

**MINUTES OF TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL BI-MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors H. Gurney-Smith (Chairman), (HGS) 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 (LN) & J. Pettman (JP) (AMEY SRM) and a rep from Highways England.

1. Parish Clerk (PC) to welcome and receive apologies:

1.1 Apologies for absence were given from the following Councillors:

- 1.1.1 Cllr A Greenway (AG) – Isolating.
- 1.1.2 Cllr D Bailey (DB)– Annual 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 Cllr A Jackson declared an interest in item 9.1.3.
 - 2.1.1.1 **Resolved** that no other interest was declared at this meeting.

3. Guest speakers: Guests have been invited to speak on behalf of local organisations.

3.1 **M6/ Jct 19:** Presentation from LN & JP

3.1.1 Updates from the last meeting

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

Update: The family will be contacted separately.

3.1.1.2 Investigate why emails have not been received by both SB and LN.

Update: Dealt with between LN & SB.

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

Update: This has now been actioned. TM manager spoke with a Holly Grove resident on 9 June to agree the position of the new signs. NO ACCESS TO M6 sign moved again on 10 June following further correspondence from another resident

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

Update: A visit has been planned.

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

Update: This discussion is ongoing.

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

Update: LN raised this with our contact at Cheshire East Council and was asked to follow the standard line of enquiry

3.1.1.7 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.

Update: We are working to build the access ramp at St Paul's Church w/c 26 July. The Strong Foundation grant application window is open until 28 July. LN will be happy to work with you to apply for up to £3,000 for a local community project

3.1.1.8 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.

Update: LN has been in touch with Knutsford Academy and, despite initial excitement about the idea, no agreement has yet been made to progress with the bridge naming challenge. LN to keep Tabley PC updated but progress is slow as everyone is busy.

3.1.1.9 Issue at Almond Tree Cottage were reported.

Update: A visit has taken place.

3.1.2 Further updates were given.

3.1.2.1 Please continue to visit our scheme webpage for upcoming closure dates and diversion routes (always check before you travel!)

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/north-west/m6-junction-19/>

3.1.2.2 The new link road will be open at the beginning of November. Most of the construction work will be completed by end September. The remaining work will relate to the street lighting columns.

3.1.2.3 The right-hand turn into Pickmere Lane will be opened earlier than planned – w/c 26 July.

3.1.2.4 Roadworks will be off the M6 motorway from Monday 26 July – 50mph speed restriction removed and width lanes returned to normal.

3.1.2.5 A volunteer day will be taking place at the 'Children's Adventure Farm' in Millington.

3.1.3 Q & A Council to use this period to ask questions.

3.1.3.1 SC: Asked if the new traffic system will continue to allow a vehicle to turn left out of Tabley Hill Lane and then be able to do a right turn onto Pickmere Lane. If this is not permitted traffic will increase tenfold on Tabley Hill Lane.

Response: JP said that this will not be permitted manoeuvre. The vehicle will only be able to turn left onto the A556 as the signalling it will not support the new road system. To alleviate this issue vehicles will need to exit Tabley Road onto the A50 and then take a right turn onto Northwich Road A5033 which will then allow the cars to connect with the A556.

Highways England informed the Council that he will also take this complaint back to CEC as they are only following the plans.

3.1.3.1.1 **Resolved** by all Cllrs that this has never been the case as they were promised that this manoeuvre would stay.

3.1.3.1.2 **Proposed** by all Cllrs that the PC will write to Cheshire East Highways.

3.1.3.2 SC: Asked if they will still be on target to finish by the end of August.

Response: Highways England informed the Council that the date has been pushed back due to a signalling equipment delay. And in addition, the parapet has to be raised. The parishioners will notice a decrease in local disruption.

3.1.3.3 SC: Updated LN that the cyclist are from South Manchester.

3.1.3.4 GB: Enquired as to whether the footpath from the Windmill to the underpass, across the junction well signalled.

3.1.3.5 AJ: Asked if the traffic lights could be looked at the northbound exit, as they are not allowing enough time for the flow of traffic to get through which causes a traffic jam.

