



**PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Parish Council**

**held on**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 at Plumley Methodist Church**

**Present:** Cllrs Gabbott (AG) (Chairman) C Wilson (Vice Chair) S Crossman (SC) D Nicholls (DN)  
G Walton CEC (GW) A Shaw (AS) K James (KJ)

**In attendance** D McGifford Clerk and 1 member of the public

**Public Forum** There were no questions from the public.

**Police Surgery** There was no police surgery

**Minutes of the meeting**

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Wright, Lloyd, Wharfe and Lawton

**2. Declaration of Interests:** DN declared an interest in Plumley Village Hall – agenda items 10, SC declared an interest in item 10.3 due to the fact that CCA was undertaking the survey on Housing Needs and also declared an interest in PVH, both positions are in an unpaid, non pecuniary capacity.

**3. Minutes** – The minutes of the meetings of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved without amendments

**4. Cheshire East Council Matters:** Cllr Walton advised on the current position of the Cheshire East Local Plan which included changes to portfolio holders and an ambition to re submit the plan within 6 months. There is also a lot of activity in towns and parish's in developing Neighborhood Plans with the support of Cheshire East Council and Cheshire Community Action, these plans will carry have the same legal standing as the Local Plan in terms of development.

Queries were raised about the delays in street lighting repairs and Cllr Walton requested that a list of lights that are currently not working be forwarded to enable him to take up the issue with Highways.

**Action: K James** to draw together list of lights including numbers and locations and forward to G Walton

5. **Clerks Report** – To receive correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 12/14 attached.

The clerk reported that additional correspondence had been added to appendix 12/14 items P/3/4/U/V  
With reference to appendix 12/14 item 3

**Action** it was agreed that the clerk would write to Mr Willocks advising that Cllr James would arrange to visit them to discuss their issues.

With reference to appendix 12/14 item P – Defra rural transport

**Action:** clerk to establish if dial a ride is included as part of the rural transport scheme at the appropriate time

6. **Financial Payments** - To approve payments in Appendix 012/14.

Clerk advised ref 34 should read £34.75p not £29

Total payable for the period was now £487.55p

Balance to be carried forward £13,464.47

**Resolved** The Parish Council resolved to approve the payments shown in appendix 12/14 -7.2

The Clerk raised the issue of their being only 3 signatories for cheques - AG and KJ offered to become signatories.

**Action** – Clerk to provide relevant documentation for AG and KJ

The clerk raised the need to review the Standing Orders to ensure that they are both “fit for purpose” and being adhered to.

**Action** – Clerk to meet with AG and CW to undertake review and arrange to meet with ChALC to discuss thoughts. Following the ChALC meeting observations and proposed amendments will be provided to the Parish Council for comment / approval

**6.2 RTA** – location amended to Peover Eye/ Ascol Drive

7. **Pedestrian Crossing & Mini Roundabout Road Scheme (incl SID's and Village Hall Sign)**

CEC will be undertaking a full safety audit of the scheme in due course, SIDs were operational and it was observed that in the majority of cases they were having a positive impact. Concerns regarding lighting were covered in item 4.

8. **Playing Fields.** Update on progress of the working group –CW report provided 12/14 attached

9. **HS2 Update**– CW report provided 12/14 attached

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

10.1 **Section 106 update** – CW report attached

10.2 **Damage to bridge at Peover Eye Back Lane** – reported that this was now in hand with CEC

**Note** Cllr S Crossman left the meeting at 9.00pm for a pre arranged personal appointment at the start of 10.3 but was not present for the conclusion on this matter

10.3 **Housing Needs Survey update** AG reported that there was a positive meeting with Vikki Jeffrey of CEC where all proposed amendments to the document had been agreed. The document will be re drafted and agreed between the working group and circulated via e-mail to members. When this has been completed the amended document will be sent to Cheshire Community Action (CCA) to design and style the document. Members were reminded that the reason for the survey was to establish if there is any genuine need for affordable housing which could be clearly evidenced. The council would then seek to meet any such evidenced need by the development a

Community Land trust which would also benefit the community as a whole. AG was asked to confirm that the survey would cover the whole of the parish of Plumley, Toft and Bexton.

