

Little Stanney & District Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 24 June 2014 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors David Astbury, Linda Carter, Paul Carter, Chris Dilworth, John Glazzard, Roy Greenwood, John Jones, Clive Lipscombe, Martin Roberts and Judith Thomas.

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk). There was xx member of the public present.

14.67 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Pete Mountford Heatley

14.68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

14.69 OPEN FORUM

14.70 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 May 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

14.71 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The annual internal audit report had been received from Wellfield Accounting Services and it was resolved that the conclusions drawn and any suggestions made be noted.

14.72 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Financial Regulations had 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 were in paragraph 6. Paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 relating to Audit had also been added. The amendments complied with the NALC Model Financial Regulations, suitably modified to reflect a small Parish Council. It was resolved that the revised Financial Regulations be adopted.

14.73 PLANNING AND LICENSING

(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

14.74 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) The Parish Council was updated on progress with the following outstanding issues

- (a) **Street Naming:** The signs for Old Farm Way and Hill View Way on the A5117 had been installed and the signing was now complete.
 - (b) **Speed Limits:**
 - (c) **Waiting Restriction outside School House:** The TRO had been advertised, no objections had been received and it would be signed and sealed by CWaC's legal department during the first week July. The sign had been ordered. Although the 30 minute restriction with no return within the hour was not what the Parish Council had wanted, as it still meant that the layby could be permanently occupied by vehicles, the situation would be monitored. If lack of visibility from Little Stanney Lane continued to be a problem, the Parish Council would ask CWaC to find another solution.
 - (d) **Bridleways:** Pete Atkinson, CWaC Greenspace, was happy to meet with Councillors on site.
- (2) **Fly-tipping:** There had 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 had been reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) who had been asked to advise on further measures to prevent fly-tipping on Croughton Road. It was also noted that there had been a build-up of items in The Culvert, which had also been reported to CWaC.
- (3) **Grass Verges:** Complaints had been received about the lack of grass cutting along the verges, especially in Wervin around Fox Covert Lane. The Amenity Cleaner had advised that the schedule for the rural cut did not seem to be being maintained. This had been reported to CWaC and the situation would be monitored.

14.75 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

14.76 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

- (1) **Seamless Care, Closer to Home 2014-2017:** It was reported that CWaC were consulting residents on a new Commissioning Plan called "Seamless Care, Closer to Home". The Plan outlined the information, context and approach that would shape the delivery of adult social care services for the next three years. An easy read version of the document had been circulated with the agenda. The consultation would last for three months and the outcome would be published later in the year.
- (2) **Chester Bus Interchange:** It was reported that the Chester Transport Strategy, approved by CWaC's Executive in February 2014, had endorsed a new city centre Bus Interchange at Gorse Stacks. The concept scheme proposals and feasibility study had recently been completed and public consultation was now under way prior to the commissioning of detailed design development work. The relocation of Chester Bus Interchange to Gorse Stacks was planned for June 2016 to enable work to commence on the proposed Northgate Development.

14.77 INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM

14.78 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 had been refreshed in 2009. At the ChALC Annual Meeting in October 2013 a motion (proposed by Little Stanney & District

Parish Council) was passed to review and refresh the Charter. Comments were requested by 30 June 2014 on the basis for developing and building on the existing foundations for facilitating effective working relationships. The Charter would focus on the broad principles of effective working relationships and would be supported by a number of supplementary specific protocols around planning, working with young people, standards and complaints procedures.

- (2) **Punishment of Offenders (“Community Remedy”) – Consultation:** Section 101 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 required Police & Crime Commissioners (PCC) to prepare a ‘Community Remedy’. John Dwyer, the PCC for Cheshire, was 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. Following the consultation the PCC would publish a Community Remedy Document which police officers would use to invite victims to choose an appropriate sanction for the crime committed against them. The consultation closed on 15 August 2014.
- (3) **Connecting Cheshire:** The update for June 2014 was received and noted.

14.79 FINANCE

- (1) **Payments:** The following payments were noted/approved:

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
98	HMRC-Income tax April-June 2014	

- (2) **Receipts:** None:

14.80 URGENT BUSINESS

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

14.81 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 June 2014 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall