



Little Stanney & District Parish Council

(Croughton, Little Stanney, Stoak and Wervin)

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a Meeting of the Council to be held on **TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022** at **7.00pm** in **LITTLE STANNEY VILLAGE HALL** for the purpose of transacting the business set out below

Parish Clerk

18 January 2022

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 from the meeting

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

To allow members of the public to raise any issues relating to the parish. The total time allowed is 15 minutes.

4 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2021

5 UPDATE REPORTS

To receive update reports on issues raised at previous meetings

6 PLANNING

See Appendix

7 FINANCE

(1) Receipts: To note receipts since the last meeting - None

(2) Payments: To note payments made since the last meeting

Date	Method	Description	Amount
29.09.21	BACS	Cllr Jones-Petrol, Padlock for Playing Field, Nature Park hedge	100.57
30.09.21	Bank	Service Charge	18.00
11.10.21	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	1,393.32
11.10.21	BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses September	46.00
11.10.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses September	37.80
22.10.21	BACS	Parish Noticeboard Company-new Notice Board	936.00
28.10.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary October	199.96
28.10.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages October	329.34
08.11.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses October	37.80
08.11.21	BACS	ChALC-Training	25.00
29.11.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary November	199.96
29.11.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages November	329.34
07.12.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses November	47.25
24.12.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses December	21.15
29.12.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary December	199.96
29.12.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages December	329.34
31.12.21	Bank	Service Charge	18.00
10.01.22	BACS	ChALC-Training	25.00
Total			4,293.79

Reconciliation:	Opening Balance	20,038.99
	Add: Receipts	0
	Less: Payments	<u>4,293.79</u>
	Closing Balance	<u>15,745.20</u>

(3) The Parish Council has received a quotation of £269.02 + VAT from Ringwood Fencing to supply and repair the line wire for the chain link fencing on the front of the playing field. New winders and 3mm pvc coated line wire will be used and strained up to the appropriate fixing. Price to include all materials and labour

(4) When Scottish Power were doing repairs to their overhead cables in Stoak village they broke a section of fencing beside the motorway. Several attempts have been made to contact Scottish Power to ask them to make good the fencing, to no avail. The Parish Council has three options (1) to continue to try to make contact with Scottish Power; (2) to pay for the work to be done and send the bill to Scottish Power; (3) do nothing. The Parish Council has received a quotation from Ringwood Fencing of £491.81 + VAT to supply and erect 3no posts and 6no rails, price to include all materials and labour. RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) The quotation from Ringwood Fencing of £269.02 + VAT (£53.80 recoverable) be accepted; and
- (2) Members decide what to do regarding the broken fence.

(5) **Budget and Precept:** To agree the budget for 2022-23 and set the precept
RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) the Clerk's salary remains on SCP23 (£14.42 per hour)
- (2) the monthly fixed payment of £10 to mitigate the costs of having the Parish Council's registered office at the Clerk's home be agreed for 2022-23;
- (3) the rate per mile for casual use of own transport by both employees and Councillors on Parish Council approved business should remain at 45p per mile;
- (4) the Amenity Cleaner's wage from 1 April 2022 be increased to the amount agreed by Cheshire West & Chester Council as the local living wage and his hours of work remain at six per week;
- (5) the budget for 2022/23 be agreed;
- (6) the precept be set at £10,000 (Band D payment of £46.99 per annum)

8 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

(1) **Speeding Vehicles:** Update

9 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

To consider any issues raised in relation to the Playing Field or Nature Park

10 PROTOS COMMUNITY FORUM

Update

11 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Cheshire West and Chester Council have launched an **online engagement hub named 'Inspire'** and are asking Town and Parish Councils to spread the word about it. The dedicated web platform provides a space to share ideas and stories about what people are doing locally to reduce carbon emissions and improve the natural environment. The [Council's Climate Emergency Response Plan](#) strives to help the borough become carbon neutral by 2045 and **Inspire** is a place for people to share the actions they are taking against climate change. The site will showcase communities and their commitment to a wealth of projects promoting greener living and a more sustainable future. **Inspire's** Climate Emergency pages will become a hub for useful ecological resources, with a 'Questions and Answers' tool addressing important questions surrounding the Climate Emergency. Embedded within the site are 'Key Dates' and a dedicated 'Our News' section to promote the latest climate emergency-related stories from the Council.

RECOMMENDED: That the on-line engagement hub "Inspire" be noted.

12 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Further information on the lighting of a beacon on 2 June 2022 at 9.45pm.

13 TREE PLANTING PROJECTS

An email has been received from eforests.co.uk who work with wildlife trusts, community woodlands and community farms around the UK, supplying them with free trees for their nature reserves, rewilding projects, etc. They are offering free trees for tree planting projects with a minimum of 150 trees. The trees are all UK native species, grown from UK seed and can be supplied with free shelters, stakes, weed mats, etc. Trees could also be available for private landowners that have public access to their land.

RECOMMENDED: That Members advise of any schemes of which they are aware that would benefit from being given free trees.

14 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2021-24

The Police & Crime Commissioner's Plan for 2021-24 sets out his vision for policing, crime and community safety in Cheshire. It also details the strategic priorities for Cheshire Constabulary over the next three years and sets out how the Chief Constable will be held to account to ensure that the police service delivers on these priorities. The six key priorities for policing and crime in Cheshire from now until 2024 are to prevent and tackle crime, make Cheshire's roads safer, deliver justice for victims of crime, protect vulnerable and at-risk people, improve public confidence in policing and modernise our police service.

RECOMMENDED: That the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 be received

15 CONSULTATIONS

(1) **Postal Service Regulation:** The Office of Communications (OFCOM) has recently launched a consultation into its review of postal service regulation from 2022–2027. NALC will be responding to this consultation as most rural councils will have an interest in the proposals. The attached briefing document sets out full details and the main consultation questions NALC will be responding to. NALC is seeking the views of County Associations and member councils in response to questions to help inform its submission to OFCOM. The deadline for responses is 17 February 2022.

(2) **NACO (National Association of Civic Officers) Tree Planting Day - Friday 11 March 2022:** NACO is hoping that as many civic leaders as possible will all, on the same day, plant a tree to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The day chosen is Friday 11 March 2022 - the seventieth day of the year in which The Queen marks the seventieth anniversary of her accession. What they would like is simply an indication that the Parish Council is likely to take part; more information will be requested at a later stage. A bound book will be prepared including the names of all Councils taking part, with the name of the person planting the tree, the office they hold, the type of tree planted and where it was planted. The book will then be sent to The Queen. A response is required to events@naco.uk.com with the name of the Parish Council and saying either:

- ✦ Yes, we are hoping to take part; or
- ✦ Yes, we will take part; or
- ✦ Please send me further information.

RECOMMENDED: That Members decide whether they wish to plant a tree on 11 March.

16 NALC ON-LINE EVENTS IN 2022

Levelling up the nation and our communities

26 January 2022 - 12.00 - 13.15

NALC member: £30 - Non-member: £40

Sponsors: BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA

At the 2019 general election, the Conservative Party manifesto included a commitment to levelling up every part of the UK and giving people far more control over how that investment is made. A white paper on devolution is expected to be published soon. Following the recent Cabinet reshuffle, levelling up is centre stage, now featuring in the name of a rebranded government department along with a new levelling up minister. Learn all about the white paper and the government's plans for levelling up and further devolution.

Speakers: Will Tanner, Director at Onward and Vidhya Alakeson, Chief Executive, Power to Change

Working together to make communities safer

30 March 2022 - 12.00 - 13.15

NALC member: £30 - Non-member: £40

Sponsors: BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA

According to the Office of National Statistics, the pandemic affected patterns of crime. Decreases across individual crime types such as theft offences were offset by rises in fraud and computer misuse offences, resulting in no change in overall levels of crime. How are the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) working with communities to reduce crime and improve community safety, and what part can parish and town councils play using their existing powers and funding? What are the implications for the public and local councils if crime levels remain unchanged and the country's pandemic status is reduced to an endemic reduced level? You will hear more about the role and work of the PCCs since being first elected in 2012 to replace police authorities, how they are engaging and working with communities and local councils, and about the important role police and crime panels play in scrutinising PCCs, how effective it is, and their link to local councils, along with tips and good practice.

Speakers: Cllr John Gilli-Ross, Chair of Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel and Caroline Henry, Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire

17 CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter has been received by the Parish Council:

"I am a resident of Stanney Oaks and have lived on this housing estate for the past 17 years and I am currently championing a campaign to have a defibrillator supplied and fitted for the estate. I am working with a charity called AED Donate and have secured a £400 donation from them and have started fundraising with residents including money raised from our scarecrow festival last year and we are currently just over halfway to raising the funds needed to secure the defibrillator. I am writing to you to ask if it would be possible for the local Parish Council for our area to make a donation towards the campaign? We are very much a community on the Stanney Oaks estate and we feel as a community that having a defibrillator would be a great asset for us to have given the impact of getting a defibrillator to a cardiac arrest in the first few minutes. Below is the link for our campaign. We need to raise £2k for the defibrillator and we still have £500 of offline donations to add to the total raised so far. Could I ask if you are able raise this issue with the committee and let me know the outcome?"

Kind regards

(Name withheld)

RECOMMENDED: That Members decide whether or not to support this project

18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

Council gives huge boost to community projects through the Cheshire West Crowd

Nearly £200,000 has been pledged by Cheshire West and Chester Council to community projects taking part in the Cheshire West Crowd. The Cheshire West Crowd is a new digital crowdfunding initiative, providing an opportunity for community-led ideas to be created so the borough can become more vibrant, resilient and connected. A total of 20 community projects have been supported by the Council through various funding pots, covering areas like mental health support, the Climate Emergency and much more. A number of projects have reached their crowdfunding targets, while others are still counting on support. Residents, businesses, foundations and anyone else interested can donate to community projects through the Cheshire West Crowd and any pledge, no matter how big or small, could make a real difference to these initiatives.

19 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT MEETING

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 7.00pm in Little Stanney Village Hall.