**Action AG** to confirm geographic area of survey

**Budget** AG distributed the costings from CCA for the undertaking of the survey (appendix 12/14) – there is no fixed cost as it is dependent upon the quantity of surveys returned – an indicative figure of circa £1083 was provided, following debate about the expected returns AG requested that a budget of £1500 is allocated for this survey.

**Resolved** – the Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve a budget of up to £1500 to undertake the Housing Needs Survey

#### 10.4 **Funding requests Plumley Village Hall**

The Parish Council was asked to consider two funding requests from Plumley Village Hall

a) £100 contribution for the annual membership of Cheshire Rural Touring Arts –

**Resolved:** The Council resolved unanimously to support the request for £100

b) To contribute up to £50 towards the Christmas tree for Plumley Village Hall

**Resolved:** The Council resolved unanimously to support the request for £50

#### 10.5 **Re home watch, issue re theft of signage and CCTV image**

The plight of Angela and Brendan Riley who have recently moved into the village was discussed. Having experienced many negative issues since their arrival including the loss of a family pet caused by a speeding vehicle on Plumley Moor Road, a theft from their home, an abusive letter and personal injury.

**Action** – the Council requested that the Clerk write to them to express their sympathy to the circumstances they have faced since moving to the Village

#### 10.6 **Precept for Plumley with Toft and Bexton 2015/2016**

Cheshire East Council requested that the Parish Council considers its precept requirement for 2015/16. Based on known commitments and balances members of the council was asked to consider maintaining the precept at the same level as 2014/15 which equates to £11,197 per annum (Band D Council Tax of £28.65.)

**Resolved** The Council resolved unanimously that the precept for 2015 /16 would be £11,197

#### 10.7 **BT Telephone box removals**

Notification had been received regarding the proposed removal of the public telephone box on Plumley Moor Road based upon current usage and condition. Councilors James and Wilson had inspected the condition of the box and reported that there were issues in terms of renovation and future maintenance. It was also reported that the telephone box had only been used 14 times in the last 12 months.

**Resolved** The Council resolved unanimously that it would not object to the removal of the telephone box on Plumley Moor Road

### 11. **Defibrillator update.**

The clerk reported that he had met with Knutsford First Responders who advised that they would be willing to provide and install a defibrillator and an external cabinet (unlocked) located at an agreed location, the cost to the Council would be circa £700. This would include free promotion and training for volunteers. The clerk enquired about insurance for the equipment based on the fact that it was not in a secure location. Knutsford First responders stated that they had not heard of any defibrillators being stolen but would investigate the insurance position.

**12. Meetings** – To note feedback from meetings attended in November and to note attendance to take place at meetings in January February

12.1 Parish Council Meetings – covered in minutes, agenda item 3

12.2 External meetings relating to the Parish Council

- 11/11 SC – Notes distributed via e-mail
- 19/11 SC – Cheshire Community Action – notes circulated by e-mail
- 20/11 SC ChALC meeting – notes distributed via e-mail
- 17/11 AG CW JW – Vikki Jeffrey CEC re Housing Needs Survey
- 25/11 AD CW – Rachel Bolton S106 11/11 SC
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**13. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the Committee Room at Plumley Church Hall. 7.45**

- No Right turn signage on Linnets Lane

**14. Close Meeting** – The meeting was closed at 9.45pm

## APPENDIX 012/14 – 6.1

### 6.0 Clerk's Report

#### 6.1 Correspondence received 26/11, additional items received post agenda are shown in bold type

	Date	e-mail correspondence received
1	5/11	KGSP workshop
a	6/11	Chalc Commissioners consultation
b	7/11	Chalc – Smaller councils committee nominations
c	10/11	Cheshire Community Action AGM
d	13/11	Chalc – Macclesfield area meeting
e	13/11	Connecting Cheshire - Plumley
f	14/11	George Waters CEC – update on Peover Eye bridge repair
g	17/11	Northwich Town Council - Services
h	17/11	Tina Jones CEC – Local Plan update
i	18/11	Mr Beacock response to PC
j	19/11	Cheshire Homechoice
k	19/11	PVH Xmas 2014 – agenda item
l	19/11	PVH annual membership – agenda item
m	19/11	T Jones - Annual Town and Parish Council presentation slides
n	20/11	K Bedford – re removal BT Telephone boxes –
n	21/11	G Mallin CEC – acknowledgement of comments from PC for safety audit
o	24/11	Holmes Chapel comprehensive school invite
<b>P</b>	<b>27/11</b>	<b>Tina jones CEC re defra community Transport</b>
		Written correspondence received
1	11/11	Mr and Mrs Holinshead
2	24/11	CEC – Precept – Agenda item
<b>3</b>	<b>26/11</b>	<b>Mr and Mrs Hollinshead – re thanks to PC</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>26/11</b>	<b>Mr P Willocks – re highway issues and notice boards</b>
		Written correspondence sent
Q	18/11	Ian Lee – response to comments made re Plumley Moor Road
R	18/11	CEC – Objection to Planning application 14/4861/M
S	18/11	Mr Beacock - response to comments made re Plumley Moor Road
T	18/11	CEC – Re considerations of issues on Plumley Moor road for safety Audit.
U	<b>28/11</b>	<b>Letter from PC to S Jones</b>
V	<b>28/11</b>	<b>Letter from PC to Cllr Wharfe</b>

#### 6.2 Road Traffic accidents - To note the occurrence of RTA's since the November meeting

Reported accident by SC of a collision between an HGV and a car Peover Eye / Ascol Drive on the A556

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### 6.3.To note progress on outstanding issues

Moorcroft garage – confirmed that there is still an issue with excessive rubble – J Lloyd to follow up

## 7. Financial Payments

### 7.1 To note the current financial position

Income	Community Account £	Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward	13952.02	6151.99
<b>Income</b>	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13952.02</b>	<b>6151.99</b>

### 7.2 To approve the following payments from the Community Account:

Ref	Payee	£
34	A Gabbott – Paint Plumley station	34.75
19519	I Print – Oct Nov Newsletter	104.40
	D McGifford salary – December gross £310.50	Nett 248.40
	Amber IT website and Oct / Nov newsletter	100.00
	Total	487.55
	Balance to be carried forward	13464.47
	PAYE Accrued for October November December salary	186.30

## Reports

### Agenda item 8 **Playing Fields**

The playing facility steering group met to discuss proposals for a survey of Plumley residents. The following decisions were taken:

Two questionnaires, based on information obtained from 'Play England' and separately targeting households and children, were discussed and approved subject to minor alterations. Copies of the questionnaires will be circulated for comment in due course.

It was agreed that the survey should be confined to the village of Plumley; play facilities cannot reasonably be provided which also take in Toft and Bexton.

The survey will be circulated at the beginning June 2015, utilising the newsletter delivery system; the timescale has been chosen to ensure that it does not clash with the affordable housing needs survey.

Subject to agreement from Jonathan Royle, return of the survey forms will be to the village shop in a sealed box.

Timescale to return forms will be a week after the village fun day which takes place at the end of June.

We will have a stand at fun day to promote the survey and answer any questions.

In meantime we will promote the survey via the village news letter and continue to gather information and guidance, and where possible visit other parishes who have already been through a similar process.

Chris Wilson

### Agenda item 9 **HS2 update**

Chairman: Cllr. Tony Gabbott

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Patrick McLoughlin was due to announce the conclusions of the Phase Two route consultation between autumn 2014 and January 2015, however, HS2 Ltd stated, at a coffee morning held in Lach Denis village hall in September, that they would be making an interim statement in the autumn of 2014 and a full statement in the autumn of 2015.

There followed the publishing of a report by David Higgins (“Rebalancing Britain – From HS2 towards a national transport strategy”) and subsequently HS2 Ltd announced a consultation on proposals to safeguard a section of the HS2 Phase Two route corridor between Fradley and Crewe.

