event in terms of the overall expense and the contribution being sought

7.2 Reports of additional Road Traffic Accidents

There were no reported RTA for this period

8. Financial Payments –

8.1 To approve payments in Appendix 11/19 attached. Includes: Salaries & expenses.

PTB/32/1920 Council resolved to approve payments in appendix 11/19

8.2 To approve the balances in the Community and Business accounts

PTB/33/1920 Council resolved to approve balances as shown

8.3 To approve the inclusion of budget and precept debate into the Council meeting on the 4th December 2019

PTB/34/1920 Council resolved to debate the budget and precept at the meeting of the council on the 8th January 2020

9. Co Option of a Councilor To review interest for the position of Councilor with a view to agreeing to the co-option of a councilor

Following extensive promotion of the vacancy for a councilor **the Council resolved (PTB/34/1920) to** invite Mr R Raphael to sit on the council. Mr Raphael accepted the offer and signed the declaration of acceptance

10. 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

- **General Highways issues, including Speedwatch Action log**

Agreed updates to the action log as attached appendix 1

- **Speedwatch and speeding initiatives update**

Cllr S Jones is continuing to investigate viable speed camera solutions for Plumley Moor Road and is gathering information from key stakeholders to establish how they could be introduced . Several surrounding Parish Councils have expressed support in finding a solution as they are experiencing similar speeding issues in their areas. A meeting is being organised later in November to provide updates to the interested councils.

SJ advised that he is expecting to have a meeting with the key Stakeholders in early December to progress this matter

10.1 **Planning JW**

- **19/4085M LAND AT, ASCOL DRIVE, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE**

PTB/31/1920 Council resolved to Object; the proposal is inappropriate due to being located on the site of a listed historic monument, an SS I, with inadequate access to serve 8 dwellings, a dangerous junction onto the A556, there is not adequate amenity/garden space for the occupants.

10.2 **Cheshire Oil Development update**

No further updates

10.3 **Neighbourhood Planning**

This will be reviewed when there is a greater understanding on the viability of the speeding solutions project

10.4 **Footpaths**

General updates will be forwarded to the clerk and circulated

10.5 **Police Liaison**

No meetings have taken place but concerns were raised about police activity taking place at the Pheasant involving what was thought to be gunshots. It transpired that this was a training exercise but several residents were not aware of this. It would be helpful if this could be raised with the police at the next opportunity.

11. Meetings – To note feedback from meetings attended since the meeting September 2019 and to note attendance to take place at meetings during November, December 2019

Cllr Crossman advised that Plumley had been awarded a Little Gem Award in the Best Kept Village competition for the Memorial Bench

12. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting, proposed to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th January 2020 in the Committee Room at Plumley Village Hall

13. Close Meeting

Appendix 1

Plumley Toft with Bexton Parish Council Action log update 6.11.19

Meeting	Issue	Person	Action	Highways Enquiry no
6.11.19	Christmas Tree Base – to receive the information from Kevin James	AG	Reviewing with CEC Highways to establish if power for lighting can be fed from the lamp post ASAP - Short term solution SC to discuss power source at Village Store and liaise with GC	
16.3.17	Visibility issue from Church Wall and pulling out of Trouthall Lane Condition of signs Crossroads issue with reduced visibility due to the hedges – Pinfold Lane Review of the junction of the A50 and Middlewich Road in Toft	DM / GC	Resolved – deemed to be ok Resolved – deemed to be ok Proposed completion this financial year No current issues 2.9.19 Still outstanding	3285520 3285526 3285527 3285530
6.11.19	No footway leading to the Golden Pheasant	DM / GC	Council to discuss first steps for this project ie a schematic and costing will be required – Budget? January 2020 mtg	
6.11.19	Plumley Station Ticket Machine Health and Safety Concerns	DM	Meeting 6.11 list of agreed actions with Northern Rail – response with timelines requested 1.The location of the ticket machine 2Disability access issues 3 Amazon lockers to be relocated and potential neutral colour change- Raj to advise the clerk on the date of a visit to agree potential locations 4.Live train information system – Raj to check if this is planned for Plumley with an indicative date 5.Advise when Harrington Humps will be introduced at the station 6.Lighting on the bridge On each item timelines for action / feedback to be provided	
6.11.19	Reclaiming our roads	-	Review after Camera Speeding solution viability is established	
2.9.19	Speed reduction scheme	DM	Meeting to be arranged with interested parishes and Towns	
2.9.19	Van parked on Motorway bridge	DM	Letter to be sent to Highways authority (motorways)	
6.11.19	Speeding sign Moorcroft Estate		Research into design required ?	
6.11.19	A50 Siding Out at Toft		Map required to advise Ansa of exact area	
6.11.19	Pathway clearance of leaves	DM	Map required to agree area	

6 Clerks report APPENDIX 11/19

7.1 Correspondence of note

26.9.19 P Beacock

1. Footpaths

Are you aware that the footpath from the North edge of Plumley (opp. village shop) towards the A556 has been ploughed over so that now it is impassible, especially when wet? This is just another example of the complete disregard the associated 'farmer' has for footpaths and the state of the fields and hedges. Stiles have been destroyed (one example is at the start of the above footpath), hedges simply bulldozed to make room for very large equipment and ponds being filled by waste and bulldozed trees. This surely is not acceptable if we care about our local countryside. Farmers are repeatedly stated to be the custodians of our countryside - this one appears to be the exception.

2. LPU

We are part of the Macclesfield/Chelford and Gawsorth policing area. Looking at the Cheshire Police website showing LPUs, we are but a thin 'limb' of that policing area despite being surrounded by Knutsford and Northwich LPUs. I feel that literally being out on a limb we are 'forgotten'. I see no police patrolling the area and clearly they do not take speeding in the village seriously as evidenced by their attitude to the Speedwatch results ie we are recording too many so do less. Neighbouring LPUs are very active, as seen on their Twitter accounts, with well publicised meetings/surgeries, patrols around villages and, in particular, their regular use of Trucam around their areas. Surely we have a case for being transferred back into the Knutsford LPU which after all has its HQ, and hence many resources and cars, only a few miles away unlike Chelford which is only an infrequently manned outpost. Perhaps then we might see police patrols and more speed checks? If the above two issues fall outside the remit of the parish council, should I perhaps raise both with Ester and other relevant bodies?

18.10.19 N Aston

I am sure you are aware that 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. May 8th is to be a bank holiday for the nation to celebrate. Plans are underway at Plumley Chapel and Lower Peover Church, with a parish celebration in Plumley Village Hall on Saturday 9th May. I would be pleased if the Parish Council, when setting the budget, consider allocating funds for this event. Lower Peover will I am sure be making a similar request to Lower Peover Parish Council. We will be following the guide lines for celebrations by Bruno Peeks, the Queens Pageantmaster. You can see this on line at www.veday75.org The Chapel will be decorated and open to the public over the three days and we look forward to welcoming the Parish Council to see the display. Please add the above to the agenda for the next council meeting. Whilst writing to you I would like to make a further request. Many of the people that come to the Chapel services and the monthly coffee mornings are elderly and without email. Please may we have 20/25 printed copies of the newsletter for distribution.

General correspondence	
8.9	<newsletter@bestkeptstations.org.uk
18.9	19/4085M LAND AT, ASCOL DRIVE, PLUMLEY, KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE
27.9	Manchester Airport-Councillor meetings feedback
1.10	Cheshire East Council Waste Strategy 5 yearly review
3.10	September Monthly Police Report

16.10	Council motion request re national community energy campaign
14.10	Footpath Enquiry – Veryan Leycester Roxby
5.11	Best Kept Village
5.11	CEC Precept guidelines

7.2 Road Traffic accidents - To note the occurrence of RTA's since the last meeting

8.1 Financial Payments

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance		18641.53
Income		
Transfers		
Available balance		18641.53
Chq Ref	Payee	
241	Plumley Village Hall hire	42.00
242	D McGifford Salary 2 mths	488.07
243	D McGifford expenses October / November	95.39
243	Website	48.33
244	HM Revenue and Customs	388.43
	Chairmans Expenses	200.00
		1,262.85
	Balance carried forward	17,378.68