

**MINUTES OF TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Bi-MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM  
AT  
MERE AND TABLEY COMMUNITY CLUB**

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**Present Parish Councillors:** Chair: H. Gurney Smith (HGS), Cllrs N. Withenshaw (NW) G. Bowen (GB), D. Bailey (DB), G. Lang (GL), S. Carson (SC), A. Greenway (AG) S. Wharf (SW), S. Booth, Parish Clerk (PC), Ward Cllr K. Parkinson, (WKP)

**Also present:** Mrs P Robinson (St Johns Church), Tom Bennett (TB) (Amey Stakeholder Manager) James Carruthers (JC) (Highways England PM)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

There were no apologies received for this meeting.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations received at this meeting

**3. M6/JCT 19 PRESENTATION:**

Tom Bennett introduced himself & James Carruther. Tom informed the Cllrs that he is an Amey Stakeholder Manager and James was a Project Manager from Highways England. The following progress report was then presented.

Work will be starting on the M6/Junction 19 Improvement scheme in late March 2020. During the first few weeks, the main focus of the work will be within the centre of the roundabout, making preparations to enable them to start building the foundations of the new bridge from late May onwards. Other pockets of work will be carried out at the same time to confirm the location and condition of drainage provision, underground services and power cables.

The Councillors were updated on the how the narrow lanes and speed restrictions will be installed on the M6 carriageway and within the roundabout. Narrow lanes and a reduced speed limit are required to provide a safe working space for our workers. They advise drivers to take extra care within the roadworks and allow extra time for the journey.

Some closures will be required to install the traffic management. However, it was stated that they will not close the motorway and the junction at the same time.

Cllrs were informed that if they would like to be added to the H/England traffic management bulletin for information on closures, please contact and subscribe via the following link; **[M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:M6Junction19Improvement@highwaysengland.co.uk)**

Another website that can be utilised is 'Common Place' which is an online platform which has engaged people in trusted and diverse conversations about the places they live, work and play. The tools help councils and developers to make and evidence better decisions.

**<https://www.commonplace.is/>**

Ground investigation work has recently been completed and they are now starting to set up the compound. The compound will be used as our office, for car parking, and for storage of the materials and construction equipment. The site will be required for approximately 15 months.

The site compound along with the construction activities will inevitably cause some disruption for local residents around the junction, but they will endeavour to minimise the impact where possible. Construction activities will be supervised, keeping disturbance to a minimum, and noise levels will be monitored to ensure they do not reach an unacceptable level.

Q & A:

Cllr SC informed Tom & James about the difficulties that the parishioners at Almond Cottage are experiencing. They were informed that they cannot access the motorway as they must turn left and drive two miles out of their way. It was said that they could go right across Tabley Hill Lane to Pickmere Lane. SC said the opposite is not possible, i.e. Pickmere Lane to Tabley Hill Lane. KP said she will bring this up with Mr Skates at CEC.

The Chair thanked Tom & James for their presentation, they left at 8.20pm.

#### **4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:**

There was no representative or report received for this meeting.

#### **5. CEC WARD CLLR KATE PARKINSON:**

Ward Cllr Kate Parkinson updated the meeting that there was not much to report at this meeting, however the Cllrs updated KP on the following historical ongoing issues that have been reported to highways but still require attention.

##### **5.1 Highway Issues**

5.1.2 Gullies. Tabley Hill Lane gullies are in dire need of cleaning as they are always getting blocked and flood in heavy downpours.

5.1.3 Potholes. Potholes need repairing on Old Hall Lane

5.1.4 Spring Cottage, Tabley Hill Lane. There is a leaking spring which is on the owner's property, but the water leaks onto the road which is, a) eroding the road and b) dangerous when icy weather. Lee Glover is aware of the issue and is supposed to be getting the owner to take responsibility.

5.1.5 Yellow lines. Yellow lines on Tabley Hill Lane & Pickmere Lane from Holly Grove to the Windmill public House need to be repainted, this was never completed when the road was dressed.

5.1.6 A556 footpath. These footpaths are in a poor state. To get them cut back they must close off a lane on the highway. There are faulty streetlights as there is a problem with the electrics on the lights.

5.1.7 Litter. Litter is an ongoing problem within the area and community litter picks cannot be organised as the road is de-restricted and is not safe.

5.1.8 Moss Lane. This road is in dire need of being resurfaced but as the road is not used enough, it is deemed not to warrant a resurface.

5.1.9 Signage. There appears to be insufficient signage at the end of Pickmere Lane and the exit A556 (this should display 'no entry'). However, vehicle drivers take their lives into their own hands at the time trying to cross it illegally.

*Action: Clerk will email this list to KP for her to follow up with CEC.*

5.2 High Legh HS2 meeting. WCKP updated the meeting on the recent High Legh HS2 meeting; a lot of disappointment was shown regarding the meeting regarding key figures not attending.

It was however said that moving forward all the Parishes now need to pull together.

## **6. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS BI- MONTHLY PARISH MEETING**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes from the bi-monthly meeting held on the 13th January were a true & accurate record. They were approved by the council members present and then signed by the Chair.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING**

It was RESOLVED that there were no matters arising from the above set of minutes presented at this meeting.

## **8. OPEN FORUM:**

There was one member of the public in attendance at this meeting.

Mrs Robinson (PR) updated the council members that work was pressing ahead in the church and the toilet and kitchen will be completed in the spring. The radiators are also ready to go in.

The Council members were also informed about national procedure that will kick in, once a senior member of the Royal family passes. PR offered information regarding each Parish or group having their own 'Book of Condolence' and where it could be located.

*Action: The Clerk will enquire with PR about the book of condolence.*

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

9.1 Barclays Bank. Letter completed and signed ready to send to the bank with change of correspondence address and details of the new parish clerk.

## **10. BI-MONTHLY FINANCE:**

The Clerk updated the Council with there were no payments due to be signed off at this meeting.

## **11. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

11.1 **Holly Grove Play Area:** Nothing to report.

11.2 **Footpaths:** Nothing to report

11.3 **Airport:** Cllr Withenshaw will be attending the meeting on 10/03/20 at 2pm.

11.4 **Newsletter:** It was agreed that the Clerk will compile a newsletter.

## **12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

It was RESOLVED that there were no planning applications to discuss for February & March 2020.

12.1 WCKP was asked how the Redrow development was progressing. Broadband was also discussed and WCKP updated the Cllrs on the remote signalling that is operating in the area.

## **13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be the Annual Public meeting and is scheduled to take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7pm.** it will take place at Mere & Tabley Community Club. It will be then followed by the bi-monthly meeting.

13.1 The Chair asked if we could arrange a guest speaker Hayley from Cheshire East Caroline, HS2 etc.

13.2 The Cllrs also briefly discussed a retirement gift for Sarah. It was agreed that the gift will be purchased by the Parish Council.

13.3 Cllr Greenwood also mentioned about the VE day celebrations that will be taking place at The Club and asked if we could join with other groups.

## **Following meeting dates are as follows:**

Monday 13th July 2020: 7.30pm  
Monday 14th Sept 2020: 7.30pm  
Monday 19th Nov 2020: 7.30pm  
Monday 11th Jan 2021: 7.30pm  
Monday 8th March 2021: 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Councillor H Gurney-Smith  
Chairman

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

TPC – Tabley Parish Council  
CLLRS – Councillors  
WC – Ward Councillor  
AR – Agreed Rate  
CEC – Cheshire East Council  
CC – Cheshire Constabulary