Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on

Monday 6 March 2017 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

PRESENT: Parish Councillor Clive Lovering (in the Chair) and Parish

Councillors David Brodie, Hilary Davies and Bettie Gilliatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

17/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Jonathan Bellis, CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker and PC R Boulton

17/06 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 December 2016

and Extraordinary Meeting of 30 January 2017 be

confirmed as a correct record

17/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Precept – Councillor Brodie reported on feedback he had received from the Trustees of the play area who understood the difficulty of the Parish Council’s position. There was the possibility, however, of the play area attracting funding from other sources.

17/08 CASUAL VACANCY

This was deferred until the next Meeting when it was hoped any prospective Parish Councillor would be able to attend. Councillors were asked to “put the word out”. All

17/09 TREES IN THE PARISH

It was noted that Parish Councillors had met with the CW&C Natural Environment Officer (Trees and Woodland) on site to discuss how best to protect trees in the locality. It was agreed at the meeting that the first tranche of trees to be considered for protection would be those identified alongside Fir Tree Lane and the PROW. A plan would be marked up and submitted to CW&C. CL DT

17/10 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

It was reported that a formal request for funding of a Speed Indicator Sign (SID) by CW&C Councillors Margaret and Stuart Parker had been completed and submitted. This had been subsequently approved and the funds received. An order could now be placed for the appropriate unit. The Chairman had been discussing the merits of the models available with Ian Rutherford of CW&C.

RESOLVED: that an order be placed for the Clever SID

Members also discussed the hazards, especially to pedestrians, of using Pearl Lane and wondered whether it would be possible to route walkers away from the road for a section. It was suggested that this be pursued via the landowner. All

It was also noted that the 30mph sign on Little Heath Road had been damaged but was now repaired; and that it was understood that a planning application had been submitted by Christleton PC for traffic calming measures on the approach to the duck pond.

17/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1) The Old Stables, 68 Tarvin Road, Littleton – Single storey extension to rear and conversion of outbuilding to outdoor kitchen – it was noted that this planning application had been approved by the authority.

**17/12 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making particular reference to the difficulties being experienced in getting the PC fully functional re online banking.

# RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk be received

**17/13 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

1) Clerk’s salary – Feb & March (less tax) 236.80

2) HMRC – PAYE – Feb & March 59.20

3) Typing and office services 16.50

4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – Mar 30.00

5) Litter Warden – 14 hours @ £7.20 100.80

**17/14 INCOME**

RESOLVED: that the following income be received:-

1) Chester RUFC – Parish Field rent 400.00

2) CW&C – grant for SID 1,795.00

**17/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Since their last meeting the Parish Council had received correspondence which included:-

Mr T Cooke, Stamford Lane – (via Christleton PC) – complaint about litter and fly tipping in parishes, borders of A55 and M53 and Pearl Lane. Referred to Highways and PC Boulton

Sorrel Woods – Concern about large tree outside number 55 Tarvin Road bending right over with a large branch going right over the road – referred to Highways

Cheshire Constabulary - PC R Boulton - Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils - Member Briefings

Christleton Parish Council – Cheshire Villages ward – Initiative on Speeding Traffic – PC invited to become involved in campaign. Councillor Davies to attend meeting on 20 March and report back. **HD**

Your Housing Group - request for PC to assist with advertising of final two homes for sale at the Tannery. Members took the view that it would be inappropriate for the PC to get involved in what was essentially a commercial matter.

**17/16 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting (AGM) be confirmed as being on

Monday 8 May 2017

**17/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Twinning Association – Councillor Gilliatt reported on the forthcoming activities of the Twinning Association who were receiving visitors from France 9-12 May. She hoped the PC would be amenable to making a contribution to the funding of the visit and to help with publicising it to encourage people in the locality to get involved.

RESOLVED: that it be agreed in principle that £100 be donated to the TA fund

2) Hare Lane Copse – Weeds – Councillor Brodie confirmed he would be spraying the Hogweed in the near future.

3) The Poplars, 80 Tarvin Road – Councillor Davies tabled a letter received from the new owners of 80 Tarvin Road which would be used, after building work to the interior, to provide care in the community for adults with learning difficulties. Members invited to call in to look around etc.

4) Speed Signage on Pearl Lane – it had been noted that the signage on the lane had moved around to be no longer effective. Reported to Highways.

5) Advertising Banner on Pearl Lane – a commercial banner had been attached to a gate on Pearl Lane. The Clerk had contacted the person concerned and asked them to remove it.