

Little Stanney & District Parish Council

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in **LITTLE STANNEY VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY, 23 JULY 2013** at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below



Parish Clerk
16 July 2013

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend for the "Part 1" section of the agenda. Any reports in "Part 2" contain confidential information and only Councillors and the Parish Clerk can be present.

If you have any general enquiries about the meeting, please contact: Pauline English, Clerk to the Parish Council (Tel: 0151 339 1405, e-mail: engy02@ntlworld.com).

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any item on this agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the Members' Code of Conduct

3 HIGHWAY, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) **Rake Lane and Wervin Road – Speed Limits:** Following receipt by the Parish Council of an email from a resident of Rake Lane about speeding traffic, Ian McNeill (Area Engineer, Ellesmere Port and Rural West) will attend the meeting to discuss speeding issues, particularly on Rake Lane and Wervin Road. As background information a copy of a report to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Locality Working Scrutiny Committee entitled New Guidance on Setting Local Speed Limits is attached.

(2) **Street Naming:** The Parish Council has received a response from the Solutions Team with regard to Stage 2 of their complaint, to the effect that there have always been and will always be anomalies in regard to conflicting details for addresses and their parish locations and that residents will eventually choose the locality they believe they reside in. Post codes and GPS mean that emergency services can respond to exact pin-pointed addresses. The tone of the letter from the Solutions Team suggested that the Parish Council was in some way to blame for making this complaint, which was not the case. CWaC appear to have misunderstood completely what the Parish Council was asking for, which was for the various databases to be pulled together into one that could be used by everyone. The Clerk responded to the letter to this effect and received a further response that the reason the matter was recorded as a complaint was that officers felt that whatever they said was not acceptable even though the answer given was the only one available. The databases are out of date and not synchronised but a project to rectify this is a large enterprise and not high on the Council's list of things to do. CWaC believe that the situation does not cause any danger to residents and that the current systems are fit for purpose.

With regard to the ongoing discussions about street names, very little has changed since the last report. The Street Naming and Numbering Team are still in discussion with residents and the primary school in Elton about the name of the A5117 from the M56 motorway to the M53 roundabout.

(3) **Ongoing Issues:** A site meeting was arranged with Steve Marks and Bert Sapio on 20 June 2013. The Chairman, Councillor Jones and the Parish Clerk attended. It was agreed to install collapsible bollards at the top of Croughton Road to try to stop fly tipping. The Parish Council (Councillor Jones) and the tenant of the adjacent field will hold the keys to enable access if required. Councillor Jones confirmed that the refuse collection vehicles reverse up Croughton Road as there is insufficient space for them to turn around at the top end so no-one should be inconvenienced by the installation of the bollards. At the request of CWaC, the Clerk has asked Chester and District Housing Trust to cut back the overhanging foliage from trees and bushes on the boundary of their property on Croughton Road.

(4) **Fly Tipping:** The Council's Amenity Cleaner has reported a substantial increase in fly tipping in June on Croughton Road, Little Stanney Lane and Picton Lane, much of it builders rubble, all of which has been reported to CWaC.

4 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public are invited to raise issues not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda. The maximum time allowed is 30 minutes, subject to the Chairman's discretion.

5 MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 May 2013 as a correct record.

6 PLANNING

(1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment:

13/02535/FUL	Proposed side and front extension to existing unit to provide additional workshop, storage and canteen facilities - Land and Building adjacent to Dial House, Dutton Green, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4SA
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(2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council:

13/00887/FUL	Conversion of outbuilding to ancillary granny annexe at Heathcote, Rake Lane, Little Stanney, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4HS – PERMISSION
13/01676/EXT	Extension of time to implement planning permission 10/10636/FUL for two storey side extension with porch to front at Applegold, Strawberry Way East, Chester CH1 6PG – PERMISSION
13/02087/FUL	Single storey rear extension at The White House, Little Stanney Lane, Stoak, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4HW - PERMISSION

(3) **Awaiting Decision**

13/01672/FUL	Erection of a 60m temporary anemometry mast for measuring wind speed and direction for the period of 24 months from construction at Ellesmere Port Waste Water Treatment Works, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Thornton-le-Moors, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4JA
13/01739/FUL	Factory extension including dust extraction unit and sound attenuating fence and gates, including outside storage area, ground slab and alteration to car park to facilitate waste trailer at Initial Citylink, Dutton Green, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4SA

(4) **Church Farm, Stoak:** The Parish Council's concerns regarding traffic on Church Lane should the Church Commissioners decide to apply for planning permission to develop the Church Farm site have been noted and the Parish Council has been informed that the matter is currently under consideration and will be taken into account in the preparation of a formal planning application for the site.

7 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

(1) **Annual Inspection of Play Area:** Morral Play Solutions undertook the annual inspection of the Play Area on 7 July 2013. Their report is attached and the Parish Council is asked to decide how to respond to any issues identified. Once again the inspection was conducted without a representative of the Parish Council being present, despite a request for Councillor Jones to be contacted prior to the inspection. One of the issues raised in the report is a missing board along the side of the Play Area. The opportunity was taken to ask Ringwood to replace two boards at a cost of £112.13 (including VAT), the cost being met from the Council's agreed maintenance budget of £400.

- (2) **Access Gate to Nature Park:** As agreed at the last meeting (Minute 13.41), the access gate into the Nature Park at the junction of Picton Lane and Wervin Road has been installed by Ringwood Fencing.

8 **CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL**

- (1) **Local Councils Assembly:** This took place on the evening of Thursday 27th June at Chester Town Hall. The Chairman, Councillor Astbury and the Parish Clerk attended.
- (2) **Community Governance Review:** Following the decision by CWaC's Community Governance Committee not to make any changes to the governance arrangements in the parishes at the present time, a formal notice has been published and placed on the Parish Notice Boards and the website setting out the decision and asking residents or organisations to make any representations by 2 August 2013. Further consideration will be given to the external boundaries of the parishes during consideration of the governance arrangements for the unparished areas of Ellesmere Port.
- (3) **Participatory Budgeting Event:** CWaC officers and Councillor Heatley are currently exploring the feasibility of delivering a Participatory Budgeting Event in the Elton ward. This event could provide an opportunity for local community groups to bid for additional funding, understand the contribution of local groups in the area, allow the community to have their say on how funding is allocated and finally bring the community together. The Parish Council is asked to consider whether to support such an event and to provide match funding for the initiative. Further information will be available at the meeting.
- (4) **Lord Mayor's Charity Ball:** To be held on the evening of Friday 26 July at Chester Town Hall. Tickets are £35 and all proceeds will go to the Lord Mayor's Charity "Adoption Matters Northwest". Tickets are available from Cheshire West and Chester's Civic Team on 01244 977701.

9 **INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 26 June 2013. Councillor Tony Mills, Elton Parish Council, was elected Chairman of the Forum for the ensuing year. As a result of the failure by Covanta to obtain the Merseyside waste contract the company announced its withdrawal from the UK market and put its UK assets, including Ince Park up for sale. Until this position is resolved, development at Ince Park will be limited unless an alternative way of funding the infrastructure can be found. In response to a question at the AGM it was confirmed that the RRP could go ahead without the EfW plant, but if the RRP were to go ahead before the EfW plant then planning conditions relating more to the EfW than the RRP might have to be revisited.

10 **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

John Dwyer, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, has invited all parish councils to be represented at a meeting to be held on Monday 29 July at 6.30pm in the Civic Suite, Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port.

11 **SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

The Connecting Cheshire Partnership has signed a contract with BT to deliver Fibre Broadband to over 80,000 premises in rural areas of Cheshire. The project will ensure 96% of homes and businesses have access to highspeed broadband by 2016. The remaining 4% that currently experience low speeds should see an uplift, as the project aims to deliver a minimum of 2Mbps or more to almost all homes and businesses. Over the next eight months or so BT engineers will analyse the best way to roll out the network. The communities to be included in the first stage of the roll-out should be announced around December 2013. Whether all residents and businesses will have access to these new superfast speeds by 2016 depends on BT's work over the next months to survey, plan and assess the costs of installing fibre-optic cables to upgrade the infrastructure. The most likely areas not to receive the superfast broadband will be rural. The remaining 4% will be the most expensive and complex areas to deliver the infrastructure. Parish Councils are being encouraged to engage with residents and businesses to build evidence of the need to bring superfast broadband to their communities. One way Parish Councils can help is by directing people to the www.connectingcheshire.org.uk website to join the campaign for

Better Broadband in Cheshire. Over 8,600 demand registrations have been received so far, including over 1,000 businesses.

12 PROTOCOL FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Council is asked to consider whether a protocol should be agreed with regard to the management of the Parish Council's website, including whether or not to make any charges for advertising on the website and what criteria should be applied, for instance should there be no charge to residents or businesses within the parishes and a small charge for organisations outside the parishes.

13 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/ISSUES

(1) **Free trees from The Woodland Trust:** The Woodland Trust is offering 4,000 free tree packs to school, community and youth groups this autumn. "Community" includes parish and community councils. Applications must be submitted before 13 September 2013 for the chance to receive a free tree pack to plant in November 2013. Each pack is worth £30, £105 or £420 for 30, 105 and 420 saplings, respectively (£1 per tree). Applicants have only to find a suitable site and supply the volunteer planters and tree protection

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/moretreesmoregood/free-trees/Pages/free-tree-packs.aspx>

(2) **Publications etc:**

(1) *Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2013*

(2) *CWaC History and Heritage Summer 2013*

(3) *CWaC Exhibitions & Events June-September 2013*

(4) *ChALC July Newsletter*

14 FINANCE

(1) **Payments:** To note/approve the payment of salaries/wages and expenses and invoices for goods received and services rendered.

Cheque No		Amount
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages June 2013	242.67
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary June 2013	118.72
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages July 2013	242.67
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary August 2013	118.72
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)wages -August 2013	242.67
71	Parish Clerk-expenses May-July 2013	t.b.c
72	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-expenses July 2013	t.b.c
73	Morrall Play Solutions – Fee for annual inspection of Play Area	t.b.c
74	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-expenses August 2013	t.b.c
75	Ringwood Fencing-Supply and erect two boards along side of Play Area	112.13

(2) **Receipts:** To note any receipts:

Councillor Heatley-Grant from Members' Allowance	1,000
Bank Interest (June 2013)	1.83

15 URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order 6(21) the Chairman may rule that an item(s) of business should be considered as a matter of urgency if it cannot await the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council.

16 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

17 NEXT MEETING

24 September 2013 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall