



Minutes of a meeting of Little Stanney & District Parish Council held on Tuesday, 25 September 2018 at 7.30pm in Little Stanney Village Hall

Present: Councillors Chris Dilworth (in the Chair), David Astbury, John Glazzard, Roy Greenwood, John Jones and Michael Todd

In attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk). No members of the public present.

18.115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Clive Lipscombe and Judith Thomas
Councillors Linda Carter, Paul Carter and Pete Mountford were absent from the meeting.

18.116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.117 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

No issues raised

18.118 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

18.119 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AN AMENITY CLEANING

18.120 PLANNING

Since the last meeting no applications had been received for comment and no decisions relating to the parishes had been taken by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC).

18.121 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

Councillor Jones reported that he had come across a number of older youths jumping over the slides in the Play Area. He had banned them from the site.

18.122 PROTOS COMMUNITY FORUM

The Forum had met on 20 June when it was reported that the Pool Lane roundabout works had been delayed to allow sufficient traffic management to be put in place to minimise disruption. The works were now due to commence on 2 July and finish on 13 July. Peel continued to work up the programme for the phase 2 works linked to discussions with Covanta around the energy from waste facility. The biomass facility had used the last spare export capacity of the original development and Peel were beginning investigations to add a second electrical substation. The grid connection works were now instructed with Scottish Power and would be energised in 2020. Peel continued to work with Covanta towards closing the commercial deal by the end of 2018. Construction was expected to take 3 years and to start in early 2019. CWaC were awaiting input from three consultees before deciding the S73 application not to implement the rail link for the Protos site at this stage. A decision was expected in September.

18.123 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE

The Parish Council's response had been submitted to CWaC and would be presented to the meeting of the Community Governance Review Committee on 17 October 2018 and then to full Council in December for a final decision.

18.124 CWaC COUNCIL TAX EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM CONSULTATION

It was reported that CWaC were proposing to increase the Council Tax premium charged to properties that had been empty and largely unfurnished for more than two years from 50% to 100% with effect from 1 April 2019, in the belief that this would help to increase the amount of available housing stock in the borough and help to meet the target set out in the Borough's Empty Homes Strategy to bring 900 empty homes back into use over a five year period to 2021. Residents were asked for their views on this proposal and on other potential changes that could be made in the future. The consultation period is from 1 August 2018 to 24 October 2018. The Parish Council supported the proposal.

18.125 CWaC TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was reported that CWaC were preparing a Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD) which would identify sites to meet the need for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpersons' accommodation in the area. The first stage in preparing the DPD was the 'Issues' consultation, which asked for the views of stakeholders and interested parties about the approach to site selection. As part of the consultation there was also a call for sites, which invited respondents to provide details of any sites that might be suitable for Traveller accommodation. The consultation ended on 5 October. The consultation was noted. The Parish Council was in favour of additional sites being provided as this would mean that those camping illegally could be moved on.

18.126 GOVERNMENT SHALE GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

It was reported that the Government had expressed the intention to make exploratory shale gas well pads a Permitted Development Right (typically used hitherto for minor home extensions and temporary small construction) thus obviating the requirement for planning permission and to bring shale gas production into the National Strategic Infrastructure Project regime, so removing planning applications from local control at county level to a central government departmental inspectorate, leading to the compulsory acquisition of land.

18.127 ChALC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of ChALC was to be held on Thursday 25 October 2018 at 7.00pm in Middlewich Civic Hall, Civic Way, Middlewich CW10 9AS. No-one available to attend.

18.128 FINANCE

(1) **Payments** made since the last meeting:

27.07.18	BACS	Cllr Glazzard-repay domain renewal	60.00
30.07.18	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	99.98
30.07.18	S/O	Parish Clerk-salary July	133.28
30.07.18	S/O	Amenity Cleaner-wages July	292.94
03.08.18	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses July	37.80
28.08.18	S/O	Parish Clerk-salary August	133.28
28.08.18	S/O	Amenity Cleaner-wages August	292.94
29.08.18	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses August	38.00
28.09.18	D/D	Information Commissioner – registration	35.00
28.09.18	S/O	Parish Clerk-salary September	133.28
28.09.18	S/O	Amenity Cleaner-wages September	292.94
30.09.18	Bank	Service Charge	18.00

18.129 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

(1) It was some time since liaison arrangements with Cheshire Oaks had been raised with Justin Madders MP and no approach had been made by them to include the

Parish Council in discussions. Clerk to ask Justin for a contact name and, if possible an introduction from himself to that person.

18.130 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

23 October 2018 at 7.30pm in Little Stanney Village Hall