

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:**

(3) **Waiting Restriction outside 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: None taken since the last meeting of the Parish Council

(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
14/02313/FUL	Two storey rear extension at Church View, Church Lane, Stoak, Chester Cheshire CH2 4HP

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. The Clerk is exploring this with CWaC.

8 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

(1) **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.

(2) **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, Mr Kevin Ward, confirmed that the Local Plan could be made sound through main

modifications and an outline of the main modifications has been published on the examination webpage. 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 will only accept comments during this time where they relate to the proposed wording of a modification. The Inspector's outline of the changes required to make the Plan sound are fairly limited in nature and do not relate to the Plan's approach with regard to the overall housing requirement, the distribution of the housing requirement or the approach to Green Belt. Although the Council will need to await the Inspector's report for his final conclusions (that will take account of the modifications consultation) the outline of modifications can be seen as another positive step towards adoption of the Plan. The Inspector's outline of modifications can be viewed at document ED135 of the Examination webpage: <http://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/file/3066817>

- (3) **Housing Strategy Consultation:** Following consultation with key partners and other stakeholders, a new Housing Strategy for Cheshire West and Chester has been published as a draft for public consultation. The Strategy sets out the Council's vision and aims for housing in the borough for the next five years, the key issues affecting the local housing market and what the Council intends to do to help overcome these challenges and improve housing outcomes for local people. The draft strategy identifies three key priorities and a series of proposed actions. These are: Priority 1: Increasing and enabling supply: more homes stable growth Priority 2: Improving access to housing Priority 3: Improving housing quality, sustainability and design. The Housing Strategy will cover a five year period, but will be reviewed annually. Consultation on the draft strategy closes on Friday 26 September 2014. Full details, including an online questionnaire, are available on the website using the link www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/housingstrategyconsultation The final version of the Housing Strategy will be submitted to the Executive for approval in November and will be launched later this year.
- (3) **Growth and Prosperity Transformation Programme – Public Consultation:** Since 2010, the Government's priority to address the national budget deficit has driven the need for the council to explore new and innovative ways of delivering services with less funding. Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) has also given a firm commitment to increasing economic growth within the borough to ensure West Cheshire is the place of choice for people to invest, live, work and visit; has a prosperous, growing and dynamic economy; and is a place that enables residents and communities to thrive and prosper. To balance these two 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 customers. Views are sought on the following services:

Service	Description
Museums	This service manages the museums that are owned by the council.
Development Planning	Deals with the process of managing the development of land and buildings, ranging from large developments to house extensions.
Total Environment	Brings together a broad range of environmentally related functions encompassing the built and natural environment within the borough.
Housing Solutions	Supports people that are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless and the Trust Homechoice register for social housing.
Markets	This service manages the council owned markets.
Property	
Asset Management	This function deals with the strategic decisions in relation to the operational buildings that are owned by the council.
Estates Management	This function deals with the commercial buildings that CWaC owns and all related landlord functions.
Capital Delivery	Supports all the council's capital construction building works delivered by the private sector from procurement, through the design process and construction activities on site, to handover.

Investment & Development	A specialist team focused on maximising investment or development opportunities using the council's land and buildings.
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During the service reviews, changes may be identified to improve services and identify efficiencies that could have an impact on the public and businesses. Therefore this consultation document is asking for:

1. suggestions to help improve local services
2. opinions on different ways of working
3. views on who should deliver these services in the future

The consultation runs from 14 July to 5 October 2014 and is available at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/consultation. This link will provide access to a copy of the consultation document, and an online questionnaire. The information gathered will be used to ensure that the way things are done in the future will improve services. The feedback from the consultation and responses from other stakeholder engagement activities, will inform recommendations being considered by the Council's Executive later in the year.

- (4) 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 the 5th October 2014.

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 more 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.

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

(3) **Publications:**

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	
BACS	Amenity Cleaner – expenses August 2014	t.b.c.

(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