

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 **WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2014** at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below



Parish Clerk
30.12.13

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

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 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.

4 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 November 2013 as a correct record (copy attached) and to consider any matters arising from the Minutes which are not dealt with as separate items elsewhere on this agenda.

5 PLANNING

(1) Applications:

13/04923/FUL	Change of Use of agricultural buildings to 3 residential units with car port on land adjacent to Church Farm, Church Lane, Stoak, Chester CH2 4HP
13/05178/FUL	Change of Use of outbuilding to form two dwellings with associated garages at Stanney House, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Little Stanney, Chester CH2 4HZ

(2) Decisions: The following applications have been decided since the last meeting.:

13/04490/LDC	Use of mobile home as residential dwelling at Bridge Farm, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA
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Details of the above applications are available on the Cheshire West & Chester website <http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>

(3) Cheshire West & Chester Draft Local Plan: The draft Local Plan was approved by the Council on 19 December and was submitted for public examination to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 23 December. Despite opposition the Council approved the construction of 22,000 new homes over the Plan period, including the development of Green Belt land off Wrexham Road. An Examination in Public will take place in the Spring of 2014 and the Inspector's report is expected in the Summer.

(4) To deal with any other planning matters.

6 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND STREETSCENE

(1) Update on outstanding issues including:

Street Naming

Flooding

Drainage in Stoak

Speed Limits

Waiting Restriction sign outside School House

White stakes outside Orion, Whitby Lane

(2) Any other Highway, Rights of Way or Streetscene issues.

7 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

(1) **Damage to Picnic Bench:** The Clerk has asked Came & Company, the Parish Council's insurers, whether or not a claim for the damaged Picnic Bench would be out of time and a reply is awaited. There are two possible replacement benches available (pictures attached) - the Garthdee All-Steel Picnic Unit from Broxap at a price of £599 plus VAT, fixing bolts £36 plus VAT and carriage £108 plus VAT, a total of £743 plus VAT and the VMP/6 Picnic Table from Wybone at a price of £609.70 plus VAT, carriage £58.99 plus VAT, a total of £668.69 plus VAT (no fixing bolts included). If Came & Company are not happy to process a claim then the Parish Council will need to include an appropriate sum in the budget for next year to purchase the new Picnic Bench.

(2) Any other issues relating to the Playing Field and/or Nature Park.

8 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

(1) **Statutory Review: Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Principles:** CWaC is undertaking a review of its Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 to be republished in April 2014. Copies of the proposed policy are available on the main Council web site consultations page or by following this link:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/licensingpolicyconsultations

Comments are invited especially on whether or not the policy adequately addresses the three Licensing Objectives, which are:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime and disorder or being used to support crime.
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Comments are requested by 10 January 2014.

(2) **New Homes Bonus:** The Parish Council has been informed that it is eligible for a payment of New Homes Bonus grant from CWaC's Community Fund. For the current year the grant is £384. The grant has been directly determined by the level of housing growth in the parish area in the period October 2010 to October 2012. It is anticipated that the Parish Council may continue to receive grant in future years. Based on the current Government policy the amount available in future years would be around £192 in 2014-15 and £125 in 2015-16. This year's grant has already been paid into the Parish Council's bank account.

(3) **Community Governance Review:** CWaC has published final recommendations in relation to the review of Mickle Trafford, Bridge Trafford, Wimbolds Trafford, Picton and Hoole Village parishes. A copy is attached. Any comments on the recommendations must be submitted by 17 January 2014.

9 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Publications etc: To note the receipt of publications and other information items that might be of interest to Councillors.

10 HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

Councillor Glazzard will report on progress at the meeting.

11 MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Members are asked to consider holding Parish Council meetings monthly (except August). This will ensure that everyone is kept informed of issues on a regular basis and issues are able to be followed up more quickly, and that the Parish Council is able to comment on planning applications within the timescale for comments set by Cheshire West and Chester. Meetings could take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, subject to the Village Hall being available, or on such a date and time as the Parish Council decides. The meetings would be shorter and would probably last around one hour rather than the current two hours.

12 FINANCE

- (1) **Budget and Precept:** To agree a budget for 2014-15 and to set the precept. A draft budget is attached for consideration.
- (2) **Internal Audit:** To confirm the appointment of Wellfield Accounting Services as the Council's internal auditor for the 2013-14 audit at a cost of £80.
- (3) **Payments:** To approve the payment of salaries/wages and expenses and invoices for goods received and services rendered:

Cheque No		Amount
87	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-expenses December 2013	t.b.c.
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary January 2014	118.72
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages January 2014	242.67
88	Parish Clerk-expenses November-January 2014	20.45
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages February 2014	242.67
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary February 2014	118.72

- (4) **Receipts:**

Cheshire West & Chester – New Homes Bonus	384.00
Bank Interest – 31 December 2013	t.b.c.

- (5) **Other financial matters** To consider any other financial matters

13 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.

- 14 **NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 25 March 2014 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall.