

Minutes of a meeting of Tabley Parish Council held on Monday, 15th July 2015 at Tabley Parish Hall

PRESENT

Councillor H Gurney-Smith (Chairman)

Councillors: A Greenway, G Bowen, T Jackson and D Bailey.

Also Present:

Resident Mrs M Marchant, Mrs S Heyes, Mr R Thorpe, Mr D Germain, Cheshire East Councillor Olivia Hunter and Mrs. S Sherwood (Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm under Cllr Greenway Chairmanship.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** N Withenshaw, N Evans, S Wharfe, S Carson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2015 be approved as a correct record.

4. Update on A556 Road by Mr C Burrows

Mr Burrows gave an up to date progress report on the wA556 works including:-

- The site is currently newt free
- Newsletter drop to properties affected
- Project currently on time.
- Old Hall Lane now closed and will remain closed (something will be in place for the Cheshire Show 2016).
- There has been some crime on the site.
- Speeding on current highway – progress is being made with a phased approach, detector to monitor the vehicles and speed.
- Cannot put camera signs up unless police enforcement is in place.
- Overnight closures to take place during the year.
- Meeting to be held 21st July 5pm to 7pm.

5. Report Knutsford Community Sergeant Andy Miller

Sergeant Miller is the Beat Sergeant for the Knutsford area has a new team aimed at Community Policing. Beat officers or PCSO's will attend future Parish meetings.

Mrs Heyes asked about speeding in the area. Any vehicles noted speeding should be reported to 101. Speedwatch training may be an aid to reducing speed – cost £150 plus jackets and training. **ACTION:** Clerk to include in next newsletter.

A556 at the Windmill junction is very dangerous. Sergeant Miller to discuss with Simon Wallace (CEC)

6. Public Participation – A period of not more than fifteen minutes were made available for the public to submit comments

- Request for information about the Smart motorway – junction 16 – 19. Details of the public exhibitions given to public.

7. Report Cheshire East Councillor Olivia Hunter

Councillor Hunter gave a brief update of highways works.

8. Matters Arising

- **Bus Stop Sign** This is still down. **ACTION:** The clerk to follow up.
- Moss Lane This roadway is still in a very poor state despite being reported many times to CEC **ACTION:** Clerk to contact CEC Highways.
- Overgrown Hedge The hedge at the layby by the church is still very overgrown despite Balfour Beatty being informed and a promise to cut in the area. **ACTION** Clerk to contact BB again.

9. Road surface The junction of Knutsford Road and A556 is still in a very poor state despite being reported to CEC. **ACTION** Clerk to contact CEC Highways again

10. To note the current financial position

Current Account	£ 2528.94
Business Premium Account	£ 542.31

101 To approve the following payments: -

- £167.00 – Sarah Sherwood Salary June and July 2015 Salary
- £33.00 – HMRC June and July 2015

11. Election of Chairman.

Cllr H Gurney Smith advised she is willing to stand for one year. Councillor Jackson proposed that Cllr Gurney-Smith be elected as Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Bailey and approved unanimously. (Councillor Gurney-Smith took the Chair.

12. To receive Councillor Reports

Highways

Tabley Hill Lane: Councillor Bailey advised that the footpath on Tabley Hill Lane towards the cemetery is so overgrown pedestrians have to use the footpath.

ACTION: This falls under Knutsford, therefore Cllr Hunter will take this matter up.

Pickmere Lane/Budworth Road junction. Cllr Bowen expressed his great concern about the safety of vehicles and property owners at this junction as a) this is a dangerous junction and vehicles travel so fast along this stretch of highway. The problem is made worse by the height of the hedge at the Tabley Brook Cottage.

ACTION: The clerk to contact Simon Wallace to ask if he will meet on site to review this safety issue.

Cheshire Railings. Cllr Hunter asked for a list of Cheshire Railings in the area. These may be repainted – however if they are damaged, they may be replaced with wooden fencing. **NB.** The replacement of Cheshire railings with wooden fencing is not the Parish Council's wish. **ACTINO:** Clerk to send a list of Cheshire Railing sin Tabley to Cllr Hunter

M6 junction 19. The edging of the grass has been cut, however there is a large amount of Ragwort and thistles in the area. **ACTION:** The clerk to write to Balfour Beattie regarding this matter.

RESOLVED: Due to the large number of outstanding highways issues, a member of Cheshire East Highways team be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting in September.

Holly Grove Play Area A meeting took place between Pentagon (A company recommended by CEC) and Cllrs Gurney-Smith, Carson and the clerk. A quote has been received which includes a selection of equipment. The cost does exceed the £26K S106 funding, however Pentagon advised that a further £10k may be available. Two public meetings are being held for residents so they can see the equipment available following which Pentagon will be contacted again.

13. Tabley Parish Hall/Mere Parish Club. Despite having a pre-planning application meeting and the full plans being submitted to Cheshire East Planning Department in February 2015 no news has yet been received despite constant communication with CEC Planning Department. The case officer has changed and there is a lack of response from CEC Planning. Cllr Greenway asked for approval of a drafted letter to be sent to C Osborne MP highlighting the concerns. **RESOLVED:** The members, having read the letter, approved the content.

Cllr Greenway expressed concern that due to the length of time, the compensation planned may be lost. Cllr Hunter advised that she had spoken to Mr Burrows regarding this matter and he confirmed that the funds would not be lost.

14. To note the decision made by Cheshire East Council

- **Application 13/3336M** construction of cattle and feed stores on existing agricultural land at Land off Moss Lane, Over Tabley
Parish Council recommendation: Objection.
Cheshire East Council Decision: registered application
- Application 14/4997M construction of a new salt barn and accommodation for traffic officers at the Highways Agency Knutsford Depot – H A Motorway maintenance Depot, Northwich Road.

Parish Council recommendation: no objection.

Cheshire East Council Decision: approved with conditions / 02-Jun-2015

- Application 15/0889M variation of condition 4 (temporary building) attached to planning permission 12/0745M. Temporary extension to the existing restaurant and outdoor seating area at Rose Garden Centre, Manchester Road

Parish Council recommendation: no objection.

Cheshire East Council Decision: approved with conditions / 22-May-2015

- Application 15/2013M extensions and alterations to Sudlow Farm, Sudlow Lane

Parish Council recommendation: no objection.

Cheshire East Council Decision: registered application

15. **AOB.** Councillor Gurney-Smith reminded everyone present that there is still a vacancy on the Parish Council.

16. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at Tabley and Mere Parish Hall

Signed

Councillor Helen Gurney-Smith – Chairman Tabley Parish Council