Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on

Monday 9 October 2017 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

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

 Councillors David Brodie, Anne Stockdale, Caroline Gill,

 Bettie Gilliatt and Hilary Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker

 PC Robert Boulton

17/62 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor David Brodie be elected Vice Chairman for the

 remainder of the year

17/63 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2017 be

 confirmed as a correct record

17/64 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Proposed Housing Development in Christleton – the Chairman reported on the public meeting he had attended in Christleton. Local residents were very concerned about the scheme. One of the biggest worries was the effect on traffic which was already a significant problem in and around the village. It was felt the developer did not understand this issue.
2. Trees in the Parish – the Chairman reported that the map of trees to be earmarked for protection had been drawn up and would now be sent to the CW&C Tree Officer. The Clerk was also asked to find out from the Tree Officer about a Consultation on Trees that had been carried out with the Woodland Trust but had apparently not been shared with Parish Councils.

 DT

17/65 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

1. Burglaries - PC Rob Boulton reported on a spate of burglaries in the area where gold and agricultural items were the main target. Local residents should watch for people who look out of place in the village and not be afraid to report any suspicious activity.
2. Boundary Review – Councillor Stuart Parker reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had published draft recommendations for the future electoral arrangements for Cheshire West and Chester. This would see the number of Councillors reduced from 75 to 70. Littleton which was currently part of Chester Villages would become part of a much wider area which would include Huntington, Dodleston and Pulford. It was felt this probably the best arrangement in the circumstances as at least the parishes concerned were similar in nature ie. rural. Councillor Parker encouraged the Parish Council to respond to the consultation.

RESOLVED: that Littleton Parish Council support the recommendation

 and the need to keep rural parishes together. DT

1. Chester Parking – Councillor Parker reported on efforts to retain Free After 3pm Parking in Chester.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council write to CW&C to voice their support

 for the retention of free after 3 parking. DT

17/66 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

Councillor Lovering reported on the meeting of Littleton Speedwatch held on 27 September attended by representatives of CW&C Highways who had undertaken to look into providing:-

1. 30mph signs on Littleton Lane to be made larger size
2. New 30mph sign for vehicles exiting Littleton village and 30mph roundel on the entrance to the village coming off the A51
3. Two 30mph roundels at the repeater sign
4. One 30mph roundel entering the village from Christleton side
5. Looking into the possibility hedges being cut back and footpaths widened to create a Cycle Lane from the A51 into Christleton.
6. The A51 crossings would be monitored to establish usage

The objective was to get cyclists and pedestrians from the A51 to Christleton village safely and efforts would be made to find the best solution to this. In the first instance the Parish Council would make efforts to contact the owner of the field next to Little Heath Road to request that the hedge be cut back. It was noted that the Public Right of way was also overgrown. DT

It was also intended to meet with the school to further promote road safety.

 17/67 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 17/03689/FUL – 76 Tarvin Road – Two Storey Extension to Side/Rear and Single Storey Extension to Rear – the Clerk reported that no Members had raised any issues about the proposed development and he had informed the local authority that the Parish Council had no objections to it.

**17/68 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making particular reference to the External Audit of the Parish Council accounts for 2016/17 which had been completed.

# RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk be received

**17/69 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

1) Clerk’s salary – Oct (less tax) 118.40

2) HMRC – PAYE – Oct 29.60

3) Typing and office services 11.50

4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – Oct 30.00

5) Litter Warden – 6 hours @ £7.20 43.20

**17/70 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed

**17/71** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Cheshire Constabulary - PC R Boulton - Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

Cheshire West & Chester Council – A51 Update – request for meeting. It was agreed that Councillors Stockdale, Davies and Gilliatt would attend this and report back.

**17/72 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting be held on Monday 4 December 2017 and

 the January meeting be changed to Monday 22 January 2018.

**17/73 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Road Sign – the Clerk was asked to contact Highways about a damaged road sign on the A51.