



Minutes of the meeting of Little Stanney & District Parish Council
held on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 at 7.30pm in Little Stanney Village Hall

Present: Councillors Chris Dilworth (in the Chair), David Astbury, Paul Carter, John Glazzard, Roy Greenwood John Jones, Clive Lipscombe, Judith Thomas and Michael Todd

In attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present

18.43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Linda Carter and Pete Mountford

18.44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.45 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

No issues raised.

18.46 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2018 were confirmed as a correct record with the exception of Minute 18.40 relating to the Boundary Review where it was resolved that a more concise version should be adopted as the formal Minute.

18.47 UPDATE ON ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Updates were received in relation to items recorded on the Parish Council Action Plan.

002: **Wervin Road Speed Limit:** No firm decision had yet been taken by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) about whether or not the Order should be amended to reflect what was on the ground or whether the signs should be moved to reflect the contents of the Order. The new 30mph should be monitored as drivers were ignoring it. Vehicles were being driven too fast in the unlimited areas and were unable to slow down when they reached the 30mph area. The Clerk would contact Cheshire Police.

004: **Rake Lane flooding:** Further correspondence on this matter was awaited from Maria Roberts, CWaC Flood Risk Management and Project Engineer. The Chairman would follow this up.

005: **Bus Stop in Stoak:** No reply had yet been received from Helena Crawford (CWaC Highways) about this and several other outstanding issues. The Clerk would follow these up.

18.48 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2017/18

The Parish Council went through the Annual Governance Statement line by line and agreed with all the statements made except the last, which was not applicable as the Parish Council was not responsible for any Trusts. The responses would be formally acknowledged and the Statement would be signed by the Chairman and Clerk at the next meeting.

18.49 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2017/18

The accounts for 2017/18 had been completed but had not yet been audited. The year-end summary for 2017/18 was noted and would form the basis of the submission to the External Auditor, following the internal audit.

18.50 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) **Grids in Stoak:** Outstanding issue - drainage grids in Stoak are higher than the road resulting in a failure to drain water from the surface. Clerk to ask Network Steward to arrange site meeting with Councillor Jones to discuss options.
- (2) **Condition of the Highway:** Outstanding issue – Clerk to contact CWaC
- (3) **Speed Limit on Rake Lane:** The residents' meeting had been held on 5 April at 17:00-19:00 in Little Stanney Village Hall. The meeting had been well attended by residents, who were outspoken about speeding and other issues on Rake Lane, including the lack of recognition by CWaC of the entrance to the Caravan Park which could hold around 100 touring caravans at any one time all year round. The residents expressed the desire to see the Lane remain at 30mph, which was the current default speed due to the street lighting. After a two-hour discussion no agreement had been reached and the formal public consultation would be based

- on CWaC's most recent survey which had recommended a "reduction" to 40mph.
- (4) **The Culvert, Stoak:** The Network Steward had referred the Culvert issues to Richard Ankers, the Public Rights of Way Officer for the area, who had investigated ownership and had found that the land was not registered. Any litter problems had in the past been referred to Streetscene who had cleared the area. Councillor Jones reported that there were now two derelict caravans on or close to the site. CWaC were aware of them and would remove them.
 - (5) **Croughton Road: Outstanding Issue** -The Clerk had asked CWaC to look at the drainage at the top of Croughton Road and to replace the three posts which had been installed to prevent fly tipping at the top of the road, all three of which were now broken. A reply was awaited.
 - (6) Outstanding issue - The Clerk had contacted Scottish Power to ask them to repair the post broken by them during the recent work on the overhead cables. A reply was awaited.
 - (7) Outstanding issue - The Clerk was asked to write to Sanctuary to ask them to stop their vehicles from parking on the double yellow lines in Stoak.
 - (8) **Wall, Wervin Mobile Home Park:** CWaC Planning had been contacted regarding the issues that had arisen at the Wervin Mobile Home Park. In response to those issues a CWaC Enforcement Officer had visited the site and had advised that the mobile home did not require planning permission because it appeared to be within the red line plan of the caravan park and the number of caravans on-site was in accord with the site licence. The wall had not been investigated and was not there at the time of the site visit. A new case would be opened for this and looked into.
 - (9) **Trees:** The Chairman had spoken to Cathy Reay, CWaC Planning Officer, about the three oak trees that had been removed from the site and she had agreed to

18.51 LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

CWaC had unveiled new branding for its street cleansing and maintenance teams. Formerly known as Streetscene, the teams would now come under the banner of StreetCare Services. Impact days would be arranged in May to introduce the new-look local teams and encourage community engagement. A business plan for StreetCare Services had been produced covering the three years from 2018 to 2021 and CWaC's Street Care Pledge set out a shared commitment with local residents to maintain clean and attractive streets. Residents were encouraged to report any environmental problems via the Your Streets website www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk

18.52 PLANNING

- (1) No applications had been received
- (2) **Decisions** made by CWaC since the last Parish Council meeting:

18/00970/AGR	Shed for livestock at OS Field Number 8277 Picton Lane Wervin Chester – PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED
17/04511/HAZ	Modification of condition 1 attached to previous consents 11/01792/HAZ (Flammable Substance 71) and 11/04300/HAZ (Highly Flammable B8) (to allow Methanol (Named substance) up to 99% within the flammable mixture; with maximum quantity of 24,800 tonnes in Vessel Area 19 and maximum quantity of 480 tonnes in Vessel Area 7 at Stanlow Refinery Oil Sites Road Ellesmere Port Cheshire CH65 4BD - APPROVED

18.53 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

Play Area: A sign was needed at the entrance to the playing field. The Clerk would contact RoSPA to ask what information was required and draft a sign for the next meeting.

Nature Park: The Clerk would follow up on the request to CWaC for advice/assistance in relation to the installation of a gate that would allow pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair and buggy users through but not motor bikes and the Canal and River Trust with regard to the re-introduction of a boundary hedge along the canal.

18.54 PROTOS (INCE PARK) COMMUNITY FORUM

It was resolved to put in an application for funding from the Protos Community Benefit Fund for two free standing Little Stanney Village signs, one to be placed on Strawberry Way West at the parish boundary with Backford and one to be placed on the A5117 at the parish boundary with Thornton-le-Moors. It was also resolved to apply for funding for two further signs, one to be affixed to an existing object such as a lamp post or telegraph pole on Chester Road by the last house before the petrol station, which was the Little Stanney parish boundary with Ellesmere Port, and one to be affixed to an existing object such as a lamp post or telegraph pole on Whitby Lane, which was the parish boundary with Backford.

18.55 ELTON WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

It was noted that the next Elton Ward Partnership meeting was to be held on Tuesday 29 May at 6.00pm in Elton Community Centre. Councillor Louise Gittins, Deputy Leader of the Council, and Rob Charnley from the CWaC Planning Department had confirmed attendance. The Chairman, the Clerk and several Councillors would attend.

18.56 FINANCE

(1) **Payments:** The following payments were approved

28.03.18	S/O	Parish Clerk – salary March	130.40
28.03.18	S/O	Amenity Cleaner – salary March	268.67
31.03.18	Bank	Service Charge (3 months)	18.00
09.04.18	BACS	Amenity Cleaner – expenses March	28.35
09.04.18	BACS	Stoak & Stanney Community Association – Room Hire	293.75
09.04.18	BACS	Cheshire Community Action – membership	20.00
24.04.18	Chq174	J Jones – Mower Repair	129.09

(2) **Receipts:** 06.04.18 £11,000 – CWaC - Precept

18.57 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

No issues raised

18.58 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 7.30pm (Annual Meeting)