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

***PARISH COUNCIL***

***12th March 2024***

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

**WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024 at 7.30 pm**

**PLUMLEY METHODIST CHURCH ON PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD**

**Cllrs in attendance** A Gabbott (Chair)G Coates (Vice Chair) J Wright, S Crossman, A Thompson, S Jones, M Pickup A Shaw

**Residents in attendance 3**

1. **Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs VR Leycester, D Nichols
2. **Declaration of interests**

S Crossman declared an interest as Plumley Methodist Church as invoice received from them for room hire

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

**PTB/43/2324 Resolved to** approve & sign the Minutes of the meetings held on the 10th January 2024

1. **Clerks Report (attached)** 
   1. Correspondence and to take decisions on items where necessary
   2. Reports of additional Road Traffic Accidents and near misses

**PTB/44/2324 Resolved to** receive the correspondence

**Financial Payments –**

* 1. To approve payments. Includes: Salaries & expenses**.**
  2. To approve the balances in the Operational and Reserves/ Savings accounts.

**PTB/45/2324 Resolved to** approve the payments and balances presented

* 1. Noticeboard refurbishment

**Action** Further discussions required about a potential “Parish Brand” for Notice Boards, website and newsletters.

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***

1. **General Highways issues –** as noted in the Highways Action Log
2. **Average Speed Camera Scheme**

Noted that there were still ongoing discussions between the PCC Office and Cheshire East Council about the electricity supply.

1. **Planning** To review current planning applications

* **24/0578M Holford Hall, The Barn, Mill Lane, Plumley, Cheshire East, WA16 0UA**

**PTB/46/2324 Resolved** to make no comment on this application.

* **24/0764M Variation of Condition Sandy lane Cottage, WA16 8TL**

**PTB/47/2324 Resolved** to make no comment on thisapplication.

* **24/0008M HOLLYHEDGE FARM MIDDLEWICH FARM TOFT WA16 9PG**

This was noted as no objection under delegated authority.

* **23/4110M GOLDEN PHEASANT HOTEL, PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD, PLUMLEY, WA16 9RX**

It was noted that the comment from Cheshire East Highways regarding this application was as follows: “***The Head of Strategic Transport Notes the representations regarding poor footway provision between the site and the nearby railway station and Plumley Village; however, the principle of hotel use on this site is well established and the proposal would not be expected to result in a significant increase in footfall from either of these locations. Therefore, this is not considered to be a sustainable reason for refusal." Highways on the basis of this comment raise no objection on Highway grounds to the proposal.***

**Action** The clerk to add comment against the application as follows

We have noted the comment on this application from the Head of Strategic Transport and we believe from our local experience that it is wrong. People already access the Golden Pheasant from Plumley station and have great difficulty and feel unsafe. There is no footpath/pavement for the last 50 metres and they have to walk on the road before they attempt to cross Plumley Moor Road at the bottom of the railway bridge which is blind - traffic approaching from the west cannot see pedestrians until their vehicle is at the top on the bridge. In addition, there are no streetlights at this most dangerous position. We therefore strongly content that any increase in pedestrian movements to and from the station is a safety hazard and wish the Council to negotiate with the applicants to provide at the applicants’ expense a continuation of the footpath until it reaches the pedestrian entrance to the pub. We would also wish the Council and the Head of Strategic Transport to send us and publish the data we presume has been collected by survey that backs up the contention that the proposal will not result in a significant increase in footfall to and from the station. - end

1. **Cheshire Oil Development**

There were no updates received.

1. **Police Liaison**

There were no updates received.

1. **Footpaths**

As per comments in the clerks’ report.

1. **Meetings –** To note feedback from meetings attended since the last meeting on the 11th of January 2024
2. To receive any items for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting **in May 2024**

None received **Action** please forward to the clerk no later than 1 week before the meeting

**Clerks Report 6th March 2024**

**5.1 Correspondence of note**

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| **General correspondence** | |
|  | 23/4748M Land at Trouthall Lane  24/0578M Holford Hall, The Barn, Mill Lane, Plumley, Cheshire East, WA16 0UA |
| **19.1** | Sent to Emma Fairhurst CEC re Honey Pot re thatching |
| **25.1** | Cheshire East Green Spaces Maintenance Review - Final Proposals |
| **4.3** | CEC - Holford Hall Advertising Consent |

**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** |
|  |  | None reported |  |

**Financial Payments**

**5.3 to approve payments and balances**

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| **OPERATIONAL ACCOUNT** |  |  |  |
| **Opening Balance** |  | 12,661.73 |  |
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| **Mid cheshire community rail partnership £500\*\* held by PTBPC** |  | 12,161.73 |  |
| **Payee** |  |  | Payment method |
| D McGifford – clerk salary including website | 576.38 |  |  |
| D McGifford Expenses | 82.76 | 659.14 | BACS |
| HMRC |  | 511.12 | CHQ |
| Knutsford Town Council – CAB support |  | 437.00 | BACS |
| Bare Bones Marketing – website Domain name renewal 3 years |  | 43.16 | BACS |
| Plumley Methodist Church – meeting room |  | 112.00 | BACS |
| Total |  | 1,762.42 |  |
| **Balance carried forward for PTBC** |  | **10,399.31** |  |

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| **Mid Cheshire Rail Partnership** | Income | Exp |  |
| Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership \* | 500.00 | 0.00 |  |
| Balance | 500.00 | 0.00 |  |

**5.31 \*\*Delegate authority for payment for Mid Cheshire Rail Partnership to Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman ,** Not discussed – carry forward to next meeting

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| **5.4** | **RESERVES AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT** |  |
|  | ASC Reserve | 26,199.00 |
|  | Interest received | 122.08 |
|  | General reserve **3 months of annual budget incl election** | 5,000.00 |
|  |  | 31,321.08 |

**5.5 Notice Boards (3)**

5.41 To consider refurbishment of the Parish Council Notice Boards including potential new colour scheme.

5.42 Quote for refurbishment by CTC £506.99 **Action Clerk** Discuss with AH re progress on thoughts of Parish Branding

**HIGHWAYS**

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| Date | Reference | Issue | Actions / Outcome |
| 24.10 | Limebeds footpaths | Access to them still prohibited | CEC in communications re an objection to them being opened |
| 19.10 | Footpath | Installation of Kissing gate | Awaiting response from CEC |
| 19.10 | Trouthall Lane / PMR **4860952.** | Flooding caused by drain blockage (leaves) reported on Fix my Street | Noted and scheduled |
| 19.10 | Plumley Moor Road  **4762164.** | Lamppost 9 opposite entrance to Plumley station  reported on Fix my Street | Noted and scheduled |
| 20.5.23 | Gulley issue PMR  **454163** | Localised flooding – blocked gulley | Noted and scheduled |
| 6.3.24 | Footpath from Village Hall to South Drive | Pavement in poor condition and lighting not working in places – health and safety risk | **Action** check update from A Harrison |
| 6.3.24 | Railway bridge footpath | Significant trip hazard caused by tree route | **Action** To be reported – check with A Harrison to avoid duplication |
| 6.3.24 | Bottom of Pepper Street | Requested wide kissing gate to allow push chairs through | **Action** clerk to contact CEC Officer |
| 6.3.24 | Location to be confirmed by cllrs | Damaged style | **Action** Location / footpath number TBA between cllrs **MP a TG** and forwarded to clerk for reporting |
| 6.3.24 | Footpath | Flooded area and not passable | **Action** Location/ footpath number to be forwarded to clerk for reporting  **Cllr AS** |
| 6.3.24 | Middlewich Road | Litter | **Action** Clerk to contact Ansa to request a litter pick |

**ONGOING ACTIONS**

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| Date | Reference | Issue | Actions / Outcome |
| Jan 24 | Honey House | CEC to advise on approval of works on re thatching | Awaiting response from CEC |
| Jan24 | Holford Hall | A556 advertising banner legality | CEC to review AH Chase (?) |
| Jan 24 | Christmas tree for 2024 | To be discussed | Image required |
| Jan 24 | Builders yard / concrete batching plant planning approval | To review the previous planning applications and conditions |  |