

**Minutes of the remote meeting of Tabley Parish Council  
held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

**Email: clerk@tableyparishcouncil.co.uk**

**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),  
Ward Cllr K Parkinson (WCKP).

**Also, Present:** Ms. S Booth (Clerk), Rev P Robinson (RPR), (St Pauls Church)

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies of Absence:** Councillor T Jackson,

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

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

**3.1 Highways England – M6 Jct 19:**

**3.1.1** An AMEYSRM rep and colleagues confirmed that they would attend the meeting to give an update.  
Unfortunately, this did not materialise.

**Action:** Clerk to write and convey the Cllrs disappointment and invite to the next meeting.

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

3.2.1 Update on the removal of the Abandoned Trailers & highway issues.

- It has been a long process and an officer did have to accompany WCKP to observe the trailers; the trailers have now been removed.

3.2.2 Update Water Leak – Tabley Hill Lane:

- Confirmed that the application for the installation of a French drain has gone onto the funding allocation list. However, the installation of this drain relies solely on the CEC budget!

Q1: SW asked how long it would be before the French drain would be installed as there are no forthcoming updates.

Q2: What is the approximate costing?

Q2: Is this something the Parish could have installed?

WCKP said that CEC have registered contractors, but she will request a detailed breakdown of the costings.

3.2.3 Update Moss Lane highways:

WCKP updated the Cllrs on her recent meeting regarding the double taxation on gullies for Parishes and the Speech that she delivered below, and which has been documented.

*Mr Mayor, I wish to second the amendment.*

*I have no hesitation in supporting it, as I feel it done for the right reasons.*

*It should be a priority that out of a 4.99% tax increase some of that money be given to Highways as this is a satisfactory solution to some of the major issues we have on our network, one of which is gully emptying, which has been drastically slashed, and which has contributed greatly to the major flooding issues we have all seen throughout the Borough in the recent weeks.*

*However, to approach this by asking our Parishes, Parish Councils and Town Councils to invest in gully emptying is unfair and cruel. They have already agreed their precepts for this year, and therefore no money will be available for the next year and the earliest that the council can expect any contribution from precept monies would be the following year.*

*But this also brings me to the issue of how unfair it is to ask residents to pay twice for the same basic service they have already pay for. This is double taxation.*

*It is cruel to ask Parishes to increase their precepts, especially considering road the impact the financial strain Covid has put on residents. This is a major issue that will ultimately penalise some of the smaller Parishes that do not have a precept for this kind of expenditure, and even the larger P arish and Town Councils would have to adjust their budget to spend money on services that residents have already paid for. This is an administration which does not care at all about the rural areas as these are the ones which would be disproportionately affected.*

*Giving a larger portion of the 4.99% increase to Highways is the fairest and most satisfactory way of addressing the flooding issues by ensuring a proper gully emptying programme is set up around the Cheshire East Borough, which will in turn help prevent the floods deteriorating our roads even more, thus increasing the need for repairs caused by flooding.*

*I hope that you can all see the benefits that this will bring to the residents of Cheshire East should this amendment be passed.*

WCKP informed the Parish Councillors that it is imperative that parishes need to object when the emails are received.

3.2.4 WCKP has requested updates on the pathways.

SC: updated that the lack of communication is dire and unacceptable. It was also confirmed that the Cheshire Show will not be taking place.

**3.3 Police:** Due to the current pandemic no officers can attend meetings but WCKP will contact a local officer and request a local update.

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

RESOLVED: The minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (P18 to 21) from the bi-monthly meeting were a true & accurate record. Moved (SW), seconded (DB).

RESOLVED: There were no matters arising from the set of minutes.

#### **5. Open Forum:**

5.1 Rev P Robinson (RPR) updated the councillors that they are hopefully looking to re-open the church before Easter, but this will depend on the government road map.

5.1.2 RPR informed the Councillors about the 'National Reflection day'.

- This will be held on the 23rd March 2021. It will be day of reflection and it is in line with Marie Curie and the Church of England who will run it.  
PR asked the Parish Council if they would like to be involved and if so, would they have an idea of a suitable space that people could visit and tie a ribbon?  
Three different coloured ribbons will be available and will be supplied by the church and left in a box at the designated area.  
Purple for Remembrance.  
Rainbow for key workers.  
Gold for looking forward to the future.

HGS: agreed that this was a wonderful idea and suggested the gates onto the field at Holly Grove or in the grounds of Tabley House would be a good location.

AG: said he had some trellis that he is happy to donate.

PR will supply a notification that can be circulated to the Parishioners and Councillors.

5.1.3 Parish Magazine:

- SW: Congratulated PR on the Parish magazine and offered a sincere thank you to PR and her editorial team.

5.2 A complaint regarding a recent 999 emergency call occurred on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd January 2021; this resulted in a formal complaint being lodged with Tabley Parish Council who have since lodged the complaint with AMEYSRM and the Ward Cllr; to date there is no update to offer.

*Action: The Clerk will push back for a response.*

#### **6 Correspondence & updates from January meeting 2021:**

6.1 Email sent to Ms Chaplin at Highways England about the request of having temporary traffic lights put in place at the junction of the Windmill pub/Pickmere Lane and Tabley Hill Lane.

6.2 Email received from a new Local Highways officer from CEC team.

*Action: WCKP & DB will meet the highways officer on 10th March and take a walk around Tabley highlighting highway issues.*

6.3 Email circulated to the PC from CEC regarding the 2021 Census.

*Action: Copies have been displayed on the notice board and website.*

6.4 Letter to S Sherwood re Barclays Bank change of address to the new Clerk.

*No update received.*

6.5 Newsletter received from Pickmere Residents association group.

*Action: Circulated to PC.*

#### **6.6 19/4816M – Land off, Moss Lane, Over Tabley**

Construction of agricultural implements and welfare building.

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

*Cllr Bowen confirmed that the above application was lodged on the 25/11/20 and dismissed on 22/01/21; therefore, the application is now closed.*

6.7 Police Crime & Commissioner survey sent to parishioners on 14/01/21.

6.8 Parish magazine January 2021 issue distributed to parishioners 14/01/21.

6.9 Parish newsletter distributed on the 28/01/21.

**7. Planning applications:** Planning applications for January, February & March 2021 have been detailed below.

**7.1 21/0460M – Wright Machinery, Yew Trees Farm, Budworth Road, Tabley, Cheshire, WA16 0HZ**

Proposed agricultural implement and crop store.  
Registered 04/02/21 comments due by 03/03/21.

**RESOLVED:** No Observations.

**7.2 21/0498M - 1 Hollybush Hayloft, Hollybush Barnes, Pickmere Lane, Tabley, WA16 0WN**

Proposed replacement of existing windows and door with an aluminium glass sliding door to the rear of the property.

Registered 12/02/21 comments due by 10/03/21.

**RESOLVED:** No Observations.

**7.3 21/0792M – Knutsford Veterinary Surgery, Fryers Nursery, Manchester Road, Knutsford, WA16 0SX**

Extension to the existing Veterinary Practice.  
Registered 15/02/21 comments due by 26/03/21.

**RESOLVED:** No Observations.

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.

**8 Finance:**

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

**Business Premium Account - £545.48**

**Community account - £3,943.32**

8.2 To note that last agreed cheque raised in relation to the below remittance advice and directions from the last meeting.

TPC/RA/19- £400.00 – Donation to St Pauls Church Cheque 100530

**8.3 To approve the following payments:**

TPC/RA/20- £266.67 - S Booth Mth 11 & 12 Cheque 100531

TPC/RA/21 - £66.66 - HMRC Mth 11 & 12 Cheque 100532

**8.4 Barclays Bank – as per item 6.4**

**9. Casual Vacancy:**

9.1 A 'Letter of registered interest', for the vacancy has been received and circulated to Council.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that the applicant is to be invited to the next meeting.

*Action: The Clerk will send an invitation to the attend the next parish meeting.*

**10. Any other Business:** Cllrs asked if they have any other business they wish to discuss.

10.1 HGS A parishioner has asked if the speed limit (section of Pickmere Lane) from the Windmill pub for the length of the pavement on Pickmere Lane could be lowered to 30 MPH. The increase in local population, road and foot traffic is increasing tenfold and this is already a dangerous area. The concern is that a serious incident is inevitable.

**RESOLVED:** We must work to national guidelines, but we will express our concerns on behalf of the Parish, to the attention of Cheshire East highways and request a change to this speed limit.

SC: There is an increase in heavy construction traffic.

*Action: Clerk will contact Highways*

10.2 AG: reported the damaged curb stones at the mini roundabout which are damaged again and need replacing.

10.3 GB: reported that the green area opposite his house is ploughed up and looks a mess. It is now a rat run.

Tabley Parish Council offer all the parishioners who selflessly litter pick our community a sincere thank you. Your work does not go unnoticed and is appreciated.

**11. Date of forthcoming Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm and followed by the Annual general meeting at 7.45pm**

The meeting closed at 8:50pm

Signed .....

Councilor Helen Gurney-Smith  
Chairman Tabley Parish Council