

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, 26 AUGUST 2014** at **7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below



Parish Clerk
19.08.14

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 Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 July 2014 as a correct record.

5 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) **U-turns in Stanney Lane:** At the last meeting the problems relating to U-turns in Stanney Lane were discussed along with the possible changes to signage around Junction 10 to try to stop this from happening. A major review of the signing of all the major gateways into Ellesmere Port is currently being commissioned by CWaC and will include the signage and lining around Junction 10. In the interim additional signing guiding shoppers to "Cheshire Oaks" via Longlooms Road has been ordered and will be erected shortly. To complement this CWaC have suggested a Prohibition of the Right Hand Turn into Stanney Lane from the A5117. The left hand turn for traffic approaching from the west would still be allowed as would left and right turns out of the lane onto A5117. For discussion.
- (2) **Speed Limits:** The assessment of both Rake Lane and Wervin Road has now been completed and has been sent to Cheshire Police for their comments.
- (3) **Waiting Restriction outside School House:** A revised order is currently being advertised that will prohibit waiting at any time in the layby outside School House. This will not prevent vehicles from stopping to deliver goods to School House.

- (4) **Bridleways:** To report on progress with the actions agreed following the site visit on 16 July. The Clerk has reported the lack of funding for public rights of way to Councillor Lynn Riley, Executive Member for Localities, and has received the following response: "With the increasing demands in adult and children's services any extra funding is quickly appropriated into key front line people services. I totally agree with you about the importance of our PROWs and we continue to look for ways to deliver services that cost less. We are hoping to deliver a very different event for the next T&PC jamboree in September and hopefully we will be providing a more conducive forum to really get that devolution of service debate going."

6 PLANNING

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

14/02834/FUL	Agricultural building, OS Field Number 8277, Picton Lane, Wervin, Chester, Cheshire
14/03076/FUL	Single Storey rear extension at Ty Ni, Whitby Lane, Backford, Chester, CH1 6PH

- (2) **Decisions:**

14/02313/FUL	Two storey rear extension at Church View, Church Lane, Stoak, Chester Cheshire CH2 4HP - PERMISSION
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- (3) **Awaiting Decision:**

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
14/02532/FUL	Replace mobile home with Log Cabin at OS Field Numbers 7363 5880 and 6600, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester

7 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

- (1) **Play Area Inspection Report:** The report of the inspection undertaken on 24 June 2014 has been received from Morral Play Services. The main issue raised in the report is the condition of the Junior Multi-Play Unit (climbing frame and slide), the condition of which is unsatisfactory. The Inspector recommends that consideration be given to replacing this item which, in his words, is "past its best". He also expresses concern about the level of the woodchip safety surface. It was reported at the last meeting that there was a possibility of the Parish Council being allocated some funding from the S.106 requirement attached to the Wood Farm development. It has now been confirmed that the Parish Council is able to make a bid and the Clerk is seeking quotations for a replacement unit and safety surface.

8 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

- (1) **Community Governance Review:** Following the decision at the last meeting not to pursue the inclusion of the four properties at the end of Whitby Lane within the parish boundary, revised recommendations for the parishes of Croughton, Little Stanney, Stoak and Wervin have now been published. The deadline for any comments is 27 August 2014. A copy of the revised report is attached.
- (2) **Webchat:** The CWaC website attracts a large number of visitors each day and is one of the main places that residents look when searching for methods of contacting the Council. Customer Services have recently implemented a Webchat pilot to allow

customers visiting the CWaC website to speak online to a member of staff about Council services. Customers type a question into the Webchat form, connecting them to a member of staff in the Contact Centre. Webchat is initially being piloted with Waste Collection and Streetscene, helping customers with issues such as replacement containers, bulky waste collections and fly-tipping. If the initial pilot is a success, it is planned to be rolled out to all services offered within the Contact Centre.

- (3) **Local Plan (Part One) Strategic Policies:** These were recently the subject of three weeks of hearings as part of its public examination. The Local Plan Inspector confirmed that the Local Plan could be made sound through main modifications. CWaC officers will produce a full schedule of modifications that will be returned to the Inspector before the six week public consultation commences on 8 September. The Inspector's outline of modifications can be viewed at document ED135 of the Examination webpage: <http://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/file/3066817>
- (4) **Housing Strategy Consultation:** At the last meeting it was agreed that the Clerk should read through the document and make suggestions as to a Parish Council response. Having read through the online survey, it would seem more appropriate for it to be completed by individuals, as it could be difficult to agree a group response. The online survey can be accessed via the following link: <https://surveys.cwric.org.uk/cwac/TakeSurvey.aspx>. The closing date for comments is 26 September 2014.
- (5) **Growth and Prosperity Transformation Programme – Public Consultation:** As with the Housing Strategy Consultation above, it would probably be more appropriate for this survey to be completed by individuals as opinions may differ. The consultation runs to 5 October 2014 and the online questionnaire is available at <https://surveys.cwric.org.uk/cwac/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=n4M>.
- (6) **Development Planning–consultation:** The Development Planning service is currently carrying out a consultation exercise as part of a wider programme of service assessment throughout the Growth and Prosperity Directorate of the Council. Since 2010, the Government's priority to address the national budget deficit has had a significant impact on councils and driven the need for the council to explore new and innovative ways of delivering services with less funding. CWaC has also given a firm commitment to increasing economic growth within the borough. To balance these priorities, a number of services are being assessed to ensure that they are providing value for money and incorporating best practice, whilst meeting the needs of consumers. Local Councils have been identified as a key stakeholder and their views will form a crucial element in designing how the service is delivered in the future. The consultation period will involve a number of different mechanisms for speaking with and obtaining the views of our stakeholders. An important part of this is an online survey which is available at: http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your_council/consultations_and_petitions/council_consultations/growth_and_prosperity_consulta.aspx
The final date for responses is 5 October 2014.
- (7) **Chester Forum:** In September and October CWaC staff will leave the offices in Chester's Forum. Only the Customer Advice Centre will remain open on the ground floor with public access unchanged. Some staff will be relocated to Nicholas House and HQ building in Chester and the remainder to the council's Ellesmere Port offices in Civic Way. Whilst staff will re-locate to other accommodation, CWaC will continue in its efforts to increase footfall in the Forum and support its market traders before the building makes way for the Northgate Development scheme at the end of 2016. Discount chain store, B&M Bargains, is expected to join Poundland in the Forum soon and CWaC is currently in negotiation with other potential tenants. Signage to Chester Market in being improved; an advertising campaign on local radio is to be launched in October and the Council is talking to traders about further ways to promote the Market. For information.

9 INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM

To report on any issues arising since the last meeting.

10 OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS

The above Regulations came into force on 6 August 2014. They apply to all councils and other local government bodies in England and give the press and public the right to film and to report using social media, including blogging and tweeting, all of a body's public meetings. The Regulations also give the public the right to access information about the ore important decisions taken by a body's officers on behalf of a body. From 6 August all local government bodies are legally bound to ensure everyone can exercise their new rights. The government has advised that any provisions in a body's Standing Orders that could be taken to inhibit the new reporting rules should be waived pending formally updating Standing Orders, which should be done as soon as practicable. Advice is awaited on the correct wording for any amendment to Standing Orders but in the meantime it is recommended that the Parish Council waive Standing Orders 1(13) and 1(14).

11 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Community Road Safety:** A meeting has been arranged by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) to discuss Community Road Safety in our parishes. The meeting is being held in partnership with the Police Commissioner, John Dwyer, and will take place on Thursday 25 September at Police Headquarters in Winsford. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30pm and the meeting will commence at 7pm. The speakers, along with John Dwyer, include representatives from the Cheshire & Warrington Road Safety Partnership and the Fire & Rescue Service and examples will be given from parish councils. The aim of the event is to develop a better understanding of what and how community road safety issues can be addressed within our parish and town councils. The event is free. Two places have been allocated per Council, which should be booked by 12 September 2014.
- (2) **Cheshire Police:** Monthly Newsletter – July 2014 (copy attached)
- (3) **Publications:** None

12 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 August 2014	123.20
S/O	Amenity Cleaner – wages August 2014	242.67
BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses August 2014	39.79
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- (2) **Receipts:** To note any receipts:

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 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 23 September at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall