

Little Stanney & District Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 24 March 2015 at Little Stanney Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors John Glazzard (in the Chair), David Astbury, Linda Carter, Clive Lipscombe, Pete Mountford and Judith Thomas

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk), Councillor Justin Madders, Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC), Kristian Marsh, Highways Agency, Kieran Collins, CWaC, PC Kevin Ross and three members of the public.

15.30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Paul Carter, Chris Dilworth, Roy Greenwood and John Jones

15.31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

15.32 OPEN FORUM

A resident complained about the amount of rubbish that had accumulated to the rear of the Blue Planet and in the hedges around KFC and TGI Friday and the mess left in the grass verge before the dual carriageway by contractors following the installation of electric cables.

PC Kevin Ross reported that there had been no recorded speeding issues in the villages and that nothing untoward had been noted on the Nature Park. He was asked to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to the Police for their attention to issues on the Strawberry roundabout.

15.33 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

15.34 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) **Traffic Issues at Junction 10/A5117:** The Parish Council welcomed Kristian Marsh, Asset Manager of the Highways Agency, and Kieran Collins, Area Highways Manager, Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) to the meeting. A representative from Cheshire Oaks Shopping Centre had been invited but had been unable to attend. The Leader and Chief Executive of CWaC had also declined the invitation to attend but had stated that the Council was currently in the process of assessing all signage in and around M53 Junction 10 and A5117 as part of the M53 Gateway Signage audit being undertaken by consultants Aecom. The Chairman invited the public to take part in the debate and the main issue raised related to signage. The main purpose of the current layout of Junction 10 was to ensure that traffic did not back up onto the M53, which appeared to work except on extremely busy days, and it was confirmed that the needs of other motorists had been a secondary consideration. Aecom's remit was to attract people into Ellesmere Port and to sort out the problems at Junction 10. They would look at what could be replaced and how best this could be done. A gantry on the M53 telling people which lane they should be in before leaving the motorway was suggested, and if this was necessary it would be considered, but the cost had to be factored in.

(2) **Speed Limits** - the consultation on the proposed speed limits on Rake Lane and Wervin Road would not take place until after the elections.

(3) **Ellesmere Port Gateway Sign:** No decision had been made about the location of the proposed Ellesmere Port gateway sign by the Strawberry roundabout. Possible sites had been ruled out because of underground cabling. The only suitable site approved by CWaC was on the verge outside the Murco garage, but this would mean the sign would face in the wrong direction. Discussions were ongoing.

15.35 PLANNING

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

15/00145/FUL	Conversion of existing barn into residential unit – Amendment to application 14/02159/FUL at Pennywell Farm, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA – no comments to be made
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- (2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council:

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 - 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
14/02278/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

15.36 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

- (1) **Play Area:** The Clerk had still not received any response from CWaC, despite a number of reminders.
- (2) **Nature Park:** No issues raised

15.37 INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM

No-one had been available to attend the meeting on 18 March 2015. The minutes were awaited.

15.38 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Cheshire Constabulary Business Crime Conference:** The Parish Council had been invited to attend the Cheshire Constabulary Business Crime Conference to be held on 30 April 2015 at Oulton Park, Little Budworth. The conference was free of charge but there was a cancellation fee of £50.
- (2) **Development of Solar Farm:** Green Energy UK were looking to develop a solar farm in the area and were seeking potential sites. There was also the opportunity to use solar panels on a building to reduce energy costs. If a suitable site could be identified and Green Energy could negotiate with the landowner to site a solar farm on that site, funds would be made available for a community project.
- (3) **Publications:** The following publications had been received – ChALC News March 2015.

15.39 FINANCE

- (1) **Payments:** the payment of salaries/wages and expenses and invoices for goods received and services rendered were approved.

Cheque No		Amount
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages February 2015	251.33
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary February 2015	124.01
BACS	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner) – expenses March 2015	28.35
BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses March 2015	38.02
110	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax January-March 2015	207.12

- (2) **Receipts:** None
- (3) **Balance:** The balance in the bank at 2 March 2015 was £5,670.62. There had been no transactions since that date.

15.40 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (1) The Amenity Cleaner had reported that a motorist had been startled by what appeared to be a gunshot from the first field on Little Stanney Lane. The gunshot turned out to be an acoustic bird scarer that had been tied into the hedgerow adjacent to the road. A cyclist had also been on the road, but fortunately there had not been any incident. The Clerk had checked the situation with CWaC and had been advised to write to the landowner reminding him of the NFU Code on Acoustic Bird Scarers. This had been done.
- (2) The Amenity Cleaner had also reported that, following his week's holiday, he had picked up 10 bags of litter along the A5117 corridor, mostly from fast food outlets.

15.41 NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 28 April 2015 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall.