

Little Stanney & District Parish Council

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in **LITTLE STANNEY VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2015** at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below



Parish Clerk
20 January 2015

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 / 07890 140412 / 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 28 October 2014 as a correct record. **Enc A**

5 PLANNING

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

14/05064/DIS	Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 5 (window details) and 7 (mitigation of swallows) as approved under permission 13/05178/FUL at Stanney House, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Little Stanney, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4HZ
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(2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council:

14/04500/FUL	Change of use from agricultural grazing land to equestrian all weather outdoor arena at 4 Ashwood Farm Court, Picton Lane, Wervin, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4HF – PERMISSION
14/04841/FUL	Single storey rear extension at Ty Ni, Strawberry Cross, Whitby Lane, Backford, Chester CH1 6PH – PERMISSION
14/04928/FUL	Additional office space and a site security cabin at Ellesmere Port Waste Water Treatment Works, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Thornton-le-Moors, Chester, CH2 4JA - PERMISSION

(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,
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	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

6 HIGHWAY, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) Issues raised at the last meeting:
 - (a) **U-turns in Stanney Lane:** Update
 - (b) **Speed Limits:** Update
 - (c) **Bin by Longlooms roundabout:** The Amenity Cleaner had reached agreement with the bin collection operatives to leave his filled bags for collection on the corner of Longlooms/A5117 so there was no need to change the dog bin.
 - (d) **Road Investment Strategy:** Attached is a briefing note setting out the proposals for local schemes which are part of a £15 billion investment programme proposed by the Government in December 2014. **Enc B**
- (2) To consider any other issues relating to highways, rights of way or amenity cleaning.

7 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

- (1) Update on new play equipment
- (2) Any other issues relating to the Playing Field or Nature Park

8 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

- (1) **New Chester Bus Interchange at Gorse Stacks:** Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership have confirmed that the business case submitted for the Chester Central Transport Improvements Package, which includes the bus interchange and planned improvements to paving and streetscape in pedestrian routes adjoining Gorse Stacks, has received government approval and will be progressed to a formal grant award early in the new year. The Council's Strategic Planning Committee has given formal approval to the planning application for the bus interchange, subject to a number of conditions. Now that funding and planning permission have been confirmed it is anticipated that a preferred construction bidder will be identified by the end of April 2015 with a planned start on site scheduled for early summer 2015. Early enabling works on utility diversions will commence in the spring. The construction programme is expected to last around 15 months and the bus interchange should be ready for operational service towards the end of 2016. There will be active consultation with local residents and groups throughout this period to minimise disruption and ensure the final product fully meets the needs of users. Further detailed design work will be progressed over the next few months along with work to ensure that the planning conditions can be discharged.
- (2) **Annual Public Health Report:** Together with communities, partners and other local organisations, the public health team works to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities in Cheshire West and Chester. Good progress has been made in tackling early deaths from cancer, stroke and heart disease, but challenges remain, such as increased drinking levels, high levels of smoking and high numbers of people whose weight is unhealthy, particularly amongst children. Of particular concern is the difference in life expectancy across communities. The focus of the Annual Health Report is encouraging change to improve our health and wellbeing; highlighting actions that individuals can undertake to benefit their own and their family's health and showing what is happening around the Borough. Each chapter in the Report relates to a month in the year and a different topic which outlines key information, the ways health can be improved, local organisations who are actively working on the topic and personal success stories. Topics include: NHS health checks, Healthy pregnancy, Respiratory health, Walking and cycling, Oral health, Alcohol, Cancer screening, Dementia friendly communities, Road safety, Isolation and LGBT people, Active ageing, Starting well

9 INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM

Chairman to report

10 COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUILD

To give further consideration to the proposal to develop the site at Lawnswood, Little Stanney.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Proposed Changes to Podiatry Services in West Cheshire:** Cheshire and Wirral Partnership and the West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group have issued a consultation document on proposed changes to the way in which the podiatry service in West Cheshire is to be offered. The three options for consideration are set out in the attached document. **Enc C**

The consultation closes on 1 March 2015 and views can be made known by completing a response form, completing the on-line version of the consultation document or by attending one of the public meetings in January and February at the following venues:

Civic Way, Ellesmere Port	26 January 2015	2pm-3pm
Princeway Health Centre, Frodsham	9 February 2015	2pm-3pm
Tarporley Community Centre	16 February 2015	5pm-6pm
Malpas Village Hall	23 February 2015	5pm-6pm
Neston Village Hall	26 February 2015	2pm-3pm

- (2) **The Cheshire "Meet the Developer" Event:** A One-day Event for Cheshire Communities to Engage with Developers to be held on 12 March 2015, 10.00am to 3.30pm at Crewe Alexandra Football Ground. This event has been organised to bring together Local Councils and organisations that are developing homes across Cheshire. The event is a response to requests from Local Councils producing Neighbourhood Plans (and those that aren't) to help them engage with developers and vice versa. Both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester are two of the most active Neighbourhood Planning areas in the country and Cheshire Community Action is taking the lead in supporting this engagement. The event will help Town and Parish Councils find out what developers do and how they operate; learn about the different ways homes are developed; build contacts with developers to help with Neighbourhood Plan consultations or to work collaboratively to deliver housing to meet community needs; provide the opportunity to ask specific questions about how development works, how it relates to neighbourhood plans and what benefits can be achieved by working collaboratively with both social and private housing developers; and convey how the community would like to work with developers in a positive, constructive and neutral environment. The event is being organised by Cheshire Community Action and booking is required by 20 February 2015
- (3) **Rural Housing Alliance:** To note the contents of a letter from Peter Moore, Chair, Rural Housing Alliance about Affordable Rural Housing (copy attached). **Enc D**
- (4) **Community Pride Competition 2015:** One entry fee covers all competitions and is based on population. The following awards are on offer:

Category	Deadline	Entry Fee	
Best Kept Village	13 March 2015	Under 400	£25
Best Community Newsletter	13 March 2015	400-600	£28
Best Community Website	13 March 2015	601-1,000	£28
Village Community Safety Award	13 March 2015	1,001-2,500	£35
Working with/by Young People	15 April 2015	2,501-5,000	£40
Best Community Initiative	15 April 2015	5,001 – 10,000	£50
Community Champion Award	15 April 2015	Market Towns	£60
Cheshire Community Safety Award	15 April 2015		

- (5) **Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner:** To note the feedback from the meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner held on 10 July 2014. The next meeting is on 27 January 2015 at the Community Centre, Weaverham. **Enc E**

(6) **Cheshire Constabulary Review of the Year 2014:** Cheshire Constabulary does not produce a formal annual report, so they have created a Review of the Year for 2014 which is available on line at www.supportcheshirepolice.com/review. The Review focuses on the achievements of the police force and the changes that have been introduced in the past year. Some of the highlights include a number of high profile operations to target crime; the formation of a new leadership team and the introduction of new and improved ways of working. A copy is attached. **Enc F**

(7) **Publications:**

- Clerks and Councils Direct January 2015

12 FINANCE

(1) **Budget and Precept for 2015-16:** To agree a budget for 2015-16, the Clerk's salary and the Amenity Cleaner's hourly rate and to set the precept (report attached). **Enc G**

Recommended: That

- (1) The budget for 2015-16 be agreed;
- (2) the Clerk's salary from 1 January 2015 be increased to £154.99 per month (£1,859.88 per annum gross) in line with SCP26 on the NJC pay scales;
- (3) the Clerk's salary from 1 April 2015 be increased by one spinal column point to SCP27, £1,921.44 per annum (£160.12 per month gross)
- (4) the non-consolidated payment of £8.11 (£6.49 net) made in December 2014 be noted and a further £7 gross (£5.60 net) payment be made on 1 April 2015;
- (5) the monthly fixed payment for 2015-16 should remain at £10 per month;
- (6) the rate per mile to be paid for casual use of own transport by both employees and Councillors on Parish Council approved business should remain at 45p per mile;
- (7) the Amenity Cleaner's hourly rate be increased to £7.40 from 1 April 2015.
- (8) the precept be set at £7,500 plus the CTRS sum of £535 making a total precept of £8,035. To raise the £7,500 there would be an approximate charge of £42.86 to each Band D property.

(2) **Internal Audit for 2014-15:** It is recommended that Wellfield Accounting Services be appointed to conduct the audit of the 2014-15 accounts at a cost of £84.

(3) **Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities:** The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 sets out a new audit framework for local public authorities which are currently covered by the Audit Commission regime. Under the new audit framework Local Councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 will be exempt from routine external audit and will be subject to new transparency requirements laid out in the Code. The Code sets out what smaller authorities should publish and when and how the information should be published. **Enc H**

(4) **Payments:** To note/approve the payment of salaries/wages and expenses and invoices for goods received and services rendered.

Cheque No		Amount
107	Cheque void	
108	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax October-December 2014	282.51
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages January 2015	251.33
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary January 2015	123.99
BACS	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner) – expenses January 2015	t.b.c
BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses January 2015	23.41

(5) **Receipts:** To note any receipts:

Unity Trust Bank – bank interest	1.89
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13 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall