

**MINUTES OF TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL BI-MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors (Chair), H. Gurney-Smith (HGS), A. Greenway (AG), N. Withenshaw (NW), S. Wharfe (SW), B. Hartley (BH), S. Carson (SC)

Also Present: Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk)

1. Clerk to declare the meeting open at 7.30pm.

1.1 Cllrs were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

2.1 Apologies for absence from the following Councilors were submitted.

2.1.1 T. Jackson (TJ) – Work commitments

2.1.2 K. Newport (KN) – Work commitments

2.1.3 D. Bailey (DB) – Annual leave

2.1.4 WC K. Parkinson (WCKP) – Annual leave

2.1.5 **Resolved:** Apologies received and accepted for this meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest: Cllrs are to declare if they hold any interest on any agenda items.

3.1 **Resolved:** No Cllr in attendance declared an interest on an agenda item.

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

4.3 Knutsford Police

4.3.1 PC Millman attended the meeting and explained to the Council why there is a high volume of incidents recorded in Tabley. The majority of reports emanate from Knutsford Services and traffic related incidents.

Sgt Clarke will take over from Sgt Brickhall and another PC may be appointed.

PC Millman reported that there has been a theft of a Caravan and the 'No right turn' is being enforced.

4.3.2 Cllrs reported that the sign is wrong on Flittogate Lane.

PC Millman left the meeting at 19.55

Action: PC is to write to CC to request that Tabley has an additional PC as one is not adequate.

Action: SC will detail parking issues on Holly Grove

4.1 Cheshire Show

4.1.1 RD debriefed the Cllrs that the Cheshire Showgrounds 'Dubbed Out Festival', was a huge success and detailed other events that are due to be on in the forthcoming weeks. The 2023-24 events calendar will be shared once it is finalised.

4.2 East Ward Councillor Report/updates:

4.2.1 **Resolved** that Cllrs are very disappointed that the WC couldn't make the meeting and have agreed that a remote connection would be available. The Clerk read the following report in the WC absence.

Overgrown vegetation

These issues have been reported to CEC and I am awaiting a response as to when this might take place.

However, it is advisable that all residents use FixMyStreet to report issues they come across. CEC are now encouraging resident to use this form of reporting tool, in which everyone can report a variety of highways issues to missed waste collections.

However, I also stress that there is no budget to in the CEC Highways for any extra detailing, and I find, with increasing frustration that all money available for highway maintenance is ploughed into larger towns. CEC officers would like Parish's to use their precept to pay for additional services, as this comes from tax that the council gives to Parishes for such measures. More of my Parishes are doing this to keep the area maintained.

I feel loathed to write this, but it may be a case of increasing the Tabley precept to cover costs for basic maintenance.

Unfortunately, the council tax that residents pay does not go to cover maintenance and hasn't for some

time. It is mainly to cover social care costs, highways maintenance (even though we don't always see this in rural areas), police and PCC, fire, and rescue etc.

In some cases, hedges are the responsibility of the landowner to cut back.

4.2.1.1 **POR:** Parish Council always report via FixMyStreet.

4.2.2 Highway Report updates: The following are jobs have been reported to Cheshire East Council.

4.2.2.1 Cllr Sarah Carson

- Reported broken picket fence. Parts belong to National Highways.
- Reported abandon caravan on Tabley Hill Lane

4.2.2.2 Cllr KN

- The junction of Pickmere Lane and Budworth Road signs have been fixed ref 4159314 - FixMyStreet
- Overgrown hedge near the bus stop at the top of Pickmere lane- completed
- 13/07/23 -Crossing outside Windmill pub
We have assessed your report and have arranged to carry out work as soon as possible.
State changed to: Action scheduled
- New updates on Street lights are out 9th June
We have assessed your report and have arranged to carry out work as soon as possible.
State changed to: Action scheduled

4.4 HS2

4.4.1 **Resolved** that there is no update.

5. Public Participation.

The public are invited to attend the forthcoming parish meeting. Parishioners can also send their questions in via the following email: clerk@tableyparishcouncil.co.uk. To ensure questions are addressed at the meeting and minuted, emails must be received three days before the scheduled meeting. A period of not more than 5 minutes will be made available to discuss the public's submitted comments.

5.1 **Resolved** that there were no MOPs in attendance.

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

6.1 To consider the approval of the below set of minutes.

6.1.1 Bi-monthly meeting held on 10/07/23, [P77 to 79].

6.1.1.1 **Resolved** that the minutes were a true and accurate record.

