

# Minutes of a meeting of Tabley Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Mere and Tabley Community Club

## PRESENT

Councillor H Gurney-Smith (Chairman)

Councillors: D Bailey, S Wharfe, A Greenway, N Withenshaw, G Bowen

## Also Present:

PCSO Zoe Cox, Rev P Robinson, Mr C Burrows (p0art), Cheshire East Councillor Olivia Hunter, Mr R Thorpe (part) and Mrs. S Sherwood (Clerk)

## The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Parish Councillors: N Evans, G Lang, T Jackson and S Carson
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none declared.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be approved as a correct record.
4. **Public Participation – A period of not more than fifteen minutes were made available for the public to submit comments**
  - 4.1 Rev Pat Robinson: Are there any plans for the Big Lunch in 2017. Councillor Gurney-Smith advised that at present there is no one to take on the role of organizing the event, although there are people happy to help out.
  - 4.2 The Church have been organising a monthly Community Coffee and Chat which had been held at the Little Chef -this is now closing. They are looking at the windmill or maybe the Mere and Tabley Community Club.  
**ACTION** The Clerk will contact Rev Robinson to so details can be included in the next newsletter.
  - 4.3 Green Bins. Does Cheshire East Council have any plans to charge for the emptying of green bins. Councillor Hunter advised that at present there are no plans.

## 5. Matters Arising

5.1 **BroadBand** – This is due to be with Tabley by Summer 2017.

5.2 **Holly Grove Play area Wall** – the wall is with CEC to be repaired. They have been notified and reminded by the Clerk and Cllr Hunter.

## 6. Update on A556 road by Mr C Burrows

Mr Burrows gave a brief update highlighting the problems encountered with the drainage on the de-trunked road which has cost so far over £1m. It is hoped that it will be completed by the end of October 2017. He also gave an update on traffic management for the RHS show.

He explained that the problems currently being encountered by motorists with the hold ups on the new road are not within their control – it is due to hold ups/incidents on junction 19/M6. It was suggested that a yellow box on the roundabout would help some issues where lorries block the exits whilst waiting to leave the roundabout.

## 7. Police Report

PCSO Zoe Cox took note of the issues being observed with motorists leaving Pickmere Lane and crossing the traffic (often against the flow) to cross to Tabley Hill Lane – this is an illegal movement. She agreed to mention this and as for traffic police to observe the situation.

She also mentioned the parking on Tabley Hill Lane. There is nothing that the Police can do as they are not parked illegally – if they are they can be ticketed. It was highlighted that cars do travel down this lane at excessive speeds making egressing properties dangerous due to the parked cars. It was noted that the Windmill have proposed using their car park to help with the parking issues.

## 8. To note the current financial position

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Business Premium Account: 542.80

Community Account: 2669.60

### 8.2 To approve the following payments: -

- Cheque 100447 £200.00 – Sarah Sherwood Salary June & July
- Cheque 100448 £50.00 – HMRC June and July

**RESOLVED:** Financial report 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 approved.

## 9. Correspondence

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Merchant Navy Day – flags to be flown. There are no flag poles in Tabley – this is something that could be looked into.

**10. To receive Councillor Reports**

- 10.1 Holly Grove Play Area** – There are some funds for a bench/picnic table. The clerk to send details to M Hodgkinson, CEC. Following a meeting with CEC Playing Field Inspectors, the Clerk advised that CEC undertake quarterly inspections of all the play equipment with an external company undertaking an annual inspection. This should satisfy the insurance policy for the playing field.
- 10.2 Highways**
- 10.2.1** The grass verge at the junction with Green Lane/Tabley Hill Lane is very overgrown. **ACTION** The Clerk to report to CEC.
- 10.2.2 A556 footpath.** A lane on the A556 from Smoker to Windmill was closed off recently, however the verges were only swept and not cut back. This footpath is used by pedestrians and cyclists and should be cut back. **ACTION** The clerk to contact CEC Highways.
- 10.2.3** Pothole. There is a pot hole on Tabley Hill Lane by Bank Farm. **Action** The clerk to report to CEC.
- 10.2.4** Spring Cottage. The spring is still leaking and causing problems and the two grids near this location are blocked. **ACTION:** The Clerk to write to the property owner regarding the Spring and also CEC regarding the Gullies.
- 10.2.5 Almond Cottage.** Following the publication of the plans for the improvement of Junction 19, it was noted that the owner of Almond Cottage will have great difficulty accessing and leaving his property. **ACTION:** The clerk agreed to write to Balfour Beattie highlighting this issue.

**11. Planning**

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**11.1 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 16/0893M Conversion of existing barns to form 4 separate dwellings further to approval 14/3908M at Bank Farmhouse, Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley, WA16 0EP  
**Parish Council recommendation:** No objection  
**Cheshire East Council Decision:** Approved with conditions / 15-Jun-2016
- Application 16/0509M Traditional oak frame garden room extension on the side of the house. At Hillcrest House, Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0EW  
**Parish Council recommendation:** No objection  
**Cheshire East Council Decision:** Registered application
- Application 17/2178M Resubmission of planning approval ref 15/4910M to make existing temporary access a permanent additional access to hotel Cottons Hotel And Spa, Manchester Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0ED  
**Parish Council recommendation:** No objection  
**Cheshire East Council Decision:** Registered application

**11.2 To note the following planning applications: -**

- **Application 17/3294M** Erection of detached drive-thru coffee shop with associated works at Knutsford Motorway Services Area Northbound, Northwich Road, Tabley, WA16 0TJ

12 Date of next meeting:- 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Mere and Tabley Community Club at 7.30pm..

Signed .....  
Councillor Helen Gurney-Smith – Chairman Tabley Parish Council