

**Minutes of the remote meeting of Tabley Parish Council  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor H Gurney-Smith (Chairman (HGS) & Vice Chair A Greenway (AG).  
Councillors: N Withenshaw (NW), D Bailey (DB), S Carson (SC), G Bowen (GB), S Wharfe (SW),

**Also, Present:** Ms. S Booth (Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

**1. Apologies of Absence:** Councillor T Jackson, Ward Cllr K Parkinson (WCKP).

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None declared.

**3. Guest Speakers:** The following representatives have been sent an invite.

**3.1 CEC Ward Cllr Kate Parkinson:** The following report was issued:

3.1.1 Please extend my apologies to the Parish councillors for my absence which is entirely out of my control.

I have not got anything back as yet from any chasing CEC over Highways issues; they are investigating this, and I should have an answer asap.

Democratic services are looking into the water leak on Tabley Hill Lane and Ansa are looking into getting the lorries moved now (I am pushing for a date). *Refer to 3.1.2 for an update.*

I have added the A556 pavement siding out and repairs to an over 10k list for funding consideration. Also, for your information only I am speaking at a Strategic planning meeting on Friday against the compound Site near Little Bollington.

I have recently reported on my Social Media page about '20 is plenty', the cycling proposal. This was presented at full Council in December. It would affect many areas in the Borough including parts of our area.

My key reason for not passing it was the Highways portfolio holder and the Cllr proposing the scheme did not understand the difference between a 20mph limit and a 20mph zone, therefore I, along with others proposed the scheme be deferred, reassessed and properly consulted upon by all Ward Cllrs and Parishes.

It had no budget and will cost millions to implement therefore I feel it is a vanity project that will take money away from Highways repairs, gritting routes and other necessary maintenance work.

**3.1.2 Member enquiry response to WCKP - Abandoned trailers 9469641**

Our Community Enforcement Team are and have been aware of the trailers you refer to since the initial report of their abandonment. Due to the size and volume of the trailers, we informed the Environment Agency of the incidents, who asked that the trailers were kept in situ as part of a nationwide investigation they were conducting into crimes of the same nature.

We had been given an OIC Environment agency contact of which we have been in correspondence with over the past few months and had been given instruction to look out for and report any further crimes of a similar nature into them straight away. Similarly, all the local police officers and Sergeants had been made aware of the situation as well, specifically colleagues in the police Rural Crime Team.

As these were open investigations with the Environment Agency (EA) we were duty bound to keep them in situ until further notice/instruction from them as they were the lead investigative agent. After continuing complaints, we did again get in touch with the OIC to ask of their intentions with the trailers. The OIC confirmed with us that they have ruled the trailers out in relation to links with their nationwide investigation and have stated that the Local Authority are now able to remove them from the site. We have however been asked to inform the Environment Agency of the location that they will be removed to before destruction so as they can attend the site and search the trailers for any evidence that may allow them to conduct a further specific investigation.

Now we have been given permission to remove the trailers from situ, this has been passed to our clearance team, ANSA to decide with a separate contractor for removal as due to their size we are unable to remove them ourselves and will be extremely costly. Unfortunately, this is the same for some of our neighbouring authorities as well who have had similar trailer abandonment released to them for removal from the EA so we have not been alone in this nationwide work.

Our ANSA colleagues are currently assessing the situation and looking at the best way to remove the trailers as soon as they can give, they have only recently had notice that this has been passed back to us. Further enquires of this nature do need to be directed to our colleagues in ANSA who might be able to update on progress for removal within the next few weeks. The Community Enforcement team do not have a case open on this matter as investigations of this size and nature lie with the EA.

**3.2 Police:** A remote invitation was sent however there were no representatives at this meeting.

**3.3 CEC Hayley Kirkham:** There was no representative from CEC.

*Action: The Clerk will invite a representative from Highways England to the next meeting.*

#### **4. Minutes of previous Bi-monthly meeting:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bimonthly minutes (P14 & 17) of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising from this set of minutes.

**Action:** *The Clerk will write to the previous Clerk to change the correspondence address at the bank.*

#### **5. Parish Precept Arrangements & Taxbase:**

**RESOLVED:** Council discussed that there will be no changes to the current precept charges for the forthcoming year 2021/2022.

#### **6. Open Forum:**

6.1 Highways-: Complaint received from a road user regarding the highway towards Knutsford near The Smoker.

*A: The Clerk referred this to CEC and Ward Cllr*

#### **7. Correspondence & updates from November/December 2020:**

7.1 Planning correspondence received as detailed in item 9.

7.2 Emails received re updates on M6 Jct 19 and local Road closures from CEC.

7.3 Precept/Tax base consultation details as detailed in Item 5.

7.4 CIL Funds remittance received.

7.5 Cllr Carson update re abandon caravan:

A caravan was abandoned on between Budworth Road and Can Lane which resulted in SC reporting it; It had also been reported by four other people. SC was informed that unfortunately as the caravan has been stripped of all its markings, identification was proving difficult. SC was assured that it will be collected and scrapped asap. Cllr Carson informed the Council that if there is anything abandon please report asap.

7.5.1 Cllr Carson updated on recent contact to Highways England for temporary traffic lights to be erected at The Windmill junction.

*Action: The Clerk will contact HE to request that a traffic light system be put into place at the junction of The Windmill pub/Pickmere Lane and Tabley Hill Lane. As currently, if you find yourself in Knutsford there is no right turn to Flittogate heading to towards Chester on the A556, therefore with the current diversions in place you would be sent to Mere/Plumley*

*As the work is currently taking place on the roundabout and not at the above junctions, temporary traffic lights would allow the residents to access and leave Knutsford with greater ease. Yes they will be able to cross in both directions without extra time and mileage on their journey.*

7.6 Changed to item 6.1.

7.7

#### **8 Finance:**

8.1 To note the current financial position as of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**Business Premium Account - £545.48**

**Community account - £3,943.32**

#### **8.2 To approve the following payments:**

TPC/RA/17- £266.67 - S Booth Mth 9 & 10 Cheque 100528

TPC/RA/18 - £66.66 - HMRC Mth 9 & 10 Cheque 100529

**8.3 Barclays Bank –** To be revisited when we have the next physical meeting.

**9. Planning applications:** Planning applications for November, December 2020 & January 2021 have been detailed below. Cllr Bowen will continue to update the council on planning applications and any comments as a collective need to be offered to the Parish Clerk for reference.

**9.1 19/4816M – Land off, Moss Lane, Over Tabley**

Construction of agricultural implements and welfare building.

**Decision refused 07/09/20 under appeal.**

*Action: The Cllrs discussed the application and Cllr Bowen will review the application and report at the next meeting.*

**9.2 20/4859M – Tabley Court, Moss Lane, Over Tabley**

Construction of two dwellings

*Registered 03/11/20.*

**RESOLVED No objections.**

**9.3 20/5139M – Hawthorn Nurseries, Moss Lane, Over Tabley, WA16 0PH**

Variation of condition 2 on approves application 18/5748M – Conversion of existing building.

**Registered 17/11/20.**

**RESOLVED No objections.**

**9.4 20/5331M - Sudlow Farm, Sudlow Lane, Tabley, WA16 0TN**

Variation of condition 2 on approval 16/6071M

**Registered 27/11/20.**

Comments: Assuming the two buildings they want to retain for agricultural machinery storage are the ones which should have been demolished from the previous planning application. A concern is that if they remain, an application will be made in the future for change of use and will maybe get through. Clarification is required as to which barns are to be converted to garage space.

**9.5 20/5338M - Parkgate Farm, Sudlow Lane, Tabley, WA16 0TW**

Garage extension to include addition of first floor car port.

**Registered 30/11/20.**

**RESOLVED No objections.**

**9.6 20/5386M – Smithy Cottage, Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley, WA16 0ES**

Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey extensions to sides and two storey rear extension.

**Registered 02/12/20.**

**RESOLVED No objections.**

**Q:** Cllr Bailey asked if a planning application had been received for the garage as it was slowly being taken apart. It was confirmed by GB that to date, no new application has been received, Cllrs HGS & SC said they are positive one has already been registered.

**10. 2021 meeting dates:**

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs agreed the proposed Parish Council meeting dates for 2021.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021: 7.30pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021: 7.30pm – AP & AGM

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021: 7.30pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021: 7.30pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021: 7.30pm

**11. St Paul's Church Donation:**

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Councillors agreed that the annual donation to St Pauls Church will be offered for 2021 and raised to £400. The Councillor would also like to thank the Church for all they have done for the community during 2020.

**12. Any other Business:**

Cllrs asked if they have any other business they wish to discuss.

12.1 DB reported that the highways are becoming more treacherous due to the ruts and potholes which are deteriorating rapidly, due to the cold weather. The water is freezing creating an ice rink which is extremely dangerous to vehicles users.

The road from the Church to Green Lane is in dire need of immediate resurfacing before a fatal accident occurs.

*Action: The Clerk will report to WCKP.*

12.2 GB requested that the Clerk need not send paper agenda and minutes out as email is sufficient.

12.3 AG Reported that the Clerk had sent some posters and leaflets for emergency contact number for electricity, one will be put in the board and the Clerk has asked to have one sent back so it can be uploaded to the website.

12.4 SC Reported that she has completed a little pick and most of Pickmere Lane was completed, however as her bag was heavy and she was running out of bin space a section of Pickmere Lane was left. Fellow Cllrs confirmed that they also, have completed litter picks and have noticed a few parishioners doing the same. SC informed the Cllrs that you can call Cheshire East and they will supply you with a picker and some bags.

*Action: The Clerk will ask for parishioners to log their interest in taking part in a 'community litter pick day' in the next newsletter which will be distributed via email.*

12.5 AG reported that the kerbs at the little roundabout are all broke both chevrons on each roundabout have also been pushed over.

*Action: The Clerk will report to WCKP & CEC.*

12.6 There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council.

*Action: The Clerk will put an advert in the newsletter.*

**13. Date of forthcoming meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021: 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed .....

Councilor Helen Gurney-Smith  
Chairman Tabley Parish Council