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

***PARISH COUNCIL***

***3rd March 2023***

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

**WEDNESDAY 1st March 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT PLUMLEY METHODIST CHURCH ON PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD**

**In attendance** A Gabbott (chair) Ged Coates (Vice chair) Stephen Jones, John Wright, Sybil Crossman, VL Roxby, A Thompson, S Wharfe,

**There were no members of the public in attendance**

**Minutes**

1. **Apologies**

Were received from Cllrs R Raphael and D Nichols

1. **Declaration of interests**

Declarations of non pecuniary interest were received from Cllr S Crossman – Richard Comberbach Trust , Plumley Village Hall Committee, Methodist Church and Allostock, Lower Peover and Plumley Gift Aid

1. **Minutes**

**PTB/40/2223** resolved to approve & sign the Minutes of the meetings held on the 11th January 2023

1. **Cheshire East Council Matters**:

No report received.

1. **Clerks Report Appendix 5**
	1. Correspondence and to take decisions on items.
	2. Reports of additional Road Traffic Accidents and near misses
	3. Average Speed camera consultation update – verbal update on latest figures
	4. Forth coming elections

**PTB/41/2223 resolved to** receive items in 5.1 - 5.4

1. **Financial Payments –**
	1. To approve payments. Includes: Salaries & expenses**.**
	2. To approve the balances in the Community and Business accounts.

**PTB/42/2223 resolved to** approve the payments in 6.1 and balances as shown in 6.2

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***

**General Highways issues, including action log**

1. **Speed reduction update**

***Average speed cameras*** –

* Legal agreement / draft heads of terms has been forwarded to the police
* Current position on consultation responses, 137 received of which 121 (88%) were in support and 16 (12%) were against the proposal. Noted that there were still some forms to be distributed in Toft and Bexton

***Highways log***

* ***Clerk to arrange to meet with highways officer*** to fully understand the workings of the online reporting process as it is difficult to track historic reports of issues.
1. **Planning** To review current planning applications.
* **23/0560M The Stable Yard, The Old Dairy, Toft Road, Toft, Cheshire East, WA16 9PD**

**PTB/43/2223** Object; there is insufficient information provided in the applications, such as a Heritage Assessment, photographs plans and elevations, to be able to consider the impact the proposals will have on the Listed building/ group of buildings, and neighbouring properties, or their occupants.

* **23/0561M The Stable Yard, The Old Dairy, Toft Road, Toft, Cheshire East, WA16 9PD**

**PTB/44/2223** Object; there is insufficient information provided in the applications, such as a Heritage Assessment, photographs plans and elevations, to be able to consider the impact the proposals will have on the Listed building/ group of buildings, and neighbouring properties, or their occupants.

1. **Cheshire Oil Development**

No update received

1. **Police Liaison**

Noted that PCSO Julia Short is retiring and that enquiries need to be made about her replacement and the general support of the Parish ,

1. **Footpaths**

No update received

1. **Kings Coronation**

Agreed to support community group celebrations where possible and promote in the newsletter.

1. **Meetings – To note feedback from meetings attended since the last meeting on the 11th January 2023**
* HS2 meeting took place on the 27th February – meeting notes in appendix 1
1. **To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting – 24th May 2023**

**5.Clerks report APPENDIX**

**5.1 Correspondence of note**

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| **General correspondence**  |
| **3.2** | Jackie Weaver Chalc – guidance on consultation  |
| **10.2** | Notification Cheshire East Council Parish Network Session - 16th February 6-7pm |
| **21.2** | Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund Re-opens for Applications with 3 March Deadline |
| **21.2** | 23/0561M The Stable Yard, The Old Dairy, Toft Road, Toft, Cheshire East, WA16 9PD |
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**5.2. Road Traffic accidents and near misses (to be advised at the meeting)**

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| **Date**  | **RTA/ Near miss** | **Location**  | **B Lights y/n****Incident ref**  |
| **24.1** | RTA  | A556 / Smoker r– 2 lorries collided at low speed  | Yes |

**6 Financial Payments**

**6.1 to approve payments and balances**

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| **COMMUNITY ACCOUNT**  |  |
| **Balance Bfwd** | 27,735.62 |
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| **Available balance**  |  |
| **Chq Ref** | **Payee** |  |
|  | D McGifford – clerk salary  | 547.66 |
|  | D McGifford Website  | 48.33 |
|  | D McGifford Expenses  | 129.92 |
|  | HMRC PAYE  | 431.55 |
|  | Congleton Town Council – Printing of reports agendas and minutes and newsletters  | 100.00 |
|  | Plumley methodist Church – Room hire  | 31.50 |
|  | St John The Evangelist Church Toft  | 350.00 |
|  | St Oswalds request  | - |
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|  | **Total**  | 1638.96 |
|  | **Balance carried forward**  | **26,096.66** |

**6.2 Business Account –Council Earmarked Reserves**

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| Historic Reserves  | £  |
| Average speed camera capital reserve | 4689.98 |
| Interest received |  |
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| **General reserve required – 3 months of annual budget**  | 4,500 |
| **Election reserve (figure to be confirmed CEC)**  | 1,000 |
| Total Reserves Held  | 10189.98 |

**Highways – to follow**

**Footpath applications**

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| **Ranking** | **Ref No.** | **Description of Application** |
| **1** | MA/5/245 | Addition of Footpaths at Plumley Lime Beds linking with FP15, Plumley |
| **14** | MA/5/256 | Addition of a Footpath from Toft FP6, Toft Church to Toft FP4, Windmill Wood, Toft |
| **20** | MA/5/259 | Addition of Footpaths, Bexton Lane to Bexton FP1, Bexton |
| **32** | MA/5/257 | Addition of a FP/BR from Beggarman's Lane to FP2 Bexton, Parishes of Knutsford, Toft and Bexton |

**HS2 Meeting**

**Meeting between Plumley PC and HS2 Ltd - 27th February 2023**

1. How much money was spent on ground investigations by HS2 Ltd on Phase 1 and on Phase 2a prior to construction?

Answer: **Not known but between 0.5% and 1% of the overall construction budget will be spent on ground investigation throughout construction.**

1. How many GIs will need to be completed, in total, on phase 2b prior to construction?

Answer: **Approximately 3000 which equates to 100 GIs per mile.**

1. Have HS2 Ltd completed any Lidar surveys on the route of phase 2b and if so did this show any ongoing ground movement?

Answer: **Not known, Lidar surveys will be used along with GIs to inform the detailed design. Changes in embankment heights up to a maximum of 3 metres could occur in response to survey data.**

1. On phase 1 there have been many reports of the unnecessary felling and destruction of trees and hedgerows, who monitors the removal of trees and hedgerows?

Answer: **The CoCP (Code of Construction Practice) states “The nominated undertaker will develop an EMS in accordance with BS EN ISO 14001. The EMS will provide the process by which environmental management, both within its organisation and in relation to its operations, is undertaken to ensure the relevant findings of the ES are addressed throughout the construction phase.”**

1. What width of tree clearance (please note – metres, not hectares) through Winnington, Peas, Smoker and Leonard’s wood will be required for the construction of the Smoker Brook Viaduct and will this clear width be a permanent requirement?

Answer: **Not known, will be determined at the time of construction. All safeguarded areas, coloured pink on the ES community area map book plans, are considered as cleared of trees, hedgerows etc, where possible they will be replanted.**

1. Will Cranage Villas have sound insulation prior to the operation of HS2?

Answer: **Not known, will obtain answer.**

1. Is a 3m high acoustic barrier the maximum height of barrier that can be placed on a viaduct and if so why?

Answer: **No, the maximum is 4 metres but there is no significant benefit from raising the barrier on the Smoker Brook viaduct from 3 to 4 metres.**

1. How many light goods vehicles will need to use Ascol drive, at what time and over what period?

Answer: **Very few over a limited time for mitigation planting.**

1. Have HS2 Ltd carried out baseline studies of sound and air quality at Cranage Villas, if so will they provide the results to the residents and the Parish Council?

Answer: **No baseline studies have been carried out at Cranage Villas.**

1. Do HS2 Ltd envisage night time working at the Smoker Brook Viaduct compound, if so under what circumstances will night time working be required?

Answer: **No.**

1. What diversion route will be used during the short term closures of the A556 Shurlach/Chester Road?

Answer: **Not known, diversion routes will be set in discussion with highways, police and the local authorities as and when required.**

1. What measures will be introduced to mitigate the significant increase in traffic on that route.

Answer: **Traffic increase not deemed significant. HS2 HGV construction vehicles will be monitored.**

1. How realistic are the timings for start, finish and especially duration of the construction elements?

Answer: **Duration of construction elements best estimate.**

1. Who will be the main contact for resolution of problems that occur during the construction period? (This has to be someone on the ground who can effect change immediately).

Answer: **An HS2 engagement team will be in place for the construction process together with on the ground contacts (contractors).**

**END**