



# Little Stanney & District Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 July 2021 in Little Stanney Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Michael Todd (in the Chair), David Astbury, Linda Carter, Peter Hartshorn, John Jones, Clive Lipscombe. Pete Mountford and Judith Thomas

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk), Paul Sutton (McArthur Glen), PC Jeremy Frankel, PCSO Ellie Riste and 11 members of the public

## **Part 1 – Matters considered in the presence of the press and public**

### **21.54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Carter

### **21.55 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be asked to leave the meeting during consideration of the following item because it contains confidential information relating to the Council's duties under the Data Protection Act 2018 to protect personal information about an individual.

## **Part 2 – Matter considered in the absence of the press and public**

### **21.56 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS TO REPRESENT WERVIN PARISH**

There had been three applications to fill the two vacancies and the Parish Council needed to select two out of the three applicants. Application forms had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and would be collected and destroyed after the meeting. It was proposed and seconded that voting be by secret ballot. The two successful candidates would be informed by telephone and invited to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Miss Rachael Bate and Mr Mark Parry be co-opted to fill the two vacancies on the Parish Council with immediate effect.

### **21.57 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO PART 1**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be admitted to the meeting for the remainder of the business to be discussed.

## **Part 1 – Matters considered in the presence of the press and public**

### **21.58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **21.59 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 May and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **21.60 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr David Astbury was proposed by Cllr Hartshorn and seconded by Cllr Lipscombe. There being no further nominations it was RESOLVED that Cllr Astbury be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2022.

### **21.61 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Mr Victor Blackwell read out a letter in which he referred to the increasing abuse of the neighbourhood by loud, speeding cars and motorbikes, vehicles parking on pavements, vehicles using Stanney Lane to u-turn having missed the turning to Cheshire Oaks, alarms being left on and litter being left from takeaways. He also alluded to the condition of the grass verges and the drains being blocked by silt. Another issue raised was air pollution. These issues would be followed up with the appropriate agencies.

### **21.62 UPDATE REPORTS**

(1) **Speeding Vehicles:** Since the last ordinary meeting of the Parish Council there had been further complaints about "boy-racers" who gathered on the Coliseum car park. Mr Paul Sutton of McArthur Glen told the meeting that they were monitoring the situation and video evidence of any such gatherings would be passed on to the Police. The Cheshire Oaks Partnership were due to meet on 7 September and this issue would be raised with them.

It was suggested that this might be an appropriate time to approach Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) about reducing the speed limit on Stanney Lane, and also to erect some signs reminding people of the dangers such as the right-hand bend leading onto Kinsey Road. A visit to the Porsche outlet would remind them of the need to keep speeds down in built up areas.

RESOLVED: That CWaC be requested to

- (1) undertake a speed monitoring exercise on Stanney Lane with a view to reducing the speed limit;
- (2) survey Stanney Lane with a view to increasing the number of warning signs.

(2) **Bridleway, Whitby Lane:**

RESOLVED: that a site meeting be called by Ward Councillors Graham Heatley and Simon Eardley to include an appropriate officer from CWaC Planning as well as Parish Councillors Astbury, Hartshorn and Thomas.

- (3) It was noted that the new Notice Board for Stoak had been ordered.

## 21.63 PLANNING

- (1) **Applications received for comment:** None

- (2) **Decisions** made by CWaC since the last Parish Council meeting:

21/01160/FUL	Creation of outdoor seating area with pergola on existing hardstanding at Bunbury Arms, Little Stanney Lane, Stoak, Chester CH2 4HW – APPROVED
21/00578/LDC	Erection of garden room and separate garage facility at Croughton House, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA - APPROVED
21/01330/LDC	Erection of single storey side extension at Croughton House, Croughton Road, Croughton, Chester CH2 4DA – APPROVED
21/01934/TPO	Various works on various trees, including felling of Lime (T1), Oak (T4), Ash (T5) Beech (T6). See application form for full description of tree works. at Lime Tree Farm, Stanney Lane, Little Stanney, Chester CH2 4HT - APPROVED

- (3) **Applications awaiting decision:**

20/04644/FUL	Conversion of existing outbuildings into 6 dwellings and erection of two garage blocks on land at Little Stanney Lane, Stoak, Chester
21/01494/FUL	Single storey extension to rear, first floor loft conversion with roof terrace, porch to front and modernisation to front elevation at Belden, Strawberry Cross, Whitby Lane, Backford, Chester CH1 6PH
21/01700/FUL	Two-storey and single-storey rear extension and single-story side extension at Belvidere, Strawberry Cross, Whitby Lane, Backford, Chester CH1 6PH
21/01562/FUL	Erection of rear detached garage at Hepple House, Shotwick-Frodsham Road, Little Stanney, Chester CH2 4HZ

- (4) Ward Councillors Graham Heatley and Margaret Parker to be requested to ask why it was taking such a long time to make a decision on some of the above applications.

## 21.64 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY CLEANING

The Parish Council had been consulted on a proposal to introduce a new 50mph speed limit on part of Rake Lane. This was not in Little Stanney parish, but the Parish Council was being consulted as a neighbouring authority. Confirmation had been sought that the current proposal would in no way affect the recent 40mph limit on the remainder of Rake Lane from the Little Stanney parish boundary to the A5117, and this was confirmed. The Parish Council had no further observations to make. The proposal would now be advertised formally.

The safety of pedestrians when trying to cross the A5117 near the bottom of Rake Lane was raised again, as was the prevention of u-turning on Stanney Lane. It was suggested that an “Access only” notice might make people think twice about turning into Stanney Lane.

RESOLVED: That CWaC be asked to

- (1) revisit the issue of pedestrian safety when trying to cross the A5117 from the bottom of Rake Lane; and
- (2) look again at ways in which vehicles might be discouraged from u-turning on Stanney Lane.

### **21.65 PLAYING FIELD AND NATURE PARK**

Cllr Jones reported that vandals had cut down three trees in the Nature Park. The trees had been hacked down and the stumps were in poor condition. The Parish Council was advised to contact their local PCSOs, Hannah Forrest and Tony Icke, to ask them to keep an eye on the site. The Parish Council would arrange to have the hedge trimmed back, on safety grounds, to make the Nature Park visible from the street.

Cllr Jones also announced that his wife, Madge, who had been looking after the Nature Park for several years was no longer able to do so for health reasons. The Parish Council thanked Madge for all the work she had done over the years and wished her well for the future. The Parish Council would need to give some thought to how best to manage the Nature Park going forward.

Following the decision by PlandMS to retire, the Clerk had contacted two local organisations to request a quotation for a half-yearly inspection of the Play Area to be undertaken in March and October. Both organisations had submitted prices and the lowest was from Northwich Town Council at £37.50 + VAT. The other quotation received was for £75 + VAT.

The annual RoSPA inspection was due in August and Alan Dymond of Morral Play Services had confirmed that the cost would remain at £45.00 + VAT per site. The fee charged by RoSPA for all Parish, Town and Community Councils was £68.50 + VAT.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the quotation of £37.50 + VAT per visit submitted by Northwich Town Council for half-yearly inspections in March and October be accepted; and
- (2) the quotation of £45 + VAT submitted by Morral Play Services for the annual RoSPA inspection be accepted.

### **21.66 PROTOS COMMUNITY FORUM**

Following the resignation of Cllr Roy Greenwood, the Parish Council needed to appoint a Councillor to represent the Parish Council on the Protos Community Forum and the Community Benefit Fund Panel. It was likely that most of the meetings, especially those of the Panel, would be held by Zoom. Cllr Mark Parry offered to take this on, and it was, therefore, RESOLVED that Cllr Mark Parry would become the Parish Council's representative on the Protos Community Forum and the Community Benefit Fund Panel.

### **21.67 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022**

Town and Parish Councils were being encouraged to take part in the lighting of Beacons on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 in celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this was likely to be the last chain of Beacons to be lit in the reign of HM The Queen, there was a desire to make it the largest and the most dramatic the world had ever seen. Information had been received that would ensure those wishing to take part had plenty of time to plan for the event.

RESOLVED: That more information about the event be circulated for the next meeting.

### **21.68 BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

The deadline for nominations for the Birthday 2022 honours round was Wednesday 10 September. This was earlier than usual because the honours list would be announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 to coincide with the Platinum Jubilee.

RESOLVED: That the deadline be noted.

### **21.69 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2021-24**

The Police and Crime Commissioner was consulting residents on his Police and Crime Plan for 2021-24. The priorities until 2024 were to prevent and tackle crime, make Cheshire's roads safer, deliver justice for victims of crime, protect vulnerable people, improve public confidence in policing, and modernise our police force. The PCC wanted residents' views on whether it would make Cheshire safer. The consultation closed at 23.59 hours on Sunday 15 August 2021. Once the consultation was closed, the responses would be analysed, and amendments would be made to the plan before the final draft was presented at the September meeting of Cheshire's Police and Crime Panel.

RESOLVED: That the Plan be received and noted, and Councillors respond individually.

## 21.70 COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

The PCC had launched a Community Action Fund with more than £100,000 available for projects which made a real difference to their local community. The funding was aimed at new projects or initiatives which would deliver community safety or crime prevention activities. Individual bids of up to £5,000 could be submitted by applicants who were working with their local policing team to address local priorities. All bids had to be match-funded to provide maximum benefit to local communities.

RESOLVED: That the report be taken to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## 21.71 FINANCE

### Income

07.07.21	HMRC -Repayment of VAT	195.30
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### Expenditure

Date	Method	Description	Amount
26.05.21	BACS	Parish Clerk – Expenses	56.40
26.05.21	BACS	Zurich Insurance	360.81
28.05.21	SO	Parish Clerk – salary May	199.96
28.05.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner – wages May	322.40
28.05.21	BACS	SLCC – Affiliation Fee	56.00
01.06.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner – expenses May	28.35
01.06.21	BACS	HMRC – Income Tax	552.16
07.06.21	BACS	ChALC – Affiliation Fee	147.96
16.06.21	BACS	Barnes Cooper – Internal Audit Fee	120.00
18.06.21	BACS	Cheshire Community Action – Affiliation fee	20.00
28.06.21	SO	Parish Clerk – salary June	199.96
28.06.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner – wages June	322.40
30.06.21	Bank	Service Charge	18.00
02.07.21	BACS	HMRC – Income Tax	291.00
02.07.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner – expenses June	47.25
02.07.21	BACS	Parish Clerk – expenses	16.81
14.07.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner – Backpay	20.82
20.07.21	BACS	Hadfield Photography – website migration	830.00
			3,610.28

Reconciliation:	Opening Balance	23,775.28
	Add: Receipts	195.30
	Less: Payments	<u>3,610.28</u>
	Closing Balance	<u>20,360.30</u>

## 21.72 CONSULTATIONS

### Local Plan Conversation 2021

The CWaC Local Plan ran to 2030. CWaC wondered whether the Council's current Local Plan needed to be updated to reflect changing circumstances and new priorities such as the climate emergency, poverty and health and they were inviting people and organisations to help decide whether the Plan needed to be updated. The consultation closed at 5pm on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted, and Councillors respond individually.

## 21.73 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28 September 2021 at 7.00pm in Little Stanney Village Hall