

Little Stanney & District Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2013 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Roy Greenwood (in the Chair), David Astbury, Linda Carter, Paul Carter, John Glazzard, John Jones, Clive Lipscombe, Peter Mountford, Judith Thomas and Ken Whitehouse and Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

13.80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Martin Roberts

13.81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peter Mountford declared a personal interest in Minute 13.84(1) as he was the applicant.

13.82 OPEN FORUM

No public present.

13.83 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

13.84 PLANNING AND LICENSING

(1) Planning Applications Received:

13/04490/LDC	Use of mobile home as residential dwelling at Bridge Farm, Caughall Road, Caughall, Chester CH2 4DA – No objections. Councillor Mountford declared a personal interest in this item as he was the applicant. He remained in the meeting to answer questions about the application. Both the Chairman and Clerk had contacted Cheshire West and Chester about the incorrect address given for this property, which should have been Bridge Farm, Croughton, Chester. No objections
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(2) Decisions: The following decisions were noted.

13/03487/FUL	Single storey side and rear extension (demolition of existing) at Winsmere, Strawberry Way East, Chester CH1 6PH – PERMISSION
13/03495/FUL	Change of use from grassed area to residents car park at Wervin Mobile Home Park, Wervin Road, Wervin, Chester CH2 4BS - PERMISSION

(3) Awaiting Decision:

13/03568/FUL	Proposed new access road from the A5117 to the British Pipeline Agency at Little Stanney Pump Station, Stanney Mill Lane, Chester, Cheshire
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13.85 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) **The Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Addition of Public Footpath No.50 Ellesmere Port) Modification Order 2012:** Following the Inquiry held at Little Stanney Village Hall on 15 October 2013 the Inspector had decided to confirm the Order, which would add this footpath to the Definitive Map and Statement. The Inspector concluded that the evidence presented to the Inquiry demonstrated that there had been 20 years public use of the route between 1991 and 2011 and that there was no evidence that it had been other than as of right and without interruption. She was satisfied that, on balance, a public footpath subsisted over the Order route. The Parish Council thanked the Clerk for instigating the application.

(2) **Street Naming:** Nothing to report. Further information was awaited from CWaC.

(3) **Speed Limits:** The Clerk had received some advice on how to submit an application for a speed limit, and had been informed that the costs would be around £1,200 for the traffic regulation order and any further costs would depend on the amount of signage required. The Parish Council would be expected to contribute at least half of the cost. It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner was offering some grant money towards local safety schemes, including speed limits and it might also be appropriate to approach the Ward Councillor for some funding from his Area Budget. If the Parish

Council wanted to go ahead with an assessment of the two stretches of road, that would be undertaken free of charge by CWaC. It was RESOLVED to ask for an assessment of Rake Lane between its junction with the A5117 and the parish boundary, and Wervin Road between the two newly erected 'road narrows' signs. The results of the traffic count undertaken in September on Wervin Road had not yet been made available by CWaC. It was noted that there had been some speed monitoring on Whitby Lane and the Clerk was asked to request a copy of the results.

- (4) **Flooding:** There were still issues regarding flooding in the area across the road from Casa Mia on Strawberry Way West. The Clerk would report these.
- (5) **Drainage in Stoak:** CWaC had promised to clean out the drains in Stoak, including closing the road for a day to do the grid by The Bungalow, but this had not yet been done. Grass was growing out of the grids on Croughton Road. The Clerk would send a reminder.
- (6) **Road Closure:** The road between the two motorway bridges in Stoak had been closed temporarily to enable work to be done in the highway, with traffic light control. The Parish Council had not been told of this. The Clerk would ask CWaC to ensure that the Parish Council was informed of all work being done in the highway in the four parishes.
- (7) **Outstanding Issues:** The Clerk would follow up the issues below:
 - (a) The waiting restriction sign in the layby outside School House was still awaited.
 - (b) The white stakes promised for the grass verge outside Orion on Whitby Lane were still awaited.

13.86 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

- (1) **Damage to Picnic Bench:** John Nunnerley of Ringwood Fencing had been asked to quote for the repair of the picnic bench. However, following inspection of the bench his advice was that it was beyond economic repair and that any replacement timber would be a different colour to the existing which would not give a good finish. The Clerk had been in contact with Came & Company, the Parish Council's insurers, and had been assured that making a claim was unlikely to have any effect on future premiums. All of their requirements with regard to the provision of information about the incident could be met. It was noted that the usual £250 excess would have to be met by the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should submit a claim to Came & Company and that a new, metal bench should be purchased.
- (2) **Playing Field:** All of the work identified in the Playing Field Inspection Report had now been completed.

13.87 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

- (1) **Adult Social Care Transport Consultation:** The consultation invited views on the changes been considered in relation to the funding and delivery of door to door transport for users of adult social care. Views were sought in particular on the current approaches to adult social care transport services, the principles behind any changes being proposed and a change in practice where the majority of service users funded their own transport needs rather than current practice where the council provided and funded door to door transport services. Suitable alternatives to current transport services were identified. The consultation closed on 24 January 2014. Noted.
- (2) **Public Consultation – Children and Young People's Transport Review:** The consultation invited views on a number of changes being proposed for the transport service offered by CWaC to schools and colleges. For the majority of children and young people eligible for transport from home to their educational establishment, there would remain no change. However, the proposals would impact on some children and young people. Views were sought on proposed changes to existing changes that were at the discretion of the Council, how CWaC could work with service users and the wider community to provide services that were modern, fit for purpose and demonstrated good value for money, and how CWaC could support service users by offering training to enable them to reach their full potential travelling as independently as possible. The consultation closed on 24 January 2014. Noted.

- (3) **The Cheshire West and Chester Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-19:** This would provide all partners in West Cheshire with a set of jointly agreed priorities to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in Cheshire West and Chester. It would be developed with involvement from communities and partner organisations and would focus on issues where the greatest gains could be made through working together. The new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy would be in place from April 2014 and would be aligned with the Sustainable Community Strategy that the Council must produce to set the overall strategic direction and long term vision for the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of an area. In order to co-produce the plan with communities, CWaC had commissioned an organisation called Our Life to hold community conversations about health and wellbeing. As part of the process, everyone in Cheshire West and Chester was invited to give their views on their health and wellbeing priorities through www.wellbeingmatters.org.uk. Noted.
- (4) **Annual Public Health Report:** 'A Year in the life of Public Health 2013' was the first independent Director of Public Health Report following the successful move of Public Health from the NHS to CWaC on 1 April 2013. The focus of the report was encouraging change to improve our health and wellbeing, highlighting areas where more could be done to improve health and tackle some of the challenges. The report and the Public Health Statistical Compendium 2013 were available online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/publichealth2013. Noted.
- (5) **"A year of Achievements"** – Annual Report 2012/13. Received and noted.

13.88 INCE RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK

The last meeting had been held on 25 September 2013 when it had been reported that Peel now wanted to start developing the Resource Recovery Park. The current planning conditions required Peel to start environmental mitigation work and build the deep water berth and rail link. However, Peel did not consider the rail facilities and berth to be necessary for the first phase and would seek an appropriate variation in the planning conditions to enable them to start the first phase without these two components. The first phase would now include the development of plots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9 and the biomass facility which would provide power for the site. It was emphasised that the Ince Part site would remain a multi-modal site and that it was still the company's intention and desire to build the berth and rail link. Not proceeding with them at this stage would enable work to start more quickly. The next meeting would be in January 2014.

13.89 CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS AGM

Councillor Astbury and the Clerk had attended the AGM of ChALC held on 24 October 2013 at Fire Brigade HQ in Winsford. The keynote speech, entitled 'Localism and Looking Forward to 2015', had been given by John Findlay, Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils. As agreed at the last meeting, the Parish Council had put forward the following Motion for debate:

"This meeting calls upon the Cheshire Association of Local Councils to renegotiate a new Charter with Cheshire West and Chester Council based on that which existed in 1999 to ensure effective working between the two tiers of local government on all aspects of local government in Cheshire and that all officers of Cheshire West and Chester and all Local Councils in the Borough should be made aware of the terms of that Charter and should use it as a basis for mutual respect and co-operation."

The Motion had been carried unanimously.

13.90 PROTOCOL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PARISH WEBSITE

A draft protocol had been circulated at the last meeting and Councillors had been invited to feed back any comments to this meeting. No comments were made and it was RESOLVED that the protocol be adopted.

13.91 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/ISSUES

- (1) **Publications etc:** To note the receipt of the following publications and other information items that might be of interest to Councillors. :
- (1) *Partnerships West bulletin – October 2013*
 (2) *CWaC History and Heritage – Winter 2013*

- (3) CWaC Exhibitions & Events – October 2013-January 2014
- (4) Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2012
- (5) ChALC Newsletter – October 2013
- (6) CWaC Bulletin for Local Councils – November 2013

13.92 FINANCE

(1) **Payments:** The following payments were approved:

Cheque No		Amount
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages November 2013	242.67
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary November 2013	118.72
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83	Ringwood Fencing – Repair of Climbing Frame	257.54
84	Parish Clerk – Expenses September-November 2013	51.37
85	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax October-December 2013	271.02
86	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner) – expenses November 2013	37.80
88	P Jones-hedge trim Nature Park	50.00
89	J Jones-bulbs / petrol for mower	22.98

(2) **Receipts:** The following receipts were noted:

Bank interest (30 September 2013)	2.07
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(3) **Draft Budget for 2014-15:** Councillor Astbury raised the issue of tree planting, especially along the A5117.

13.93 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business brought forward under Standing Order 1(18).

13.94 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

No specific issues raised.

13.95 MEETINGS IN 2014

The following dates were approved for meetings in 2014:

Tuesday 28 January 2014	Tuesday 22 July 2014
Tuesday 25 March 2014	Tuesday 23 September 2014
Tuesday 27 May 2014	Tuesday 25 November 2014

The dates had been cleared with the Village Hall