



**PLUMLEY WITH TOFT & BEXTON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

*1<sup>st</sup> July*

**THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015 at 7.30 pm Plumley Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs A Gabbot (AG- Chair) C Wilson (CW Vice chair) S Crossman (SC) G Coates (GC)  
G Walton (GW CEC) J Wright (JW) H Lawton (HL) D Nichols (DN) K James (KJ)

**Public Forum** – There were no members of the public present

**Police Surgery** – there was no police surgery

**Minutes of the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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

Apologies received from Cllr Shaw and S Wharf

**2. To note the outstanding signed Declarations of Acceptance from councilors.**

Declarations of acceptance were received from Cllrs Crossman, James, Nichols – still outstanding  
S Wharf. **Action** clerk to establish if there is a time limit for the signing of the Declaration of  
Acceptance forms

**3. Declaration of Interests –**

Cllr S Crossman – declared an interest in Plumley village Hall and Cheshire Community Action - both  
positions are in an unpaid non pecuniary capacity  
Cllr D Nichols – Plumley Village Hall

**4. Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved and signed as an accurate record of  
the meeting without amendment.

## 5. Cheshire East Council Matters:

Cllr Walton advised that as a result of the elections there were 16 new Cheshire East councilors, this has resulted in a reorganisation of the cabinet, members allocation to outside organisations has not yet been completed. Cllr Walton advised that he will be involved with the Northern Planning Committee and that the Highways sub group will be reconvened.

The Cheshire East Mayor this year will be Cllr Hilda Gaddum with Cllr Olivia Hunter becoming Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Walton received feedback from the Chair that discussions had taken place with Cllr Coates about the requirement for more detail was required to establish if there is a need for a Neighbourhood Plan for Plumley. **Action** - clerk to make initial contact with CEC Planning Officer T Evans.

## 6. To appoint Councillors with areas of responsibility –

The areas of responsibility received cllr nominations and were approved following a vote by council members

- **Plumley Village Hall** – Cllr D Nichols
- **Highways** – Cllr K James

## 7. Cheshire East Liaison –

The chair proposed that there was a need to establish an additional area of responsibility for the Parish Council. The area of responsibility is for a Councillor to take the responsibility of liaising with Cheshire East Council for all non highway related issues (scope to be agreed) as Cllrs James had already created relationships with CEC Highways as a result of the Plumley Moor Road improvements . The proposal is to ensure that the Parish Council deals with Cheshire East Council in a clear, structured approach whilst seeking to avoid potential duplication of effort and confusion.

Cllr Walton offered to support the appointed Councillor in communicating with Cheshire East Council .

**Action** It was agreed to further discuss the position at the next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## 8. To discuss application (s) for vacant Councillor position at Toft

Following receipt of an application for the vacant cllrs position the chair advised that an initial discussion had taken place over the phone and that he would be having an informal meeting to explain the roles and responsibilities of a councillor. The chair asked if any of the other councillors were aware of any residents who had expressed an interest, councillors reported that they were unaware of any further interest.

**Action – Clerk** to establish the process for the cooption of a councillor prior to the next meeting.

## 9. Clerks Report – To receive correspondence and to take decisions on items specified in Appendix 6/15 attached

**Item 5.1 H – Chairmanship Training – Cllr Gabbott** stated that he would be interested in attending this course and that it would cost £30. Cllr Coates suggested that as this was a relatively small amount that it may be sensible for the Vice Chair, Cllr Wilson, to attend as well if available. Cllr Wilson stated that he was not available for this particular course but would be interested in future ones

**The Council resolved** to allocate £30 from the training budget for the Chairmanship Training course.

**Item 5.1 J – Plumley Village Hall funding request** - It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Item 5.1 K - Plumley Methodist Church** - Noted the £310 contribution towards the defibrillator raised by Plumley Methodist Church

**10. Financial Payments** - To approve payments in Appendix 6/15 attached. Includes: Salaries & expenses.

Items presented in appendix 6.15 were approved for payment

**11. Audit– To approve proposed audit balances 2014/15**

**11.1** Sections 1 Accounting Statement (appendix 6.3) and section 2 Annual Governance statement have both been reviewed by the internal auditor and approved by the Council without amendments.

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

12.1 Planning application 15/2376M Beech Trees, Trouthall Lane,

**The Council agreed** that no comment was required for this application

12.2 Planning application 15/2446M HOLFORD HALL, MILL LANE

**The Council agreed** that there was no grounds for objection but to request that there should be restrictions on use.

**12.3 Highway – Christmas tree socket**

Cllr James reported that initial costs provided to date for a permanent base, socket and temporary railings amounted to £1250 which excluded the cost of the tree

**Actions – KJ** to have further discussions regarding utilizing an existing tree and to look at alternative source for groundworks . **Clerk** to contact local Councils with regards to barriers

**12.4 Notice boards refurbishment**

Cllr James reported that he had received quotes from x companies to remove refurbish and reinstall the three Parish notice boards

David Warburton £1700

Cuzzo Carpentry £1200 excluding signwriting on each of the cabinets

N and J Geeze £2,550

KJ proposed that that the contract should be awarded to D Warburton based upon quality and ability to provide the complete service without sub contracting. DN asked for clarity with regards to the quote being subject to VAT. KJ agreed to clarify this point with David Warburton and requested that contact be awarded to David Warburton once this position had been clarified and communicated to members via e-mail.

It was resolved to award the contract to David Warburton upon confirmation that the £1700 was not subject to VAT

**12.5 Additional Traffic activated signs (SIDS)**

Cllr James reported that the initial research into costs for the additional SIDS indicated that the costs would be circa £4,000. It was agreed that this was too expensive and that further research needed to be undertaken

**Action** KJ to undertake additional research and to present findings to the Council

**Speed Guns AG** – Identified the need for additional speed guns to support the Speedwatch initiative as volunteers are currently having to share one gun which is restricting the level of activity. Lighter weight models are currently available for approximately £80 plus VAT each and it was proposed that 1 was needed for the Speedwatch initiative.

**It was resolved to approve** the acquisition of an additional speedwatch gun

### 12.6 **Moorcroft Play Area**

During the Annual Parish meeting representation was made to the Parish Council by residents from Moorcroft about the condition of the play area. Concerns were raised about the safety of the play area and the quality of the equipment. AG proposed that there needed to be a focus on this issue and that the Parish Council needed initially notify Cheshire East Council about the concerns raised by the residents and to nominate a Councillor to work with residents and engage with Cheshire East Council to develop and deliver an agreed development scheme utilizing the £24,000 Section 106 funds currently held by Cheshire East Council for the Moorcroft Play area.

**Cllr Crossman** offered to act as the Parish Council representative for the Moorcroft Play Area project – this was accepted by the council.

**Actions Clerk** to write to Cheshire East Council to raise the concerns of both the Parish Council and the residents and request an immediate inspection.

### 12.7 **Meetings** – To note feedback from meetings attended since the meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and to note attendance to take place at meetings during June /July

**Cllr Crossman** – Attended a Richard Comberbach Trust meeting to discuss an essential repairs agreement

### **13. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting, proposed to be held on Wednesday in the Committee Room at Plumley Methodist Church Hall.**

Agreed items

- PVH - To review the maintenance of the tennis courts

### **14. Close Meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

## APPENDIX 06/15

### 5.0 Clerk's Report

#### 5.1 Correspondence

	Date	correspondence received and forwarded
A	18/5	Felicity Wilshaw – Letter of thanks on behalf of PCC
B	27/5	CEC Planning 5/2523M 2, HOLFORD COTTAGES, CHESTER ROAD,
C	28/5	CEC The Cheshire County Show 2015 between 22nd-25th June 2015
D	29/5	CEC Rosie Newton The Big Scoop 2015
E	29/5	CEC Planning 15/2446M HOLFORD HALL, MILL LANE, PLUMLEY
F	31/5	Lindsey Whitehead - Rural survey
G	1/6	K James Traffic Activated Signs.
H	2/6	A Gabbott - Chairmanship 1 training session
I	3/6	CEC Planning 15/2523M 2, HOLFORD COTTAGES, CHESTER ROAD
J	3/6	To PVH funding request clarification
k	20/5	Plumley Methodist church – Cheque for £310 defibrillator
L	8/6	Mrs M A Rankin – Letter of thanks for offer of support
M	8/6	Nigel Aston Letter of thanks re the PMC contribution
N	8/6	Cheshire Community Action – signed Ordnance Survey Standard Form Contractor Licence – re Housing Needs Survey

### 6. Financial Payments

#### 6.1 To note the current financial position

Income	Community Account £	*Business Premium Account £
Balance brought forward	16,453.55	6156.71
	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,453.55</b>	<b>6156.71</b>

#### \*Business Premium Account Earmarked Reserves

Donald Sterling Legacy	367.67
Donation for daffodil bulbs	6.50
Playing Fields provision	3,550.00

#### 6.2 To approve the following payments from the **Community Account**:

Ref	Payee	£
	D McGifford Clerks salary May	248.30
	<b>Total for period</b>	<b>248.30</b>
	<b>Balance available subject to approved expenditure</b>	<b>16,205.25</b>

**2014/15 Accounting statements figures for external audit**

Item	2013/14	2014/15
Balances brought forward	10,443	12,912
Annual Precept	7,300	11,197
Total other receipts	601	802
Staff costs	3,118	4,377
Loan interest	Nil	Nil
All other payments	2,314	2,675
Balances carried forward	12,912	17,859
Total cash and short term investments	12,912	17,859
Total Fixed Assets	Nil	Nil
Total Borrowings	Nil	Nil

**Reports****TRANSPORT**

Just a short note to bring you all up to date with what has been happening.

Traffic Calming.

On the installation of Extra SID's Tony and myself meet with David Thomason to review the situation and the possible installation of two more SID,s.

Basically, David said that the sites the SID's are presently situated are those agreed by Plumley council. He pointed out that as the SID's are solar powered there has to little tree coverage of the sites so as not to restrict the sun light, and the present location were picked for this reason.

I have, since the meeting reviewed Plumley Moor road for a possible extra site and I believe that across from Halfacre is a good location.

We did discuss the erection of warning signs which was agreed. Cheshire East Highways will install two warning signs saying "Community Speed watch Zone " or something similar. These will be provided by CEC.

Further to SID's we can use a VAS ( Vehicle Activated Sign ) which just flashes up a 30 mph as the vehicle approaches. These can be sourced from TMS Winsford who I'm speaking to on the requirements and installation.

If we decide to add additional signs I think we would have to relocate the SID at the station approach closer to the 30 MPH sign near the Golden Pheasant.

Traffic Lights.

As you will be aware these failed due to a power cut, but did not reset on restoration of the supply. I contacted CEC highways to have them reset, but also a report as to why they fail and what can be done to stop this happening. I,m waiting feed back on this.

## Road Closures

The only closure that needs raising is the closure of the lay-by on the A50 200 mtrs from Hulme Barn Farm. This will be closed from June 2015 to December 2016. This is to allow Costains vehicle assess during the By-pass construction.

Kevin.

## Notice Boards

I have sent round three quotations for the refurbish of the three units.

The costs are fairly close from the three companies.

If I was to pick from the three my choice would be David Warburton, French Polisher from Macclesfield.

My reasons are :-

A/ he is close, which means we can review the work at his work shop as it progresses.

B/ We can go to Nunsmere and look at the work he has done.

C/He was the only one who was not worried about the lettering.

Sybil did mention a gentleman that is known to some of the council, if he would like to give a quote for the work. Has he been contacted?

The support for the notice board at Bexton is leaning back, and the base concrete support posts need either securing where they are or moving to a new location a little down the road. I have not asked any of the companies to tender for this work.

Kevin