Response: JP said that this happens because the traffic sits on the roundabout this is what causes the traffic jams.

The Chair thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and all their hard work in following up on actions and feeding back to the Council.

3.2 Cheshire East Highways department.

3.2.1 **Resolved:** An invitation was sent on the 07/07/21. Unfortunately, there was no representation at this meeting from Cheshire East Highways officers.

3.3 Knutsford Police.

3.3.1 The following report was read out to the Council.

I have checked all the incidents over the last few months and there have been no burglaries, theft of vehicles or theft of motor vehicles. If you have anything for the police please let me know

3.4 Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report

3.4.1 **Resolved:** An invitation was sent on the 07/07/21. Unfortunately, there was no representation at this meeting.

4. Public participation Q & A:

- 4.1 The public have been advised that government guidelines have to be adhered too. Questions can be submitted via the above email. Five minutes is permitted to discuss each item.
 - 4.1.1 Rev P Robinson informed the Parish Council that she has a special guest attending on the 4th August and a service will take to place to ordain Rev Robinson as an 'Associate Priest'. The Cllrs were asked if anyone would like to attend?
 - 4.1.1.1 Resolved that the Chair would attend.
 - 4.1.2 Rev Robinson offered her apologies for not attending the letter pick; she was on annual leave.
 - 4.1.3 St Pauls church may be open some weekends however with the new variants opening the church is proving difficult at this time.

5. Minutes of the previous meetings presented to the Council:

- 5.1 Council to agree the minutes from the bi-monthly meeting held on 10/05/21, [P25 to 28] were a true and accurate record.
 - 5.1.1 **Resolved** that no matters arose from the set of minutes.
 - 5.1.2 **Moved** by SW, seconded by KN.
- 5.2 Council to agree the minutes from the Annual Open Parish meeting held on 10/05/21, [P29 to 32] were a true and accurate record.
 - 5.2.1 **Resolved** that no matters arose from the set of minutes.
 - 5.2.2 **Moved** by SW, seconded by KN.

6 Standard Orders:

- 6.1 Council to approve the updated Parish Standing Order.
 - 6.2.1 **Resolved** that no matters arose from the updated Standing Order and that it will be added to the website
 - 6.2.2 **Moved** by a unanimous Council

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 The Parish Clerk updated the Cllrs on the following correspondence.
 - 7.1.1 **Sent:** Response email sent to LN at AMEY SRM regarding the 999-incident response received.
 - 7.1.2 **Sent:** Email sent to LG & RM at CE Highways regarding the condition of the roads and pathways within the Parish.
 - 7.1.3 **Received:** Email from the CEC in ref to the Boundary Commission consultation.
 - 7.1.4 **Received:** Email from WCKP in relation to her complaint to CEC ref the gullies.
 - 7.1.5 **Sent:** Emails & responses sent to LN at AMEY SRM from Cllrs in reference signage, Traffic lights.
 - 7.1.6 **Sent:** Emails & responses sent to LN at AMEY SRM in reference signage to the updates and AT Cottage.
 - 7.1.7 **Received:** Email to update that a letter has been received to Mr Warman (Website host) old address.
 - 7.1.8 **Sent:** Emailed flyer in reference to 'The Great British Spring Clean' that took place on Sunday 6th June.
 - 7.1.8.1 GB: updated that there were issues receiving the flyer so not many parishioners knew about the litter pick. He had also arranged for the use of the pub, however on the day it remained closed. Maybe another litter pick could be arranged in September. CEC did collect all the litter that was collected so thanks were offered to them
 - 7.1.9 **Received:** Rejection letter from the NatWest in response to the new account application.
 - 7.1.10 **Sent:** Report submitted online in reference to the road and pavement at The Smoker Pub. (*reported ref no 3431728*)

8. Finance:

8.1 The Chair to review and approve the below, in reference to the internal audit for the AGAR 2020/2021.

8.1.1 To confirm that Chq no 516 for £137.88 was made out to Cheshire Association Fees.

8.1.1.1 **Resolved** that the above is a correct record.

8.1.1.2 **Moved** by HGS

8.1.2 To confirm that Chq no 525 for £30 made out to the Royal British Legion was made up by £17 and £13 top up as a donation.

8.1.2.1 **Resolved** that the above is a correct record.

8.1.2.2 **Moved** by HGS

8.2 To note the current financial position at the **31st March 2021**.

8.2.1 Business Premium Account: £ 544.25

8.2.2 Community Account: £2074.44

8.2.1.1 **Resolved** that all the below balances were a true and accurate record.

8.3 **Payments due in for 2021/22:**

8.3.1 1st Precept Instalment £1,637.50

8.4 **To approve the following payments.**

8.4.1 Cheque 100537 - £325.17 – BHIB Insurance Fees 2021-22

8.4.2 Cheque 100538 – £100.00 – S Sherwood Retirement Gift (Chq made payable to the Clerk)

8.4.3 Cheque 100539 – £266.67 S Booth – Salary Mth 3 & 4

8.4.4 Cheque 100540 - £66.66 HMRC –Mth 3 & 4

8.5 **Unity Trust Bank**

8.5.1 **Resolved** that the application should be submitted once Cllrs AG, NW, GB, DB, AJ & SW sign the application forms for ID purposes & associated paperwork for the new bank account.

9. **Planning Applications.**

9.1 To note the decision on the below planning applications made by Cheshire East Council

9.1.1 **Application 21/2768M – Smoker Hill Farm, Chester Road, Plumley, Cheshire, WA16 0HQ**

Proposed conversion of barn to 4no dwellings.

REGISTERED: 18-05-21

Comments by: 13-07-21 - *Submission No: FS-Case-344407536*

9.1.2 **Application 21/1182M - Land adjacent to Willow Tree House, Pickmere Lane, Tabley**

Construction of 3 bed detached property and landscaping of surrounding areas.

REGISTERED: 11-06-21

Comments by: 14-07-21 - *Submission No: FS-Case-344409412*

9.1.3 **Application 21/3011M – Land adj to Pownall Green Farm, Old Hall Lane, Tabley, WA16 0HT**

Proposed general purpose agricultural building

REGISTERED: 14-06-21

Comments by: 14-07-21 - *Submission No: FS-Case-344405204*

9.1.4 **Application 21/3094M – Land at Tabley Mere, Tabley Inferior, Nr Knutsford, WA16 0UF**

Crest raising to reservoir and formation of footpath, remedial works to auxiliary spillway and associated temporary works

REGISTERED: 18-06-21

Comments by: 22-07-21 - *Submission No: FS-Case-345538318*

9.1.5 **Application 21/3469D – Partridge Rise, Moss Lane, Over Tabley, WA16 0PH**

Discharge of condition 5 of existing permission 20/5139M; Variation of condition 2 on approved application 18/5748M-conversion of existing building.

REGISTERED: 25-06-21

Comments by: 21-07-21

10. Any other Business

10.1 GB: Informed the Cllrs that a tractor has had an incident with the bridge part. Gb has reported to CEC as some of the mortar has been dislodged. CEC asked was GB did he have any details regarding who was involved in this incident.

10.2 SC: Reported that the hedges on Flittogate need cutting back as they are protruding that much, vehicles have to come out of the junction to see if there is any oncoming vehicles.

Action: The PC will report the above to CEC highways.

11. Presentations

The Chair conducted a presentation to Mrs Sherwood & Cllr S Wharfe on behalf of Tabley Parish Council.

11.1 Presentation to **Sarah Sherwood** on her retirement as Parish Clerk.

11.2 Congratulations to Cllr Stephen Wharfe on his 50 years' service to Tabley Parish Council.

12. Date of forthcoming meeting Monday 13th September 2021

Monday 8th November 2021

Monday 10th January 2022

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chair Cllr H Gurney-Smith