



Minutes of a meeting of Little Stanney & District Parish Council held on Tuesday, 23 April 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, Pete Mountford and Michael Todd

In attendance: Pauline English (Parish Clerk), Mr Graham Povey (Parish Council Amenity Cleaner) and one member of the public

19.34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Paul Carter and Judith Thomas

19.35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19.36 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Graham Povey, the Parish Council's Amenity Cleaner, had asked to address the meeting on the issue of safety following his attendance at last month's meeting when concerns were raised about working on streets without pavements. He produced a number of certificates showing attendance at various safety courses whilst with his previous employer and assured the Parish Council that he was always conscious of ensuring both his and others' safety when doing his job. He had taken advice from Chester City Council when he first started his employment with the Parish Council some 15 years previously and had been advised to follow the rules for pedestrians as set out in the Highway Code Rules 1-35. Safety equipment was discussed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council should provide whatever was necessary to ensure Mr Povey's safety day to day. His immediate need was for a new hi viz vest and overtrousers, which he would purchase and provide the Parish Council with an invoice to reimburse him. The Clerk would check with Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) what was provided to their Amenity Cleaners.

A member of the public pointed out that pedestrians found it extremely difficult to cross the A5117 in the areas where a 50mph limit was in place. The Clerk would raise this with CWaC.

19.37 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to it being noted that Minute 19.27(4) should read six months and not 18 months and that the drain had been cleared by zoo staff and not the resident.

19.38 CLERK'S REPORT

- (1) Governance Review: Andrea Thwaite had asked CWaC's Legal Department to send the Parish Council a copy of the Order for the change of boundaries, together with the final map. This was awaited.
- (2) Elections: 10 of the 11 seats available on the Parish Council had been filled with no election being required. One vacancy remained to be filled and that was for Croughton. The Parish Council could co-opt to fill this vacancy at the next meeting.
- (3) Outstanding Highway issues (the planting scheme, boundary signs and benches) had been referred to Stuart Bateman, CWaC's Network Steward, and would be progressed as soon as possible.
- (4) The boundary fence between the rear gardens of Bunbury Close and the Parish Field was sagging and this had been reported to Sanctuary who had visited the site and would take any necessary action.

19.39 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

- (1) Further to the discussions earlier in the meeting, it was agreed to add Kinsey Road on a trial basis to the list of streets to be cleaned by the Amenity Cleaner, who would assess the situation regarding litter and decide whether/when to include this area. It was noted that this could have an effect on other areas.
- (2) Water was running from the small field behind the Bunbury pub in Stoak down Little Stanney Lane. It had been established that this was due to the owner of the site hosing down bales of hay to remove the sugar from them. The Clerk would refer this to CWaC for advice/action.

- (3) Signage: A meeting was to be held on 30 April with Stuart Bateman, CWaC Network Steward, to discuss the style and location of the proposed signage for Little Stanney village. The Chairman, Little Stanney councillors and the Clerk had been invited to attend. It was noted that locations had been agreed for the two benches and these would be advertised by CWaC after 9 May.

19.40 PLANNING

- (1) **Applications Received** for consideration and comment (all applications available to view on the CWaC website <http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>): None
- (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
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

19.41 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

A request was made for permanent 'No dogs except for Guide Dogs' signs to be put on the gates to both the Playing Field and the Nature Park.

Fence between Bunbury Close and Playing Field (see 19.38(4) above).

19.42 PROTOS (INCE PARK) COMMUNITY FORUM

It had just been announced that Peel Environmental was working in partnership with Waste2Tricity to deliver a 'UK first' plastics to hydrogen project at its Protos site. Using pioneering advanced thermal treatment technology, it would produce a local source of hydrogen from unrecyclable plastics. This clean and low-cost hydrogen could then be used to initially power buses and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) in the region, before being rolled out to hydrogen cars, helping to reduce air pollution and improve air quality on our roads. The plant would treat up to 25 tonnes of waste plastics a day that would otherwise go to landfill or incineration. This would be the first commercial scale project in the UK, with the technology having been developed by Powerhouse Energy over several years at the University of Chester Energy Centre next door to Protos. In addition to the production of decentralised hydrogen, the plant would also generate electricity which could be supplied to businesses located at Protos via a micro-grid. The Parish Council welcomed this development.

19.43 FINANCE

- (1) Receipts:

Cheshire West & Chester Council - Precept	11,000.00
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- (2) Payments made since the last meeting

Amenity Cleaner-wages March 2019	292.94
Parish Clerk-salary March 2019	133.28
Amenity Cleaner-expenses March 2019 including phone calls 20p	28.55
J Jones-Repay Turner Groundscare invoice-Mower maintenance/repair	215.65

- (3) Balance in bank as at 23 April 2019: £24,474.27

19.44 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

No further issues raised

19.45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Meeting-Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 7.30pm in Little Stanney Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm