



Little Stanney & District Parish Council

(Parishes of Croughton, Little Stanney, Stoak and Wervin)

COUNCIL SUMMONS

Dear Member

You are HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2022 at 7.15pm** in **LITTLE STANNEY VILLAGE HALL** for the purposes of transacting the business set out below

Parish Clerk

21 June 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, Parish Clerk (e-mail: pauline.english2@btinternet.com) Tel: 0151 339 1405,

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence and the reason for the absence

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in any item on this agenda

3 VACANCY IN WERVIN PARISH

To receive and consider any applications to fill the vacancy in Wervin parish from those who meet the criteria set out in the application form

4 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

To hear from members of the public about any issues they wish to raise. Members of the public wishing to address the Council should note that they must advise the Clerk before 10am on the day prior to the meeting of their wish to participate in the public forum and their topic. If residents fail to inform the Clerk prior to the meeting, permission to speak will be at the discretion of the Council. All participants are restricted to a maximum of three minutes.

If the public wish to ask the Council a question, please note that it may not be possible to answer the question if the Council has not considered or resolved the matter on an agenda item at a prior meeting. Should this be the case, the Council will advise contacting the Parish Clerk to request that the item be discussed at a future parish council meeting. If the question is considered to be outside the remit of Little Stanney & District Parish Council, residents will be referred to Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC).

5 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

6 PLANNING

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) applications relating to Little Stanney & District received by CWaC since the last meeting of the Parish Council be noted:

Application No.	Subject	Location	Deadline
22/01408/FUL	Erection of a stable block and tack room and associated hardstanding.	Land to the East Side of Fox Covert Lane Picton Chester	13 July 2022
22/02100/P14	Installation of 220kW solar PV comprising of 579 x 380w Canadian Solar panels.	Mercedes-Benz Cheshire Oaks Longlooms Road East Ellesmere Port CH65 9LF	13 July 2022

- (2) decisions made by CWaC since the last meeting of the Parish Council be noted as follows:

Application No.	Subject	Location	Decision
21/05078/FUL	Extension to parking area providing an additional 28 car parking spaces with associated vehicle charging points and accessible bays	Progroup Ltd, South Road, Stanlow, Ellesmere Port CH65 4LD	Approved

- (3) applications awaiting a decision by CWaC be noted as follows

Application No.	Subject	Location
21/01494/FUL	Single storey extension to rear, first floor loft conversion with roof terrace, porch to front and modernisation to front elevation.	Belden Strawberry Cross Whitby Lane Backford Chester CH1 6PH
21/01523/HED	Removal of Hedgerow to increase security at the Farm	Lime Tree Farm, Stanney Lane, Little Stanney, Chester CH2 4HT
21/01530/FUL	Change of use of agricultural land to car sales and erection of a fence - retrospective	Lime Tree Farm, Stanney Lane, Little Stanney, Chester CH2 4HT
21/03108/FUL	Free standing rear timber sundeck - retrospective	Stoak Cottage, Little Stanney Lane, Stoak, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4HW
21/03611/FUL	Erection of six commercial buildings (use classes E, B2 and B8) together with the creation of accesses, parking and associated works.	Land Off New Bridge Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire
22/00024/FUL	Extension and alterations to existing dwelling to provide a large family home	The Paddock, Wervin Road, Wervin, Chester CH2 4BP
22/00272/FUL	Change of Use of Existing C3 residential Dwelling and redundant agricultural Barns into (Class C1) Holiday Cottages and (Class E(b)) Cafe/Tea Rooms	Top Farm, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA
22/01150/OUT	To erect two portal-framed buildings comprising cafe, offices, toilets/changing and storage facilities, together with ancillary structures, site works and landscaping	Cheshire Oaks Fisheries, Strawberry Way West, Backford, Chester CH1 6PN

7 FINANCE

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) expenditure from 17 May to 21 June 2022 be noted as follows:

26.05.22	BACS	Zurich Insurance	364.43
31.05.22	SO	Parish Clerk-salary May	203.42
31.05.22	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages May	343.20
06.06.22	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses May	47.25
08.06.22	BACS	Hadfield Photography-website	20.00
08.06.22	BACS	Hadfield Photography-website domain and annual support	225.00
			1,203.30

- (3) income received since 17 May 2022 be noted as follows:

08.06.22	HMRC-Refund of VAT	237.64
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Reconciliation:	Opening Balance	22,565.07
	Add Income	237.64
	Less Expenditure	<u>1,203.30</u>
	Closing balance	<u>21,599.41</u>

8 AUDIT

The issues with regard to income tax have not yet been resolved as HMRC have only just authorised Barnes Cooper Ltd to act on behalf of the Parish Council. This means that the AGAR documents can not be signed off at this meeting. The external auditors have been informed of the current position.

9 UPDATE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

(1) **Little Stanney Village signs:**

The Parish Council has received a response from Stuart Bateman, CWaC Principal Engineer, who sent his apologies that things had taken so long to resolve.

Due to limited resources the scheme had to go back on CWaC's small works schemes list for which there is a backlog. However, the scheme designs based on the Parish Council's response in April have been amended and reviewed as follows:

Location 1 has been amended to be positioned adjacent to the incoming 30mph sign on Strawberry Way West, opposite the Mast (see attached).

Locations 1,2,4 & 5 have been forwarded for quotation and should be available soon.

The additional sign outside Caradoc has been passed to the Street lighting team to check they are happy to install on their apparatus. Once approved it will be forward for quote.

Regarding the sign proposed at Stanney Mill Road near Air Products, confirmation is required on which lighting column, shown with a Red or Green X on the attached plan, is the correct location

RECOMMENDED: That the Parish Council confirms

(1) approval of the revised location for Location 1

(2) the location of the sign on Stanney Mill Road

(2) **Licence to permit planting and maintenance of the Highway verge:** CWaC have been asked to send a final Licence for the Parish Council's signature

(3) **Licence to site a bench on the grass verge on Stanney Lane:** CWaC have been asked to draw up a Licence for the siting of a bench on the grass verge on Stanney Lane, the actual site to be confirmed with Mr Willis.

(4) **Green Corridor:** Cllr Parry met with Cllrs Malcolm Padmore and Ian Jones from Mickle Trafford & District Parish Council to discuss land ownership with regards to the green corridor plan. No contact has been made with Hannah Brooks due to other commitments.

10 VANDALISM

The Amenity Cleaner has reported that the Parish Council's bench opposite Stanney Woods has been vandalised by the addition of a small amount of graffiti. As the bench belongs to the Parish Council it is the Council's responsibility to maintain it. It is suggested that CWaC be asked to provide the name of the company that undertakes graffiti removal from their property, or the Parish Council could look for a suitable tradesman locally.

RECOMMENDED: That Members decide how to proceed with the removal of the graffiti

11 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

To discuss any issues arising relating to highways, Rights of Way or Amenity Cleaning within the parishes.

12 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK

To discuss any issues relating to the Playing Field or Nature Park

13 PROTOS COMMUNITY FORUM

Cllr Parry has reported that there is still money available from the Community Benefit Fund and suggests that the Parish Council should submit its new bid for funding for Village Signs and two new Notice Boards for Croughton and Wervin as soon as final details have been confirmed.

RECOMMENDED: That the Parish Clerk circulate the information about costs as soon as they become available so that Members can decide which options they would like to proceed with.

14 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

At the last meeting it was resolved that Members consider appropriate areas of responsibility to be allocated to individual Councillors and send suggestions to the Parish Clerk for the next meeting. No suggestions have been received.

RECOMMENDED: That possible areas of responsibility be considered and allocated to Members.

15 HYNET STATUTORY CONSULTATION

A letter has been received from Liverpool Bay CCS Limited in relation to their proposals to develop, install and operate a new carbon dioxide (CO₂) pipeline between Ince, near Stanlow, and Flint, and to repurpose an existing 24-inch natural gas pipeline between Flint and Point of Ayr Terminal for transportation of CO₂. The Parish Council has been identified as a statutory consultee and a copy of the new proposals is attached. Little Stanney & District's interest is in Item 4 on the list of proposed changes (attached).

16 FULCRUM BIOENERGY

Fulcrum BioEnergy is a pioneer in the production of low-carbon transportation fuels from municipal solid waste. The company had been working in the USA but has now announced that a site has been selected in the UK to launch its first UK residual waste to low-carbon, Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) plant. The "Fulcrum NorthPoint" biorefinery will be located at the Essar Oil (UK) Ltd refinery at Stanlow, Ellesmere Port. Subject to planning permission and financing, construction on Fulcrum NorthPoint, is expected to begin in late 2023 and will take approximately 18-24 months to complete. Fulcrum NorthPoint will convert several hundred thousand tons of pre-processed waste, which would otherwise be destined for incineration or landfill, into around 30 million gallons of low-carbon Sustainable Aviation Fuel annually. The proposal, if it goes ahead, will bring 800 jobs initially and 200 long term.

RECOMMENDED: That the proposal by Fulcrum BioEnergy to establish a biorefinery on the Essar Oil site at Stanlow be noted.

17 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER INITIATIVES

(1) **Rural Crime Survey:** Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cheshire, John Dwyer, has launched a survey for people living and working in rural communities to better understand their policing needs. The feedback will be used to hold the police to account on tackling criminal activity in rural areas. Around two thirds of Cheshire is classed as rural and protecting these communities is a priority in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. Unfortunately, many of the crimes committed within rural areas go unreported. The Rural Crime Survey aims to gather a range of people's experiences and build on the relationship that rural communities have with the police. The survey will be open throughout the summer by visiting www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ruralcrimesurvey2022.

(2) **Community Cashback Fund:** PCC for Cheshire, John Dwyer, has launched a new £90,000 'Community Cashback Fund', which will see money that has been taken from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) spent on projects to improve local communities. Each of Cheshire's nine Local Policing Units (LPUs) will be given £10,000 from the Community Cashback Fund over the course of the 2022/23 financial year, with residents able to vote on how the money is spent. A 'Community Conversation' will be held by the police in each area to identify what provisions and offerings are currently available in the community, what may be missing, and what people hope to see in the future. After each Community Conversation, a steering group will be set up to co-ordinate any agreed actions and consider the issues raised. The group will also carry out further research into potential solutions which can be implemented with the funding. Local people and groups will then be able to submit bids to the Community Cashback Fund for their area, after which a further 'Participatory Budget' event will be held where residents will be able to vote on which projects they feel deserve to go ahead. For more information about the Community Cashback Fund, please visit: www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-the-commissioner-does/commissioning-and-funding/community-funding/community-cashback-fund

RECOMMENDED: That the Police & Crime Commissioner's initiatives be noted and every opportunity be taken to ensure the Parish Council can benefit from them.

18 SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

CWaC have been awarded £12.6m from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, £1.5m of which will be used for Multiply, the Government's adult numeracy programme. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda. The national £2.6 billion funding is for local investments by March 2025. The funding is aimed at investing in local priorities and targeting funding where it is needed most to increase pride in places, support high quality skills training, support pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances. It replaces the funding that was previously available from the European Union. The following links to further information on the UKSPF and a recording of a recent webinar on this topic: [Shared Prosperity Fund \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](http://Shared Prosperity Fund (cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk))

RECOMMENDED: That the Shared Prosperity Fund be noted

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 7.15pm in Little Stanney Village Hall. The Village Hall has confirmed the dates for meetings of the Parish Council on 28 June, 26 July, 27 September and 22 November in 2022 and 24 January, 28 March and 23 May in 2023. However, the Hall is not available on 25 October and the Parish Council is asked to either select a different date or find an alternative venue.