

MINUTES OF ANNUAL OPEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10th MAY 2021 AT 7.50PM

Present: Councillors H. Gurney-Smith (Chairman), A. Greenway (AG), D. Bailey (DB), S. Carson (SC), G. Bowen (GB), S. Wharfe (SW), N. Withenshaw (NW), K. Newport (KN) and A. Jackson (AJ).

Also Present: Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk), Mrs P Robinson (Member of the public), L Nelson & J Peplin from (AMEY SRM).

The meeting was opened at 7.50pm.

1. 1 Welcome and receive apologies:

1.1 Apologies for absence were given from the following Councillors:

1.1.1 Ward Cllr K Parkinson – Sick leave.

2. Declarations of interest:

2.1 Councillors are to declare if they hold any interest on any agenda item for this meeting.

2.1.1 **Resolved** that no interest was declared at this meeting.

3. Council to agree the 2020 Annual Open Parish Council minutes:

3.1 To agree the 2020 AP meeting held on 11/05/20, [P7 to 8], were a true and accurate record.

3.1.1 **Moved** by NW, seconded by GB.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the afore mentioned set of minutes.

4.1 **Resolved** that no matters arose from the set of minutes.

5. Opening comments from the Chairperson:

5.1 The Chair delivered a recap on the last year.

5.1.1 National Lockdown slowed all Council business down between March & July 2020, but Tabley Parish Council remained active in this period allowing parishioners to be able to contact the Parish Clerk by telephone or email.

5.1.2 Cllr G Lang stepped down as a Parish Cllr on the 9th of July 2020. The Council thanked him for his loyal service to Tabley PC. Tabley Parish Council welcome Katie Newport onto the Council, we will all look forward to working alongside her.

5.1.3 The annual Cheshire Show was cancelled in 2020. The 31st July has been assigned as the date it can go ahead in 2021.

5.1.4 The Remembrance Day service was quite different this year. I was able to represent Tabley PC and lay a wreath at the socially distanced service.

5.1.5 The abandoned caravan was finally removed from the layby.

5.1.6 There have been no changes were made to the Precept for 2021/22.

5.1.7 The Parish Newsletter was published and distributed. We have issued two; March 2020 & January 2021.

5.1.8 Trailers were finally removed from the A556. This took a lot of complaining from the Parish & Cllrs and the Ward Councillor.

5.1.9 Cllr Bailey attended a remote Teams HS2 meeting on the 22nd March 2021. The meeting was to discuss the movement of construction traffic.

5.1.10 A Day of National reflection took place on March 23rd, 2021, which was arranged by Rev Patricia Robinson. The National Day of Reflection marked the first anniversary of the date that the first lockdown started. Over 3 million people have been bereaved since the first lockdown began. National Day of Reflection. It was a day where parishioner could tie a coloured piece of ribbon of their choice and take a minute to reflect, grieve and remember – 23 March 2021.

5.1.11 Census 2021 took place on the 21st March 2021 and was administered by the Office of National Statistics in England and Wales.

5.1.12 Cheshire Day was promoted in March. People were asked to share photographs and what they love about Cheshire on social media sites using the #cheshireday.

5.1.13 We continue to monitor all Highway issues and have close contact with Highways England, CEC and Amey SRM.

5.1.14 Congratulations to Cllr Wharfe as he has been an active member of TPC for 50 years. It was proposed that we will celebrate and invite Mrs Wharfe to the July meeting.

6. Invitations sent requesting representation from the following speakers/groups.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, it was requested, that if a guest speaker could not attend could they furnish the PC with an up-to-date report that could be circulated ahead of the meeting.

6.1 Highways England/Amey SRM (HE/ASRM): L Nelson & J Pettman attended the meeting and introduce themselves and delivered a short presentation detailing the following points.

6.1.1 The regional network and is one of the most diverse area of motorways and major A roads in the country to maintain. The region is home to Manchester and Liverpool major international airports and big shopping centres attracting hundreds of thousands of people every day. HE/ASRM are looking at ways to increase capacity improve connections from the northern gateway to the Pennines whilst making sure your journeys are as reliable as possible. HE/ASRM will use the latest technology to improve journeys safety and the environment.

6.1.2 The scheme involves the construction of a new bridge, providing two new dedicated links between the M6 and the A556. Improvements to the local roads south of the junction, including new traffic signals to improve safety and a better route at across the roundabout for pedestrians can cyclists.

6.1.3 HE/ASRM will be addressing predicted increases in congestion and queuing at the M6, Jct 19, by improving safety due to an increase in vehicles per day by 2036, which will likely increase accident rates. The scheme will reduce congestion and queuing that would stretch back onto the motorways. Installing traffic lights on local roads are to reduce the risk of collision after exiting the junction. This will shorten journey times through the junction. Pedestrian and cycle routes across the junction will be a benefit to local people as it will improve the connectivity for local communities.

6.1.4 HE/ASRM is progressing towards being open to traffic by summer 2021 although in the meantime the following overnight road closures will take place on; 4,5,6,13,14,15 and possibly 18,19,20 June.

Questions & Answers:

6.1.1.1 SC: asked if the junction be open sooner as the Cheshire show is taking place and the traffic will cause mayhem.

6.1.1.2 AJ: reported that old hall lane there are potholes at the side of the road and are dangerous and the width of the road is not very wide.

6.1.1.3 AG: reported that Almond Tree Cottage is experiencing distressing noise levels from construction machinery, lorries and sometimes the parishioner cannot leave his property. It was asked if this parishioner would be entitled to compensation.

6.1.5 Community Events:

LN asked if there were any community events that would benefit from manpower or funding for a project?

6.1.5.1 AG updated that Mare & Tabley Community Centre has just been refurbished and any spare monies available would go towards to helping the centre greatly.

6.1.5.2 St Pauls church would benefit greatly from the road being tarmacked and other works such as renewing fencing and helping with decorating.

6.1.6 New Bridge:

LN asked if any of the counsellors had any history that they could update her on I say currently working with Knutsford Academy too give the new bridge a name. They are looking at women engineering heroes.

6.1.6.1 DB said there was a cafe that was located on the site before the motorway in 1960, it was called 'Adelphi Café'.

6.1.6.2 SW offered a handful of local heroes (women) names that they could consider.

6.1.6.3 SC said they should consult the Knutsford's heritage site as a few names will be listed on there.

6.1.7 Agreed actions from Amey SRM:

6.1.7.1 *Investigate and respond to the complaint made about the emergency services call out to Holly Grove on 23 January.*

6.1.7.2 *Investigate why emails have not been received by both SB and LN – this has been actioned and communicated via separate email.*

6.1.7.3 *Implement additional signage on A556 and Pickmere Lane during future closures, to deter vehicles from using Holly Grove to reach M6 motorway.*

6.1.7.4 *LN to contact owner of Elm Tree Cottage to discuss ongoing noise disruption from night-time works in Tabley.*

6.1.7.5 *JP to look into whether junction can be opened ahead of the roundabout (likely not due to linked up traffic lights system).*

6.1.7.6 *JP to look into filling potholes on Old Hall Lane / Budworth Road towards Holly Grove and inform Cheshire East Council about complaint made.*

6.1.7.7 *LN to look into potential funding for Tabley and Mere Community Club and/or Tabley Church - repainting, fencing and path to be raised from gate.*

6.1.7.8 *LN to share information about possible bridge naming challenge with local school children. Tabley Parish Council and Tabley Church Community to be invited onto judging panel.*

6.2 CEC Highways:

There were no representatives at the meeting.

6.2.1 AJ: Reported that old hall lane there are potholes at the side of the road and are dangerous and the width of the road is not very wide.

Action: ASRM are addressing.

6.2.2 AG: Reported that CEC needs to be informed that all the grids are blocked with stone chippings at the side of The Smoker, there is also the damage kerbstone at the roundabout.

Action: Reported to CEC ref no: 3431728

6.2.3 DB: reported that somebody keeps depositing tarmac at Tabley Hill Lane, (near the petrol station towards Tabley Vale) would this be classed as fly tipping?

DB also asked about the dangerous pavements from The Smoker northbound to Northwich Road traffic lights. We have reported it, but nothing ever gets done and cyclists cannot use the payment as the road is dangerous.

Action: Reported to WCK Parkinson.

6.2.4 SC: Requested an update on the flooding on Tabley Hill Lane. SC said she feels like Tabley are being left out.

6.3 HS2:

There were no representatives at the meeting.

6.4 Ward Cllr Kate Parkinson

Apologies due to sickness leave were left with the Clerk. PC will email WCKP with questions raised at the meeting.

7. Report from each Councillor:

The Chair asked each Cllr to give a brief introduction explaining their responsibilities on the parish council.

7.1 Cllr A Greenway:

Thanked the councillors for attending the meeting and the Chair for her annual report. He welcomed the new Cllr, Katie Newport and thanked the representatives for an excellent report on the M6 Jct 19 remedial works.

AG reiterated that we need to keep looking after the highways, and now the planning has been co-ordinated he urged Cllrs to respond to Cllr Bowen so comments can be collated.

7.2 Cllr N Withenshaw:

Informed the Cllrs that he attends the airport meetings, but with COVID-19, there has been no meetings, and everything has been incredibly quiet.

7.3 Cllr A Jackson:

AJ covers no individual area, but he thanked everybody for doing a great job.

7.4 Cllr S Wharfe:

SW had nothing to report thanks everybody for continuing to do a good job.

7.5 Cllr D Bailey:

DB informed that he covers Highways and attends HS2 meetings where possible, the following were reported on.

7.5.1 Attended a Teams meeting in March 2021. DB is concerned of what is coming our way in respect of HS2.

7.5.2 The designs are being changed and some parishes have not had a chance to have any consultations.

7.5.3 Satellite compounds will be located the Bowdon roundabout, Pickmere Lane & Flittogate Lane. It would appear that where there is a bridge, a compound area will be built.

7.5.4 A new junction will be built at the A556 (Bowdon roundabout). The M56 travelling towards the airport will be moved and then reinstated when the tunnel is completed. There is going to be a lot of disruption going forward.

7.6 Cllr S Carson:

SC informed that she has been active with HS2, reporting signage and highways issues to CEC which have involved abandoned vehicles etc.

Roman signs need repairing again so can we have a look into this?

7.7 Cllr G Bowen:

7.7.1 GB updated that BT been doing a lot of work further down from The Windmill hopefully Tabley may soon have broadband. It was reported that one side of Holly Grove has underground cables, and one side has overhead cables.

7.7.2 A dates for the little picking day will be decided upon between 28th May and 30th June. GB will produce a leaflet and distribute. The landlord at The Windmill will be consulted to ask if we can have some refreshments.

7.5 Cllr K Newport:

KN had nothing to report.

8. Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Chairperson, Councillor H Gurney-Smith
Tabley Parish Council