

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, 23 FEBRUARY 2016** at **7.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below



Parish Clerk
16 February 2016

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).

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 26 January 2016 as a correct record.

5 UPDATE ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To update Councillors on issues that are not included on the agenda.

6 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) To consider updates on the following issues:

- a) Speed Limits – Rake Lane and Wervin Road:
- b) Junction 10, Cheshire Oaks
- c) Ellesmere Port Gateway Sign
- d) Little Stanney Parish boundary signs
- e) Speed Checks on Whitby Lane
- f) Loading Bay outside School House
- g) Vehicle Testing on Village Roads
- h) Meeting with BP re issues relating to their service station on Strawberry roundabout

(2) **Trees on Highway land:** Concern has been expressed that a large number of old established trees on the A5117 have been cut down and not replaced during the construction work on the new Mercedes-Benz dealership off Longlooms Road East,

Ellesmere Port. Some of these trees are in Little Stanney parish, some in Whitby Ward, Ellesmere Port. Discussions are ongoing with the CWaC Ward Members with a view to seeking a meeting with the developers to discuss planting some new trees.

7 PLANNING

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

16/00118/FUL	First floor side extension at Kniver, 11 Little Stanney Lane, Stoak, Chester Cheshire CH2 4HW
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(2) **Decisions**

15/04880/FUL	Change of use of outbuilding to form two dwellings with associated garages - amendment to 13/05178/FUL at Stanney House, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Little Stanney, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4HZ - APPROVED
15/05104/FUL	Conversion of outbuilding into dwelling at Plum Tree Cottage, Wervin Road, Wervin, Chester, CH2 4BP - APPROVED

8 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

As requested by the Parish Council, Phil Davies, Play Inspection and Maintenance (PI&MS), visited the Play Area recently and has provided a quotation of £3,300 + VAT for the installation of mats under the climbing frame and slide unit measuring approximately 9m x 9m. He has also offered the following advice/comments in relation to the Play Area generally:

- If the Parish Council decides to provide a surface under the existing unit, the whole area needs to be done (approximately 9m x 9m). If only the slide area is done the Parish Council could find itself in a 'fix' if someone was to have an accident on any part of the unit. Why only surface part of the required area and not the whole thing? This would be a question asked by your insurance or the claimant's solicitor.
- Would recommend that the grass is kept fairly short under the unit. The grass length as it was during inspection could hide broken glass or dog faeces making these hazards difficult to identify.
- A note should be kept of all site visits to inspect and carry out maintenance works. It would appear that these are not kept at present. These would need to be produced in the event of a claim and not having them makes it more difficult to defend a claim. The records are also available for future reference if the present members of the Parish Council are no longer available.
- Consider implementing a RPII registered inspector to undertake quarterly inspections of the site. PI&MS would do this for £40 + VAT per inspection.
- Any surfacing installed, such as grassmat under the Unit, may not be able to be re-used. Grass will, as designed, grow up and intertwine itself through both the mesh underlay and the mats themselves making lifting and re-use difficult. If it is difficult, any contractor employed to refurbish to site may decide to scrap both the unit and the new surfacing. It may be cheaper to start again, wasting any funds previously used.
- The Parish Council may feel that it is better and more cost effective to remove the existing Unit and do without until the site is refurbished or the Unit replaced. From a risk and funding point, the Parish Council may consider this the best option.
- All decisions made and actions taken (or not) regarding the play area should be recorded for future reference if required.

The Parish Council is asked to decide how to proceed.

9 PROTOS (INCE PARK) COMMUNITY FORUM

A meeting of the Forum took place on 27 January at Thornton Science Park. Councillor Greenwood was unable to attend so the Parish Council was not represented at the meeting. Mark Degg of Cogen and Adrian Grocott, Site Manager at Buckingham were introduced and it was reported that representatives of Cogen and Buckingham will attend all Forum meetings to report on progress with the construction. Work started on 30 November and enabling works are currently being carried out. Some rebuilding work is taking place on Grinsome Road. The next phase will be the construction of on-site roads. Piling is taking place on the biomass site and it is hoped these will be completed by June.

Above ground building will start in mid-July with hot commissioning scheduled for October 2017. It was agreed to circulate a copy of the paper detailing the air quality conditions of the biomass plant to all Forum members. Discussions with other organisations are ongoing. A second site visit is to take place in May/June. With regard to the Community Benefit Fund, application forms have been sent out to four organisations in Elton but to date only one application form has been returned. Applications will be considered by the Panel on 17 February. The next Forum meeting will be on either 25 March or 6 April (date to be decided by the Forum members).

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable update:** Attached:
- (2) **Year of Care:** This is the phased roll out of an initiative which, subject to evaluation, could become ongoing practice. It is part of the West Cheshire Way approach which seeks to provide treatment and care in the community instead of at hospitals. The initiative enables people with long term conditions to have all necessary tests at their GP practice at the same time, avoiding duplication and multiple appointments for those with more than one long-term condition. Test results are then posted out in advance of follow up appointments which makes consultations more productive for both patients and doctors and cuts down the number of GP appointments for people with long term conditions. An action plan is also agreed with the patient which sets out the steps required for them to better understand and manage their long term condition. Patients are automatically enrolled into the Year of Care at their long term conditions review. Until the end of March 2016, "Year of Care" will focus on people who have diabetes. In the longer term other conditions are envisaged including asthma, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder), epilepsy, rheumatology, heart failure and hypertension (high blood pressure). The "Year of Care" is currently being rolled out in the Ellesmere Port North cluster of GP practices solely for diabetes. Between 1 April and 30 June 2016, this will be extended to encompass all of the above conditions.
- (3) **Regulating Shale Gas - Meet the Regulator Event:** The Environment Agency, Health and Safety Executive, Oil and Gas Authority and Public Health England staff are hosting an informal information session to explain how they regulate the oil and gas industry to protect people and the environment. Everyone is welcome to meet the regulators and agencies between 1.00–8.00pm on Tuesday 23 February 2016, Civic Centre, Toft Rd, Knutsford WA16 0PE. Regulators and agencies involved in assessing the impacts of the oil and gas industry have a duty to ensure that any exploration and development, including fracking operations, is done in a way that protects people and the environment. Local communities rightly look to them to provide reassurance that health and environmental risks are being controlled and managed properly, and to hold oil and gas operators to account. This session provides an opportunity for them to meet local people, explain respective roles and discuss some of the key issues before sites are identified for development. For further information please contact: berni.shaw@environment-agency.gov.uk

11 FINANCE

- (1) **Payments:** To approve/note the payment of salaries/wages and expenses and invoices for goods received and services rendered.
- (2) **Receipts:** To note any receipts
- (3) **Balance:** To note the balance in the bank at 22 February 2016
- (4) Any other financial issues

12 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22 March 2016