

# Little Stanney & District Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on Tuesday 27 October 2015 at Little Stanney Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Glazzard (in the Chair), David Astbury, Linda Carter, Paul Carter, Chris Dilworth, Roy Greenwood, John Jones, Clive Lipscombe, Pete Mountford and Michael Todd. In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk) and Cheshire West & Chester Ward Councillor Stephen Smith. There were eight members of the public present.

## **15.113 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Dilworth, Clive Lipscombe and Judith Thomas

## **15.114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mountford declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in Minute 15.119 (Planning) as he lived in a neighbouring property

## **15.115 OPEN FORUM**

**Seismic Surveys:** A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their support in banning “fracking” on their land and asked them to place a moratorium on any activity of this nature until full information was received. The Parish Council’s view was that they did not have the ability to ban anything except through the planning process and that they would make their feelings known if and when a planning application was received for a borehole in the parish. It was proposed that no action be taken at this time and this was agreed by 5 votes to 2 with one abstention.

## **15.116 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to Councillor Todd’s concerns about the safety of the play equipment being formally recorded.

## **15.117 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING**

- (1) **Speed Limits – Rake Lane and Wervin Road:** Ward Councillor, Stephen Smith reiterated that it had been agreed to go out to consultation in October and he was concerned that no further action appeared to have been taken. It was noted that Kay Parry had taken over responsibility for highways matters in the parish from Andy Raynor and it was agreed to invite her to the next meeting as there were several highway issues that remained unresolved.
- (2) **Junction 10/Cheshire Oaks:** Concern was expressed about the ability of the highway system to cope to the Christmas traffic at Cheshire Oaks and it was resolved to write to CWaC to ask what steps were being taken to keep traffic flowing and prevent long delays..
- (3) **Loading Bay outside School House:** The double yellow lines on the outside of the loading bay were not having the required effect and people were still parking there.
- (4) **Vehicle Testing on Village Roads:** The Parish Council had not received any follow up from PC Boulton following his offer to speak to the Porsche garage about testing their vehicles on roads in the parish, especially Rake Lane. The Clerk would ask him what response he had received.
- (5) **Ellesmere Port Gateway sign:** The final location of the Gateway sign was awaited.
- (6) **Little Stanney Parish boundary signs:** Councillor Astbury and the Clerk had met Andy Raynor, CWaC Highways and Kealan Hunt, Glasdon UK Ltd, to discuss the location and type of parish boundary signs that were available. Glasdon offered an ‘H’ shaped sign carrier that could be placed on a grass verge. The sign carrier was available in white, light oak or dark wood and light oak was recommended as being the most visually attractive in a semi-rural setting. Four signs were needed, one to be placed on Strawberry Way West opposite to the Fishery, one on Whitby Lane and one on the A5117 at the boundary with Thornton-le-Moors parish. The fourth would

be sited on Chester Road just before the last house “Crossley” but an alternative option might be needed for that location. It was resolved that Glasdon UK Ltd be asked to give the Parish Council a price for three ‘H’ sign carriers in light oak with inserts showing the parish name and one sign carrier with insert that would be suitable for the site on Chester Road.

- (7) **Little Stanney Lane junction with A5117:** It was reported at the last meeting that a “Sports Village” sign had been put on the existing sign to the left of the junction, which was causing visibility problems for people exiting the Lane. The Clerk had reported this to CWaC but the sign remained in situ. The sign was a yellow AA sign and there were a number of these in the area all of which had been affixed to existing infrastructure. The Clerk would contact CWaC again to ask to have this particular sign relocated.
- (8) **Speed Checks on Whitby Lane:** The Clerk reported that in order to activate Speedwatch the length of road to be checked needed to be assessed by CWaC. Once the potential site had been identified the people who wished to operate the Speedwatch equipment needed to be trained (if they were not already). The Speedwatch equipment could then be booked with CWaC when the operators were available. It was resolved that CWaC be asked to assess the whole length of the built up section of Whitby Lane for the purpose of siting a Speedwatch machine.

### 15.118 PLANNING

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

15/04047/FUL	Detached accommodation for dependant relative at Barn, Pennywell Farm, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester – this was a resubmission of an application that had previously been withdrawn and it was not apparent that changes had been made. There were still the same issues about the lack of mains water in the area and the positioning of the proposed accommodation. The Clerk would re-submit the previous objection.
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- (2) **Decisions** taken by CWaC since the last Parish Council meeting: None

### 15.119 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

No further progress had been made on finding funding for the new play equipment. The application to CWaC’s funding panel was unlikely to be successful in the light of their requirement to make savings. The Parish Council would have to look for alternative options.

### 15.120 INCE PARK COMMUNITY FORUM

At the last meeting of the Ince Park Community Forum plans to link the Ince development with Thornton Science Park had been outlined. It had been hoped to hold a meeting at Thornton Science Park at the end of October to present the marketing strategy which would include the new all-inclusive website etc. It had not been possible to do this and it was now proposed to use the next meeting of the Ince Park Community Forum on 11 November for the presentation. Approval to the draft Community Benefit Fund (CBF) Application Form would also be on the agenda and a draft would be sent to forum members prior to the meeting. Once approval was given the CBF would be able to consider applications to the fund.

### 15.121 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Police and Crime Commissioner:** **\*\*Change of date\*\*** The next meeting of the Police and Crime Commissioner with Parish Councils would now be held on **Tuesday 10 November 2015** at 6.30pm at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall and not 4 November as previously notified.
- (2) **ChALC Area Meeting:** The ChALC Area Meeting with Vale Royal would take place on **Monday 2 November 2015** from 7.00pm at Castle Park, Frodsham.
- (3) **CWaC consultation on priorities:** CWaC had launched a major public consultation to gather views on its plan and budget proposals for 2016-2020. Reductions in central Government funding meant that CWaC must bridge a £47m financial gap over the next four years, a 17% cut to its net budget. Residents were invited asked

for their views about the Council's priorities for the next four years and how they should be funded, and. on a range of cost reduction options which could potentially save £35m. Suggestions are also invited as to how the Council could raise income or reduce spending to find the remaining £12m. The consultation would run until 6 January 2016 and there were a number of ways in which views could be expressed. Final proposals would be considered at the Council's annual budget setting meeting in February 2016.

- (4) **New Fire Station at Powey Lane:** Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service would be exhibiting designs of the new fire station at Powey Lane at a public exhibition on Wednesday 4 November between 3:00pm and 6:00pm at Mollington Village Hall. Representatives from both the Service and the contractors for the station, ISG, would be at the event to answer questions ahead of the commencement of the building programme.

#### 15.122 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	Parish Clerk – salary October 2015	128.10
S/O	Amenity Cleaner – wages October 2015	260.00
BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses October 2015	22.80
BACS	Amenity Cleaner – expenses October 2015	38.15

- (2) **Receipts:** None  
 (3) **Balance:** The balance in the bank at 22 October 2015 is £9,747.50

#### 15.123 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Chairman announced that he would be attending the Digital Champions meeting in Alderley Edge on 5 November.

Councillor Astbury reported that a group of Councillors from Little Stanney and the Clerk had met two agents representing a developer who wished to seek their views on a proposed development on Cheshire Oaks. It was resolved to take this item in Part 2 as the information was commercially sensitive.

#### 15.124 NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 7.30pm in Little Stanney Village Hall.