

PLUMLEY WITH TOFT AND BEXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th November 2011

In Plumley Village Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs. S Crossman (Chairman), Mr. D. Nichols (Deputy Chairman) Mr. D. Fairbrother, Mrs. M Taylor, Mr. J Wright, Mr. C Wilson, Mr. A Shaw, Mr. T Gabbott, Mr. George Walton (Cheshire East) and Mrs. J Richardson,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: Mr. J. Wright, Mr. J. Lloyd and Mr. S Wharf

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. G Knott and Mrs. S Jones

1.	The emergency evacuation procedure was explained	
2.	Public session. No members of the public attended, no questions raised.	
3.	Apologies accepted from JW, JL and SW.	
4.	Declaration of Interest. SC declared she was invited to the Senior Citizens Christmas party.	
5.	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting from 26th October 2011 as a correct record. Cllrs. agreed the minutes of the last meeting should go to be checked by the police before being published, to ensure they were in agreement with the report from the police surgery and to ensure nothing reported could be thought inflammatory or of concern.	Clerk
6.	To note the following matter's arising.	
6.1	DN said there was no need to undertake a risk assessment on home working of the Clerk. His advice was noted, although the report has been completed.	
6.2	Highways. SC read an email received 30 th Nov from Andy Wilson, Ch East about the sight lines on the junction of PMR and Pinfold lane. There was further discussion about ivy growing onto signs, although that seems to have been cutback. SC again requested the road signs were washed - AS. DN is to write to AW re sight lines. A Highways representative will be available at the Chalc. Meeting next week. Questions are to be tabled before the meeting. SC, JR and CW are to attend. SC to ask about the strength and safety of the railway bridge, including the road and footpath widths. JR - school transport, as no decisions have been made and CW - environmental noise on the A556. GW said he was on the Highways Sub-Committee of Ch. East. There is a maintenance list and a minor works list. It was noted by all that pot holes have been filled in front of the Village Shop, showing Ch. East accept responsibility of the area. The list includes a pedestrian crossing near the shop. A list was circulated for viewing. DN informed the mtg. that the dip in Cheadle lane was becoming increasingly serious. Andy Wilson was going to meet DN. JW has a map with pipe work shown. As DN continues to have difficulties in arranging meetings, the Clerk will write to AW, to organize a meeting with SC and GW on site.	AS SC, JR and CW
6.3	Salt bins/ bags. GW has an email about the site of salt bins and bags. The Parish Council requested GW ask for 3 salt bags and 1 salt bin. 1 bag - Ascol Drive 1 bag - Village Hall, same place as last year, after discussion. 1 bag - On corner at entrance to Toft Church/ A50.	Clerk GW

6.4	1 bin - Trouthall Lane, adjacent to litter bin. Advanced Number Plate Recognition (ANPR). Knutsford Town Council were applying for a grant to benefit the wider community as rural and agricultural theft continue to rise. The application has not yet been resolved so support letters are currently not needed. Criminals seem to be using minor roads to escape detection on major roads. Cllrs agreed the Clerk can write support letter when requested.	GW Clerk
7.	Correspondence	
7.1	The Localism Act 15 th Nov 2011 achieved Royal Assent. Cllrs noted the Act.	
7.2	Technical reforms of the Council Tax consultation paper. The village is currently well served including a village shop, two public houses and a railway line. Cllrs were unable to offer to the consultation paper. Parking difficulties outside the shop were noted. If traffic increases, action will need to be considered.	
7.3	An OS license is available with access to digital maps. Cllrs would need to use it regularly for it to be worthwhile. Occasional use is to be charged. CW to respond to ask if occasional use could be free.	CW
7.4	Letter re safety on PMR. Clerk to send on email to Andy Wilson. The verge is encroaching on the road. When measured, the road is not wide enough for 2 heavy goods vehicles to pass. The resident has currently received no response from Ch. E	Clerk
7.5	Letter re Highways issues in Plumley. All points raised have been taken up by Ch E and will be raised at Chalc. Mtg.	
7.6	Steam Train visit and donation request. After discussion it was agreed Clerk to write to offer £100 as a donation for the Steam Train visit, if the visit is to proceed. Manchester Airport letters were distributed.	Clerk
7.7	Senior Citizens Christmas Party donation. Cllrs agreed to offer to pay for the hire of the Village hall for the party. Clerk to write to Linda Boag-Monroe with offer. Move	Clerk
7.8	£50 from Donation to party to Hire of Hall in Budget	
7.9	Request for additional monies to support upkeep of St Oswald's, LP. Cllrs discussed how to help. It was agreed Cheshire Community Payback Scheme was a good way to support both the community and participants of the scheme and other churchyards used the scheme. The Village Hall could share a day's work with the Church and could offer comfort facilities. Clerk to write to ask if the Church had contacted the Scheme and ask if there are any issues the PC can help to resolve.	Clerk Clerk
8.	Cheshire East Councilor's report. There are no plans to increase council tax this year. Economies' are being sought in every area within the Council and if necessary, staff are being redeployed. GW offered his support and availability to all councilors.	
9.	Comments and reports by Councilors regarding transport, planning, footpaths, highways, Village Hall, Parish Plan, Home watch, Clerk circumstances and Web site progress. DN asked about progress on rail links to Manchester Airport on the Chester line and to Crewe via Middlewich for passengers. Clerk to write to Sally Buttifant about progress. No issues re footpaths. The traffic lights sequencing on PMR and the A556 has changed. There was discussion about the signage on the junction and traffic lights. Clerk to write to Andy Wilson to ask him to come to a PC mtg and discuss problems and CW to visit Past and discuss signage.	Clerk Clerk CW

<p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p>	<p>Village Hall, nothing to report, continuing on well. Homewatch. Nothing additional to report.</p> <p>Monitoring of the safety of Holford brine fields. Emails were read to refresh Cllrs memories. Site in Ch W, with no jurisdiction over MOD land. Soda ash and brine stored. Rob Brookfield cannot visit PC as he represents Ch W. Jon Weildon invited to Parish meeting in April. He will go into safety features and ironmongery on the surface. GW to speak to JW. 20th April 2012, 2.00 pm, next INEOS consultancy meeting.</p> <p>J.Wright has a map and contact details of MOD, who state the subsidence is not caused by INEOS. Clerk to write to MOD re updating signage as it is faded and illegible.</p> <p>Internet access. During Oct/ Nov 2011 service was interrupted to many households in P, T and B causing much annoyance and potential loss of business and contact by many service users. Appears to have been exchange based problems, although complainants were given mixed messages and several users changed their own equipment after being offered incorrect information. Clerk to write to Customer services in both Openreach and British Telecom to register complaints made by users. CW to forward web site address from report from the Newsletter.</p> <p>Clerk. Due to health issues GK has resigned from post but the PC are incredibly lucky to have the services of SJ who will be Clerk from 1st Dec. SJ will continue to manage and progress the updated Web Site.</p> <p>SJ gave a presentation of the web site changes and asked for Cllrs to review and comment upon proposed changes. SJ will send out a PDF version of the proposals. It will have quick links and contacts widgets. High priority news will be updated regularly and font sizing can be changed to ensure it is accessible to everyone. Colours will be non political, Visitors will be able to subscribe to the site, to get regular updates. Significant pictures will be displayed. TG offered seasonal pictures for the site. It was suggested there will be a Children's Corner. JR agreed to work with SJ and suggested a link to the Lower Peover school site.</p> <p>Everyone was encouraged to ask for business contacts to advertise their services in the Directory. A further request will be in the next Newsletter.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>JW Clerk</p> <p>Clerk CW</p> <p>Clerk JR TG</p>						
<p>10.</p>	<p>Meetings attended SC described the ceremony held in Crewe to establish 7 Honorary Aldermen for Ch E.</p> <p>Meetings Forthcoming Macclesfield Area meeting Wed 7th Dec. Bollington.</p> <p>Parish Plan Network meeting 29th Nov with Richard House.</p>	<p>SC, JR CW to attend SC</p>						
<p>11</p>	<p>Road Accidents. None reported.</p>							
<p>12.</p> <p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p>	<p>Finance.</p> <p>Cllrs names need to be recorded within the minutes for the bank to add or withdraw councilors from the mandate. Currently on mandate and to stay - Sybil Crossman, May Taylor, Dennis Fairbrother. Added last month, Cllrs to take in a current household bill and passport - Chris Wilson, Tony Gabbott and John Wright. Next month another mandate form to be completed to add on Andy Shaw and Jane Richardson. Remove Emma Symms and Neville Baker.</p> <p>To note the current financial position</p> <table data-bbox="539 1917 1300 1989"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: right;">Community Account</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Business Premium Account</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Balance brought forward</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6,511.68</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Community Account	Business Premium Account	£	£	Balance brought forward	6,511.68	<p>GK</p>
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	Less payments for October 2011	408.50		
	Balance	6,103.18		
	Total Balance including Earmarked Funds	8,687.78	2 223.40	
	Earmarked funds			
	Donald Sterling Legacy	367.67		
	Donation for daffodil bulbs	6.50		
	Tercentenary Lower Peover School	190.00		
	Playing Fields provision	2,250.00		
12.3	To approve the following payments:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £200.00 to G.Knott. November Salary • £50.00 to S. Jones. Nov payment • £38.50 to PVH for hire of hall for play session 23rd Aug and committee room 1st and 2nd Aug. • £30.00 Mr B Mottershead. Internal Audit • £90.00. Lithotech. Newsletter setup and printing costs. Nov/Dec 2011 			
12.4	Budget proposal and precept notification			
	Steam train donation - £100. Clerk to write to tony@deanweeks.fsnet.co.uk as detailed previously.			
	Earmarked Tercentenary funds to return to general funds - clerk to seek advice from Chalc.			
	Changes to budget re Senior Citizens Christmas party to hire of hall - proposed Andy Shaw, seconded Tony Gabbott.			
	Precept form to be sent to Ch E. and budget proposal to become budget 2012/13			
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13	Risk assessment. Nothing to report. No change from last month.			
14	Planning.			
14.1	To note receipt of the following planning applications:			
14.2	To note the following comments by the Parish Council			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application No 11/3852M. Bowman's Cottage. Replacement of conservatory with orangery. Single storey rear and side extension, part rear extension to be two storey's. Conversion and extension of garage for ancillary accommodation. No objections. Observation that there have been permitted development rights used in past 2 years. Is this within the permitted % increase? 			
14.3	To note the following planning decisions by Cheshire East Council:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application No 3269M. New dwelling in association with existing managed woodland business. Windmill Wood, Chelford Road, Ollerton. WA16 8RX No decision registered. • Application No 11/1890M - Oak Framed Garden Room Extension at Oak Tree Barn, Plumley Moor Road. Appeal lodged • Application No 11/3501M New PVC white conservatory to replace existing conservatory. 'Wynwood', Cranage Villas, Chester Road, Plumley. WA 16 OUB Decision. Approved with conditions. 			

16	Outstanding issues	
16.1	Plumley Smithy. Ch. E/ The Crown Estate. Pavement left unsightly	
16.2	Land adjacent to car wash. Review in Feb	CW
16.3	Moorcroft access. To remain on Outstanding issues	
16.4	PMR speed limit. To remain on Outstanding issues. High priority	
16.5	PROW. Plumley Lime beds.	JW
16.6	Fly tipping at PLB. Take off list	
16.7	Holford Hall. Cllr Wright to review the inspector's decision and seek advice.	JW
16.8	Middlewich Railings. Take off list	
16.9	Fly Tipping, Moss Wood. Toft Estate. Clerk to write to Mellor Braggins. AS report	Clerk
16.10	Excess water, Cheadle Lane. GW's list	GW
16.11	Plumley School Bus. Under review., no decisions made	JR
16.12	Salt bins. Reported upon.	
16.13	Tree has loose branch. Ch. East have been out to review, the tree is dead.	
17	Welcome letters to be distributed by Chairman to 7, 8 and 9 Malt Kiln.	SC
	Next meeting .25th January 2012 in Plumley Village Hall at 7.45 pm. Police Surgery prior to the meeting at 7.30 pm in Plumley Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

MRS SYBIL CROSSMAN,
CHAIRMAN PLUMLEY WITH TOFT AND BEXTON PARISH COUNCIL