Patrick McLoughlin has yet to make a statement on the final, definitive, Phase Two route between Fradley and Crewe. David Higgins report principally looks at Phase Two of HS2 and at the route from Litchfield / Fradley where Phase One finishes to Manchester, including the Golborne link, and Leeds. The following is my interpretation of his conclusions pertaining to the western leg:

- The Golborne link is required but not necessarily right now.
- The route into Manchester, via the airport, is the right one although more expensive than alternatives; the airport station is not necessarily required and the decision as to whether to include it is left to Manchester City Council and Government.
- The North West hub should be at Crewe and should be delivered at the same time as Phase One.
- As part of a wider transport study the East-West connectivity across the North should be considered – namely HS3.
- David Higgins states “By its very nature HS2 cannot be done piecemeal”. Yet Phase One and Phase Two do just that.

The BBC reported on 24th November 2014 that minutes from a recent meeting of rail bosses suggested plans to expand Euston station had been put on hold because of disagreements about the cost and design which led to fears that the controversial line might terminate at Old Oak Common in west London. Euston has always been a sticky issue for HS2. The initial plan for a grand new station was shelved for a much simpler change in the layout. Yet somehow the simpler version was £400m more pricey than a complete rebuild.

The London Evening Standard newspaper, 28th November 2014, said that Camden council has called on the Government to move the terminus of HS2 temporarily from Euston to Old Oak Common in west London. The borough insists that it needs more time to plan a proper regeneration scheme around Euston station. The drastic proposal was included in the north London borough’s formal petition to the Government this week. It comes amid huge uncertainty over the redevelopment of Euston, which has been the subject of three master-plans as the HS2 terminus.

The London Evening Standard newspaper, 28th November 2014, also said that David Cameron faced a fresh revolt in London today against the proposed high speed rail line with a flagship Tory town hall moving to oppose it.

Westminster City Council is due to raise a string of objections over the £50 billion project including fears that it could lead to houses in the borough subsiding and overcrowding at Euston station.

Chris Wilson

### **Agenda item 10.1 Section 106**

Report of Meeting on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at CEC offices, Sandbach

Tony Gabbott and I met with Rachel Bolton, of CEC, to discuss the S106 agreement applicable to the affordable housing development at Church View, Trouthall Lane, Plumley. The clerk, David McGifford, provided a copy of the applicable S106 agreement prior to the meeting.

The contentious issue relates to a single, lengthy, paragraph under the Third Schedule as follows:

“The owner and the Developer agree with the Council to pay the Play Space Amenity Contribution of £24000 to the Council prior to the first Occupation of any of the Affordable Dwelling Units. The Play Space and Amenity Contribution will be used (together with any Interest) towards works of addition, improvement and enhancement together with all proper and reasonable professional fees and administrative expenses directly attributable thereto to the end and intent that the said monies shall be used towards additions, improvements and enhancements at the existing open space and play facilities at Moorcroft within the period of 15 years from receipt from the Owner and the Developer. Should there be a new and appropriate open space / play facility within Plumley at the time of receipt, the council may choose to direct some or all of the contribution for the purpose of additions, improvements and enhancements at this new facility subject to the long term security and maintenance of the new facility.”

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Tony and I explained to Rachel that, as the monies arising from the S106 charge had been allotted to be spent on existing play equipment, the perception in Plumley and at the parish council was that this simply reduced the operating expenditure of CEC with no additional benefit to the community. Although the S106 agreement specifically states that the monies are to be used for "addition, improvement and enhancement", the achievement of this is constrained by the lack of available / additional space at the Moorcroft play area.

We stressed that the lack of involvement of the parish council in deciding how and where to spend these monies has resulted, in our opinion, in poor decision making and that this should be rectified when looking at future S106 agreements.

In respect to the S106 agreement relating to the development at Church View Rachel stated it was highly unlikely that we would be able to change the wording of the S106 agreement and the ability to utilise these monies for other areas is possibly restricted by the interpretation of the wording "at the time of receipt".

Rachel suggested that it may be possible to work with the agency responsible for the "addition, improvement and enhancement" of the Moorcroft play area with a view to having other works carried out without recourse to the monies. To this end Rachel will arrange a meeting with Marianne Hodkinson, green space and parks management officer.