6.1.1.2 **Proposed** by AG and **Second** by NW.

6.2 To discuss any matters arising from the above sets of minutes.

6.2.1 **Resolved:** No matters arose from the aforementioned minutes.

6.2.2 **Moved** unanimously

7. Knutsford Town Council Cllr Hartley (Nether Ward) monthly report.

7.1 Monthly report to update the Council on the following.

7.1.1 BH has had a recent meeting with Crown Estates and HM King Charles Super green estates, one being in Cheshire.

7.1.2 A garden structure that has been installed in the cemetery on Tabley Hill Lane.

7.1.3 Cllr BH has cleared weeds on Tabley Rd.

7.1.4 Updated on grants of up to £3000 that are available from Manchester Airport.

7.1.3 Cllr BH informed the Council that Knutsford will be dressed in pink for Breast Cancer awareness.

7.1.4 Still awaiting Redrow traffic lights.

8. Actions & updates, Correspondence & Reports:

8.1 Actions & updates

8.1.1 Firework & Fright evening.

8.1.1.1 AG updated that the leaflets will be delivered before the end of September. The event will see fireworks with music, children's fancy dress and carving competition. There will be hot food and the charities will be the Joshua Tree and the NW Air Ambulance.

8.1.2 Overgrown Vegetation

8.1.1.2 Reported to WCKP the Parishioner complaints to CEC regarding issues with overgrown vegetation and maintenance issues in the Tabley area.

8.1.3 Windmill Pub

8.1.1.3 Cllrs confirmed that this issue has been resolved.

8.1.4 Newsletter

8.1.1.4 To be drafted.

Action: PC to draft the newsletter and print for hand delivery.

8.2 Correspondence

8.2.1 No correspondence to report at this meeting.

8.3 Reports

8.3.1 HGS updated the council on the interesting meeting that took place at Knutsford Town Hall. A number of local Parishes attended and topics of 'areas of concern', were discussed. The meeting was a success and there were many common themes.

9. Planning Applications.

9.1 To note at the time of publication of this agenda, detailed below are the active planning applications as detailed by Cheshire East Council.

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

Proposed conversion of barn to 4no dwellings. Received: 19/05/23. Cllrs informed: 23/05/23. Deadline: 21/06/23 Comment submitted N/O

9.2.2 23/1885M – Hawthorn Nurseries, Moss Lane, Over Tabley, WA16 0PH

Variation of condition 2 on approved application 18/5748M – Conversion of existing building. Received: 22/05/23. Cllrs informed: 23/05/23. Deadline: 12/06/23

Comment submitted N/O

Action: Enquire with WCKP to see if there is any update on Villa Farm application.

10. Exclusion resolution.

10.1 The Chair RESOLVED that the members of the public who were attending the meeting, could now withdraw from the meeting as the public section had now concluded.

11. Finance.

11.1 Unity Trust Bank Accounts:

11.1.1 To note the current financial position in the Unity Trust bank accounts at the **30th June 2023**.

11.1.1.1 Unity Current Account T1 (20448354): Statements 27, 28 & 29 **£3,369.47**

11.1.1.2 Instant Access Account (20448367): Statements 21 & 22 **£1,108.76**

11.2 To acknowledge as a record, the below payments that are due to be paid or have already been deducted from the above account and confirm that the internal auditor has the accounts.

11.2.1 It was agreed that a new Internal auditor can be used for 2023/24

11.3 To approve the following payments.

11.3.1 TPC/RA/71 – UT Bank Charges 05/03 to 03/06/23 – £18.00	DD
11.3.2 TPC/RA/72 – BHIB Insurance - £375.59	Cheque 300031
11.3.3 TPC/RA/73 – St Paul Church donation 2023-24 - £400.00	Cheque 300032
11.3.4 TPC/RA/74 - Clerks Salary Mth 3 & 4 – £266.67	Cheque 300033
11.3.5 TPC/RA/75 - HMRC Mth 3 & 4 – £66.66	Cheque 300034

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 enquired if there was any planning update for the Nursery and Pub?

12.1.2 It was noted that the Motor Car sales has made the area look a lot neater.

12.1.3 SC Reported that he park cars seem to be returning on Holly Grove, This will be reported to the Police.

13. Date of forthcoming meeting will be on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chair Cllr H Gurney-Smith