

Little Stanney & District Parish Council

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COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the Meeting of the Council to be held in **LITTLE STANNEY VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2014** at **7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below



Parish Clerk
17.06.14

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**
Councillors are reminded that, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, they should declare any personal interests they have in any matter to be considered at the meeting. The declaration should be made before the matter is considered or as soon as the Councillor becomes aware that a declaration is required. If the interest is a prejudicial one, this must be declared and the Councillor should withdraw from the meeting. It is the Councillor's responsibility to decide whether or not a matter should be declared, although the Clerk will offer advice on the interpretation of the Code if required.
- 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**
To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 May 2014 as a correct record.
- 5 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**
To receive the annual internal audit report from Wellfield Accounting Services and to note the conclusions drawn and any suggestions made.
- 6 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**
Financial Regulations have been revised to take account of the Council's decision to make payments by BACS transfer where appropriate following the repeal of Section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 which removed the requirement for payments by Parish Councils to be made by a cheque signed by two authorised signatories. The amendments relating to this are in paragraph 6. Paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 relating to Audit have also been added. The amendments comply with the NALC Model Financial Regulations, suitably modified to reflect a small Parish Council. The Parish Council is recommended to adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

7 PLANNING

(1) Applications Received for consideration and comment:

14/02159/FUL	Conversion of existing barn into residential unit at Pennywell Farm, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA
14/02160/LDC	2 No. Detached garage blocks to existing dwelling at Pennywell Farm, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA

(2) Consultations as Neighbouring Authority:

14/02271/S73	Variation of condition 15 (acoustic barriers) and removal of conditions 33 (upgrades to canal berth) and 34 (railway line) of planning application 11/04083/OUT at Plot 3, Ince Resource Recovery Park, Grinsome Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire
14/02272/S73	Variation of conditions 2 (scale and appearance), 3 (reserved matters), 6 (approved plans), 9 (HGV movements), 10 (car parking provision), 12 (vehicular access), 16 (Canal upgrade works), 17 (railway line), 19 (site gatehouse), 33 (acoustic barriers) and 46 (Business centre and village) of planning permission 10/01488/FUL at Ince Resource Recovery Park, Grinsome Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire
14/02278/S73	Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 14 (acoustic barriers), 26 (car parking provision), 28 (vehicular access) and 31 (vehicle movements) and removal of conditions 29 (Grinsome Road works), 33 (Canal upgrade works) and 34 (railway line) of planning application 11/00040/WAS at Plot 9, Ince Resource Recovery Park, Grinsome Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

(3) Decisions since the last meeting of the Parish Council: None taken

8 HIGHWAY, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) To receive an update on progress with outstanding issues

- (a) Street Naming
- (b) Speed Limits
- (c) Waiting Restriction outside School House
- (d) Bridleways

(2) **Fly-tipping:** There has been an increase in fly-tipping within the parish this month with incidents reported at the junction of Picton Lane and Ashwood Lane (wooden bed), Pretty Bridge (trees and other foliage dumped in the middle of Croughton Road) and the top of Croughton Road, Stoak beyond the bollards. These incidents have been reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) who have been asked to advise on further measures to prevent fly-tipping on Croughton Road. It is also noted that there has been a build-up of items in The Culvert, which has also been reported to CWaC.

(3) **Grass Verges:** Complaints have been received about the lack of grass cutting along the verges, especially in Wervin around Fox Covert Lane. The Amenity Cleaner has advised that the schedule for the rural cut does not seem to be being maintained. This has been reported to CWaC and the situation will be monitored.

9 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

To consider any issues relating to the Playing Field and Nature Park

10 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

(1) **Seamless Care, Closer to Home 2014-2017:** CWaC are consulting residents on a new Commissioning Plan called "Seamless Care, Closer to Home". The Plan outlines the information, context and approach that will shape the delivery of adult social care services for the next three years. The Plan is consistent with the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is also the subject of public consultation and has been the main driver behind the development of the first Market Position Statement for adult social care, published in March. The Plan is based on four themes. These are Interaction: working alongside resident groups to develop community capacity; Innovation: piloting new models for services and new ways of working; Investment: actively shaping and managing the local market, whilst prioritising evidence based services; and Integration: building on the strong foundations of partnership working in the borough to develop services built around the needs of citizens. The full

document, an easy read version (copy attached) and the feedback form can be accessed via. www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/commissioningplan. or by request from: commissioningandcontracts@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. The consultation will last for three months and the outcome will be published later in the year.

- (2) **Chester Bus Interchange:** The Chester Transport Strategy, approved by CWaC's Executive in February 2014, endorsed a new city centre Bus Interchange at Gorse Stacks. The concept scheme proposals and feasibility study into plans for the new Bus Interchange have recently been completed by Transport Consultants Mott Macdonald working with architects Austin Smith Lord. It is anticipated that the delivery of the new facility will bring a number of transport related benefits including better integration between bus services and with the rail station; reduced delays and congestion and more consistent journey times; increased bus patronage and reduced single occupant private car use; improved air quality in key areas of the city; and improved linkages to pedestrian and cycle routes along the Shropshire Union Canal. Public Consultation on the Concept Scheme is now under way prior to the commissioning of detailed design development work. The relocation of Chester Bus Interchange to Gorse Stacks is planned for June 2016 to enable work to commence on the proposed Northgate Development.

11 INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM

To receive a report from the Chairman

12 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Local Councils' Charter:** The Charter between Parish Councils in Cheshire, the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) and the then County and District Councils was first developed in 2005 and was refreshed in 2009. At the ChALC Annual Meeting in October 2013 a motion was passed to review and refresh the Charter. Comments are requested on the attached document which will form the basis for developing and building on the existing foundations for facilitating effective working relationships. The Charter will focus on the broad principles of effective working relationships and will be supported by a number of supplementary specific protocols around planning, working with young people, standards and complaints procedures. Comments are requested to ChALC by 30 June 2014.
- (2) **Punishment of Offenders ("Community Remedy") – Consultation:** Section 101 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 requires Police & Crime Commissioners (PCC) to prepare a 'Community Remedy'. John Dwyer, the PCC for Cheshire, is carrying out a simple, short consultation on the appropriate options for the punishment, rehabilitation and reparation of offenders of anti-social behaviour and low level crime such as criminal damage and low value theft by means of a survey. People are asked to select the most appropriate remedies from a list of options and to suggest possible additional sanctions. Community Remedy complements the Police & Crime Plan priority to place victims at the centre of policing by giving them a say in the way offenders are dealt with. Following the consultation the PCC will publish a Community Remedy Document which police officers will use to invite victims to choose an appropriate sanction for the crime committed against them. This could be a letter of apology, mediation, paying compensation or repairing damage. The offender can either accept it or face more formal action through the criminal justice system. The survey is attached and is also available on the PCC website and the consultation is open until 15 August 2014. The link is <http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/News-and-Events/News/2014/05/Public-to-Decide-on-Punishment-of-Offenders.aspx>
- (3) **Connecting Cheshire:** Update June 2014

13 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	Parish Clerk – salary June 2014	123.20
S/O	Amenity Cleaner – wages June 2014	242.67
BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses June 2014	23.41
BACS	Amenity Cleaner – expenses June 2014	t.b.c.
BACS	Wellfield Accounting Services Ltd – Internal Audit fee	80.00

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

14 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.

15 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

16 NEXT MEETING

22 July 2014 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall