

Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on Monday 9 May 2005 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

PRESENT: Parish Councillor Edward Kirk (in the Chair) and Parish Councillors, David Brodie, Gail Scullion, Hilary Davies, Anne Stockdale and Sheila Cowell.

IN ATTENDANCE : City Councillor Brian Bailey

05/22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Edward Kirk be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year

05/23 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hilary Davies be appointed Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year

05/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Joanne Ahmadi

05/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2005 be confirmed

05/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Bus Service – the Parish Council noted, with regret, that the bus service that had served the people of Littleton for the last 50 – 60 years by dropping people in Littleton Lane so they did not have to cross the busy A51, had been discontinued. This was clearly to the detriment of the more vulnerable members of the community. It was also regretted that there was no longer a bus service that linked Littleton with Christleton where there was a Post Office etc. It was noted that Councillor Burke had issued information on Dial a Ride services.

2) The Little Chef – it was noted that the premises were up for sale again.

3) Noticeboard – Councillor Brodie reported that the refurbished notice board would soon be erected in its original position adjacent to The Little Chef. He had checked with the owners of the property and they had no objection to the notice board being located there.

4) The Vicar's Cross – Councillor Brodie reported that he was still awaiting a response from the County Engineer in respect of information needed for the planning application.

05/27 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1) 05/00500/FUL – Enderley, Littleton Lane – Single Storey Kitchen Extension

RESOLVED: that the application be supported.

2) 05/00187/FUL – 50 Tarvin Road, Littleton – 50 Tarvin Road, Littleton – Conversion of Existing Workshop at Rear of Property to Two bedroom Bungalow for Disabled Relatives – it was noted that this application had been refused permission by the Planning Authority.

3) Building Works at Breneric and Willaroyd, Littleton Lane – Councillor Stockdale reported that the works that were being carried out at the above properties appeared to be beyond what was on the planning applications considered by the Parish Council ie at Willaroyd the garage was larger than indicated on the plans and the window at the side or the development of Breneric was double the size indicated on the plan. Councillor Stockdale had been told by the City Council had such variations were permissible; however, the Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Authority to check this out.

05/28 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making specific reference to the Double Taxation Grant received from the City Council and the recent Local Government pay award which affected his salary.

RESOLVED: that 1) the report of the Clerk be received
2) the Clerk's salary be confirmed at £1,645pa

05/29 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that the following accounts be paid:-

	£
1) Clerk's salary	235.00
2) Typing and office services	21.50
3) Litter Warden 28hrs @ £5.47	153.16
4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – May	30.00
5) Assn of Local Councils – Sub	104.64
6) Allianz Cornhill – Annual Insurance Premium	281.95
7) Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society – Annual Sub	8.00

05/30 INCOME

RESOLVED: that the following income be received:-

	£
1) Stock Dividend	308.61
2) Treasury Stock 07 Dividend	93.98
3) Barclays Bank Interest	1.91
4) Chester City Council – Precept	2,000.00
5) Chester City Council – Double Taxation Grant	310.00

05/31 CLERK – PETTY CASH

RESOLVED: that the Clerk's petty cash float be reimbursed in the sum of £3.56

05/32 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Since their last meeting the Parish Council had received correspondence which was circulated to Members and this included:-

Chester City Council – Urban Potential Study – Consultation on Scoping Report

- The Key 15
- It's Your District
- Contributions to Play Areas 2005/6
- Double Taxation Grant

Cheshire County Council - Cheshire Signpost – Spring 2005

- A New Look for the Future
- Cheshire Matters April 2005

Planning Inspectorate – Site at Former Vicars Cross Nursery – Inspector's
Decision

05/33 ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED: That Councillors Edward Kirk, Sheila Cowell and Hilary Davies represent the Parish Council with Anne Stockdale as first reserve

05/34 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the Meetings of the Parish Council for the ensuing year will be held on:-

Monday 11 July 2005
Monday 12 September 2005
Monday 24 October 2005
Monday 5 December 2005
Monday 30 January 2006
Monday 20 March 2006
Monday 8 May 2006 (AGM)

05/35 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1) Planning Applications for Telecommunications Masts – City Councillor Bailey briefed members of the Parish Council on the current planning situation relating to applications for telecommunications masts and the code of conduct which applied to them. He undertook to send members copies of the relevant documents.

2) North West Regional Assembly – Councillor Bailey offered to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to make a presentation on the NW Regional Assembly and its implications. This was accepted.

3) Trespass by Travellers – Councillor Bailey said that a briefing note on action that could be taken in the event of invasion of property by travellers was available and he would send it to the Parish Council. It was noted that the gates to the site of the former Vicars Cross Nursery had been left open – an open invitation to such trespass.

4) Bus Service – Councillor Bailey informed the Parish Council that there were issues with the bus service in various parts of Chester, including Littleton's No 23, and he was taking them up with the bus company.

5) Trees – concerns were expressed about the loss of tree in the Parish, with particular reference to Littleton Old Hall. Councillor Brodie undertook to contact the Parish Tree Warden so this could be investigated.

6) A51 Tarvin Road – Vibration – Councillor Gail Scullion reported on the dialogue she was having with the County Engineer about the continuing vibration nuisance. Tests had been done and the preliminary findings indicated that the vibration was not bad enough to damage the building but enough to disturb the occupants – something she was well aware of!

Tests were to be done on other properties and it was important that any resident who felt they had a problem with this should complain to the County Engineer – the more who complained the more chance of action being taken!

It was agreed generally that the cause of the vibration was the raised, ribbed marking lines on the road.

