



Minutes of a meeting of Little Stanney & District Parish Council held on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 at 7.30pm in Little Stanney Village Hall

Present: Councillors Chris Dilworth (in the Chair), David Astbury, Linda Carter, John Glazzard, Roy Greenwood, John Jones, Clive Lipscombe, and Michael Todd. Councillor Pete Mountford arrived late.

In attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk), Kenny Murray and Paul Sutton (McArthur Glen), Councillor Karen Shore (CWaC Ward Councillor for Whitby Ward), Mr Graham Povey (Parish Council Amenity Cleaner) and one member of the public

19.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Paul Carter and Judith Thomas

19.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Greenwood declared an interest in planning application 19/00891/FUL (Creation of a new wildlife pond in conjunction with Natural England's Great Crested Newt District Level Licencing scheme on land at Wervin Road, Wervin, Chester) as the proposed site was opposite his property.

19.23 LIAISON WITH CHESHIRE OAKS MANAGEMENT

The Chairman welcomed Mr Kenny Murray and Mr Paul Sutton of McArthur Glen who had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the way in which McArthur Glen and the Parish Council might work together now that Cheshire Oaks was in Little Stanney parish. The Parish Council had raised two main issues for discussion which were traffic management and litter. Mr Murray had supplied a copy of the Peak Traffic Management Plan 2019/20 which had been sent to Councillors with the agenda. Mr Murray explained that since 2015/16 management of the Cheshire Oaks site had been conducted via a partnership of Sainsburys, Coliseum Retail, Coliseum Leisure, Marks & Spencer and McArthur Glen. He was pleased to announce that the latest £43m development at the site was nearing completion.

Mr Graham Povey, the Parish Council's Amenity Cleaner, was invited to outline the issues relating to litter. He explained that a lot of the litter he collected, particularly in the Little Stanney area, was from fast food outlets based on Cheshire Oaks. The Parish Council wondered whether the Cheshire Oaks Partnership would be prepared to make a financial contribution towards the collection of this litter and possibly sponsor a new litter bin in the bus stop on Kinsey Road as the old one had 'disappeared'. Mr Murray would raise these issues at the next Partnership meeting. He asked for more information regarding the financing of the Amenity Cleaner which the Chairman agreed to provide.

With regard to traffic management Mr Murray explained that in 2015 McArthur Glen had paid Cheshire Police to manage the traffic over the Christmas period by taking over manual control of the traffic lights. The main issue was to ensure the swift movement of traffic coming off the M53 and turning right into Cheshire Oaks. Due to lack of manpower the Police were unable to sustain this cover after 2015 so in 2016 Peak Traffic Management Planning was begun and manual cover at peak times was provided by a private company. The Partnership had contributed to the costs in 2016 but since then the full cost had been borne by McArthur Glen. There was a control room in McArthur Glen's management complex on Cheshire Oaks which Councillors were invited to visit. However, McArthur Glen had no powers to make any structural changes to the highway and they had to rely on Highways England, Cheshire West & Chester Council and Cheshire Police to take any necessary action.

The Parish Council expressed concern about the ability of pedestrians to cross the A5117 from Rake Lane and Little Stanney Lane to Cheshire Oaks when the crossing was under manual control. There had been reported incidents where pedestrians had been left waiting for some considerable time for traffic to be stopped to allow them to cross, and they felt they had been ignored by the operators who appeared not to notice them waiting.

The Parish Council mentioned the proposal made over a year ago by Councillor Glazzard for the installation of additional traffic lights at the junction of Little Stanney Lane and the A5117, which had been sent to the Chief Executive of CWaC who had then forwarded it to Highways

England. To date no response had been received from either Highways England or CWaC, although a reminder had been sent to the new Chief Executive of CWaC on 10 March.

19.24 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

No further issues raised.

19.25 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

19.26 CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing to report. All issues covered by agenda items.

19.27 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) In July 2018, CWaC Council had debated a motion submitted by Councillor Stephen Smith in relation to speed limits with particular reference to the difficulties faced on Rake Lane, Little Stanney. Councillors had commented on speed limit issues in other wards on roads without pavements used as walking routes. It had been agreed that the criteria in setting local speed limits needed to be reviewed and had tasked the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with considering the current process and making any recommendations about how greater community engagement could be achieved. Councillor Karen Shore, Ward Councillor for Whitby, was Chairman of this Committee and she had been invited to attend the Parish Council meeting to hear further some of the issues faced by users of Rake Lane.
- (2) It was reported that there was no appreciable difference in speeds on Wervin Road since the introduction of the 30mph speed limit.
- (3) The asbestos sheeting which had been tipped in the layby on Little Stanney Lane had now been removed.
- (4) The drain under the road on Fox Covert Lane had been blocked for about 18 months. The resident had now cleared it.
- (5) No progress had been made with the clearance of the three drains in Stoak that were silted up. The Clerk would report it to CWaC again.
- (6) Tape had been put across the entrance to The Culvert, but no-one knew by whom. The Clerk would ask CWaC Highways. Oil residue had appeared on site, which was a new issue.
- (7) The potential to make a footway between the Caravan Park and The Rake public house on Rake Lane was discussed as the hedge had now been cut back. The Clerk would ask CWaC Highways for their views.

19.28 PLANNING

- (1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment (all applications available to view on the CWaC website <http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>):

19/00891/FUL	Creation of a new wildlife pond in conjunction with Natural England's Great Crested Newt District Level Licencing scheme on land at Wervin Road, Wervin, Chester – no objections by the Parish Council <i>Councillor Greenwood declared an interest in this item as the site was opposite his property</i>
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- (2) **Decisions:** None

- (3) **Awaiting Decision:**

18/04850/WAS	Upgrade and capacity increase including the integration of new plant and machinery with existing operational equipment and an extension to the south for additional plant, machinery and landscaping - United Utilities Waste Water Treatment Works, Ring Road, Little Stanney, Chester CH2 4HZ
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19.29 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

With regard to Minute 14 (February meeting) the bin had now been put back on the field.

19.30 PROTOS (INCE PARK) COMMUNITY FORUM

The Community Benefit Fund was now open to applications for 2019.

19.31 FINANCE

(1) Payments: the following payments had been made since the last meeting:

27.02.19	Amenity Cleaner-expenses February	38.00
28.02.19	Parish Clerk-salary February	133.28
28.02.19	Amenity Cleaner-wages February	292.94

(2) Receipts: None

(3) Balance in bank as at 26 March 2019: £14,210.69

19.32 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

No further issues raised

19.33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 7.30pm in Little Stanney Village Hall