

# 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, 28 JULY 2015** at **7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below



Parish Clerk  
21 July 2015

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**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).

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## 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 23 June 2015 as a correct record.

### 5 PLANNING

(1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment: None

(2) **Decisions** since the last meeting of the Parish Council: None taken

(3) **Awaiting Decision:**

15/02229/FUL	Detached dependent relative accommodation at Pennywell Farm, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA – This application is no longer on the Cheshire West & Chester website and it should be assumed that it has been withdrawn.
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

## 6 HIGHWAY, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

To consider any issues relating to highways, rights of way or amenity cleaning.

## 7 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

To consider any issues relating to the Playing Field and Nature Park

## 8 INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1 July 2015. Councillor Tony Mills, Elton Parish Council, was elected Chairman for 2015-16. A business meeting followed at which it was reported that all planning conditions on the Resource Recovery Park and the Biomass have now been discharged which will enable work to start on site. This is likely to take place in August/early September. Northern Biopower has taken plot 3 and will use it to provide some feedstock for the Biomass plant. Peel are now working with BWV and another organisation to progress the EfW (Energy from Waste) plant. It is hoped to announce this partner organisation in September. The Forum Team now have an office at Thornton Science Park and Peel are working with Chester University on some joint marketing activity which will involve a re-branding exercise for Ince Resource Recovery Park. A formal launch of this project will take place at the end of September. A Community Benefit Fund (CBF) is being established which will be restricted to residents of Ince and Elton for the first two years. No decision was made on whether the CBF should be extended after 2017 to include Helsby, Frodsham and Little Stanney and it was agreed that this should be considered at a later date. The value of the fund this year will be £30,000 but the running costs of the Ince and Frodsham pumping stations will have to be taken out of this fund and these could be quite substantial. The next meeting will be on 9 September 2015.

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **Police Update:** The following is taken from Inspector Keith Curbishley's monthly update: "My update this month is focused on updating you about some changes to the way in which Cheshire Constabulary will be structured and to reassure you about our continued commitment to deliver the best possible service to the public of Cheshire. It is no secret that the government continues to require police forces across the country to make financial savings. In order to deliver these savings, without cutting front line police officers, the existing Neighbourhood Policing Units (NPU's), of which 'Western Rural' is one, are being restructured into Local Policing Units, (LPU's) covering different geographical areas. The majority of the Western Rural NPU will be encompassed into the new Chester LPU. The only Western Rural beat which is not joining Chester LPU is Tarporley, which will be covered by the new Northwich LPU. Officers will continue to respond to and deal with incidents in exactly the same way. The majority of these organisational changes are taking place during early July." Under the new regime, Inspector Curbishley will be taking up a post at HQ.

(2) **CWaC Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study: Town and Parish Councils – Needs and Aspirations:** Cheshire West and Chester Council has commissioned Ethos Environmental Planning to undertake an Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study to collect information about how much and what type of spaces and facilities are required to meet the needs of local people. The study will be used by the Council as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan and it will also feed into considerations regarding the use of developer contributions/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds collected by the Council. The study is very wide ranging and covers things like village greens and recreation grounds; play areas and youth facilities; allotments; wildlife areas/nature reserves, natural green spaces; footpaths, bridleways etc; and amenity and informal green spaces. It does not include formal sports pitches/courts which are being covered within a different project (the Playing Pitch Study). Parish Councils' feedback will help the Council to understand the needs and aspirations of local people and to plan for future provision based upon sound evidence. Views on the adequacy of local outdoor recreational provision can be submitted on the enclosed survey form or by completing the survey online via the web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWACOpenSpaces>. A response is requested by Wednesday 30th September.

- (3) **Playing Pitch Facilities Consultation:** CWaC would like to understand better the current and future provision of playing pitch facilities and has commissioned management consultants, Knight, Kavanagh & Page (KKP), to carry out a needs assessment which will result in the production of an area wide strategy. It will include all facilities managed within the public, private, voluntary and education sectors and will identify local need for sports provision within CWaC. The survey responses will help form the strategic plan for the future of provision within CWaC, including improvements in pitch quality, maintenance, ancillary facilities and the creation of new pitches. All clubs are being asked to complete a short on-line survey to provide information on current playing pitches and facilities, as well as demand information, which will help to form an accurate picture of sports provision across the borough. The link is <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=142557348201>
- (4) **Mixed Source 3D Seismic Survey for iGas Energy Group:** Tesla Exploration International Limited have begun consultation with a number of landowners with regard to the proposed 3D Seismic Survey. A plan showing the extent of the survey area is attached.
- (5) **Road Safety:** A company called “Smartwheelie” produces a range of speed awareness wheelie bin stickers aimed at encouraging drivers to slow down and stick to the speed limit, especially in 30mph residential areas. The stickers are quite large and prices vary with quantity from individual householder packs costing £8.95 for six to 500 stickers costing £210 (42p per sticker). Examples are set out below.



The Parish Council is asked to consider whether it would be worth buying 500 stickers and distributing them to residents or whether to advertise on the Notice Boards that the individual householder packs are available from Smartwheelie

- (6) To consider any other correspondence received since the last meeting.

## 10 FINANCE

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

Cheque No		Amount
S/O	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner)-wages July 2015	260.00
S/O	Parish Clerk-salary July 2015	128.10
BACS	G Povey (Amenity Cleaner) – expenses July 2015	t.b.c
BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses July 2015	t.b.c
BACS	Village Hall – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly payment	50.00

- (2) **Receipts:**

HM Revenue & Customs – Refund of VAT	245.19
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- (3) **Balance:** The balance in the bank at 21 July 2015 is £.
- (4) **Conclusion of Audit:** The Parish Council has received notification from the external auditors, BDO LLP, of the completion of the audit of the Council’s accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015. No issues have been raised. Notices have been displayed on the Council’s Notice Boards inviting residents to inspect the accounts.
- (5) **Financial Services Compensation Scheme:** Until now Local Authorities’ investments and deposits have been excluded from the protection offered to other depositors under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme by specific exclusion under The Compensation Rules (COMP) established by the FCA. The Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) of the Bank of England announced in May 2015 a change in policy to extend the protection afforded under the Scheme to “Small Local Authorities” (SLAs)

i.e. Local Authorities with “an annual budget of up to 500,000 Euros. SLAs are now protected in the same way as other protected investors for deposits/investments up to £85,000, reducing to £75,000 from 1 January 2016, with any UK bank, building society and credit union.

**11 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION**

**12 NEXT MEETING**

25 August 2015 at 7.30pm at Little Stanney Village Hall