

**MINUTES OF TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL BI-MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors H. Gurney-Smith (HGS),(Chair), A. Greenway (AG), N. Withenshaw (NW), B. Hartley (BH).  
D. Bailey (DB), S. Wharfe (SW), T. Jackson (TJ), K. Newport (KN).

**Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk), R. Davenport (RD), (Royal Cheshire Show), J. Williams (JW), (VW Dubbed Out Festival).

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

**1. The Chair to welcome and receive apologies:**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed all Cllrs to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence from the following Councilors were submitted.
  - 1.2.1 Cllr S Carson (SC) – Work Commitments
  - 1.2.2 Ward Cllr K. Parkinson (WCKP) – Work Commitments
  - 1.2.3 **Resolved:** Apologies received and accepted for this meeting.

**2. Declarations of interest:**

- 2.1 Councillors to declare if they hold an interest on any agenda item for this meeting.
  - 2.1.1 **Resolved** that no Councillor declared an interest on any other agenda item at this meeting.

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

**3.1 Cheshire Showground: (RCS)**

3.1.1 RD from Cheshire Showground attended the meeting and updated the Cllrs on the forthcoming RCS event calendar. RD introduced JW as the 'Director from the VW festival' which will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of July.

JW updated the Council that he has worked on this licensed festival for 15 years and will look forward to working with the local community. The event & traffic details were outlined, and the Cllrs were prompted to ask questions.

**Q:** AG: Enquired on where in the Showground will the event be located?

**A:** The event will be in the main central area of the show ground, residents will be notified.

**Q:** HGS: Enquired if the event anticipates any traffic issues?

**Q:** DB: Enquired if traffic managements have to be submitted to CEC?

**A:** RD updated that RCS do not anticipate any local traffic issues and RCS do complete traffic assessments which are submitted to CEC. However, this does not apply to the VW festival event.

All ticket visitors to the event will be contacted by the event team to update them on the entrance points to the showground. In addition, directional signage to the event will be prominently displayed in the Tabley area, which will be visible to traffic exiting the M6. This will aid the efficient filtering of the traffic visiting the festival on to site.

RD & JW informed the Council that they will be more than happy to attend future Parish meetings to update where necessary.

**Q:** HGS: Asked for RD to send information to the PC so we can include on our newsletter.

As there were no more questions, HGS closed this item and thanked the gentleman for their attendance.

**3.2 Cheshire East Ward Councillor report/updates**

3.2.1 *Regarding the walk about, it will be an informal walk about, this was to see where the track would impact the area and roads. I ended up doing this myself to add comments to the submitted CEC application. I'm happy to still have a walk with people if they wish, but can you let me know who wants to walk, and we can arrange a weekend to suit all?*

*Regarding lay-by, I have not heard anything about this, but I have sent an enquiry to Highways asking whether this information is correct.*

*Regarding the Tabley Showground, you need to speak to RD who is the show manager. I will forward on his details. The directors do not tend to get involved, but I have already impressed there needs to be a traffic management program in place as per the annual, RCS.*

*Old Hall lane has been reported and I've asked for this to be put on a road repair scheme, similar to School Lane in Pickmere. It's deteriorating badly. I fear Highways will let it get to a poorer standard than it already is before fixing the kerbside potholes. I have asked for temporary level 1 patching in the meantime, but this will need regular they do not last very well.*

**3.2.1.1 Action & updates:**

**A1:** Inform WCKP that KN & SW would still like to meet up.

**A2:** PC to ask if SC would still like to attend the walkabout?

**A3:** PC to send all future meeting dates to WCKP

**3.2.2 Highway Reports:** The following issues were reported to 'Fix my Street' at Cheshire East Council.

**3.2.2.1 Tabley Hill Lane** the 'right turn' sign needs to be bigger. **Reported to CEC ref no 3980514**

**3.2.2.2 Pickmere Lane:** The bollard at the top of Pickmere Lane at the junction next to the Windmill pub is bent. **Reported to CEC ref no 3980502**

**Action:** Report to Highways England as CEC have said this area is not theirs.

**3.2.2.3 Old Hall Lane:** The entire length of Old Hall Lane is still severely damaged with potholes, the issue has not been resolved and is getting worse. **Reported to CEC ref no 3980550 & 4025175**

**Action:** HGS will send the PC photos of fly tipped rubbish on OHL

**3.2.2.4 A556 Street lights:** The streetlight column 698 to 726 are still not working and have been out of order for a considerable amount of time, please rectify as the road is dangerous without lights.

**Reported to CEC ref no 3981678.**

### **3.3 Knutsford Police**

**3.3.1 Resolved** that there were no updates received for this meeting.

**3.3.2 Cllr updates:** The Cllrs were informed that the traffic is increasing on Northwich Road.

**Action:** PC to send all future meeting dates to WCKP.

**3.4 HS2:** The HS2 representatives from HS2 or CEC have been invited to attend this meeting. .

**3.4.1 Resolved** that there were no representative or update from HS2 this meeting.

### **4. Public participation Q & A:**

**4.1** The public are to be advised that the government guidelines will be adhered too. Five minutes is permitted to discuss each item.

**4.1.1 Resolved** that there were no MOPs in attendance and no questions had been submitted.

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

**5.1** Council to agree that the minutes from the bi-monthly meeting held on 14/11/22, [P64 to P66] were a true and accurate record.

**5.1.1 Moved** unanimously .

**5.1.2 Matter arising:**

**5.1.2.1 Resolved** that there were further matters arising from the above set of minutes.

### **6. 20's Plenty:**

**6.1** Cllr Hartley updated the Council members on the 20's plenty group. BH updated that a number of areas in England and Wales are now supporting 20 MPH. BH enquired if the Cllrs would support the group and send a letter of support to CEC.

**6.1.2** A majority of Cllrs agreed to support the group.

**Action:** PC to write a letter of support to CEC after a draft has been circulated to the Cllrs.

### **7. Firework event:** Cllr Greenway to update the Cllrs on the request

*7.1 I've had a request from a Mere Parish Councillor whether Tabley Council would consider sharing the cost of putting on the annual bonfire night fireworks display. This year was a bit of a financial disaster due to low attendance. I feel that it was poorly advertised, and that Tabley Council could add a lot to make the event a success. Could councillors please respond with their thoughts as the fireworks need to be booked asap. We can discuss at the January meeting but an "in principle" decision would be appreciated.*

**7.1.1 Resolved** that TPC would support some kind of event and AG will report back to Mere PC and going forward and request that a committee be formed.

### **8. Updates including correspondence.**

**8.1** Highway issues as detailed in item 3.2.2

**8.1.1** Resolved that this information was circulated to the Council meeting

**8.2** CEC 2023/24 Precept confirmation.

**8.2.1** Resolved that this information was circulated to the Council meeting

### **9. Planning Applications. Update**

**9.1** To note that there were no planning applications detailed by Cheshire East Council for this period.

### **10. Exclusion resolution.**

**10.1** The Chair RESOLVED that this item was not required at this meeting.

## 11. Finance

### 11.1 Unity Trust Bank Accounts:

11.1.1 To note the <u>current</u> financial position in the Unity Trust bank accounts at the <b>31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.</b>	
11.1.1.1 Unity Current Account T1 (20448354): Statements 19, 20 & 21	<b>£3,054.97</b>
11.1.1.2 Instant Access Account (20448367): Statements 15 & 16	<b>£1,097.40</b>

### 11.2 To acknowledge as a record, the below payments that have already been deducted from the above account.

11.2.1 TPC/RA/58 - Bank Service Charge March to June 22 – £18.00 DD
11.2.2 TPC/RA/59 - Bank Service Charge June to Sept 22 – £18.00 DD
11.2.3 TPC/RA/60 - Bank Service Charge Sept to Dec 22 – £18.00 DD

### 11.3 To approve the following payments.

11.3.1 TPC/RA/56 - Clerks Salary Mth 9 & 10 – £AR	Cheque 300022
11.3.2 TPC/RA/57 - HMRC Mth 9 & 10 – £66.67	Cheque 300023

## 12. Report from Cllrs and Items to be added to the next agenda:

12.1 Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

12.1.1 **BH:** As we currently have a housing shortage could we enquire with WCKP who owns the motel and if she could push to see this opened and used to house local people?

**Action:** PC to email WCKP

12.1.2 **KN:** Updated on local properties that are sat empty and could be used.

KN enquired if there is any Council vacancies at the moment.

12.1.2.1 **Resolved** that there are no current vacancies.

12.1.3 **DB:** Offered the Cllrs an update on Diary House Farm.

12.1.4 **HGS:** Requested that the March newsletter is to be produced.

**Action:** PC to start the newsletter.

13. The next meeting will be the Bimonthly Parish Meeting and will be held on Monday 13th March 2023.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair Cllr H Gurney-Smith