Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on

Monday 22 January 2018 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

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

 Councillors Caroline Gill, Bettie Gilliatt and Jonathan Bellis

IN ATTENDANCE: CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker

18/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Hilary Davies, Anne Stockdale and David Brodie

18/02 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

 confirmed as a correct record

18/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Proposed Housing Development in Christleton – the Clerk reported he had conveyed the Parish Council’s objections to the proposed development to the planning authority as a neighbouring parish which would be affected by the scheme. Councillor Stuart Parker suggested that the developers were apparently thinking of scaling down the number of houses in the plan.

2) Trees in the Parish – the Clerk was asked to chase the results of the Parish Council’s application for TPOs on Fir Tree Lane with the Tree Officer. **DT**

3) Chester Parking – Councillor Parker reported that despite efforts being made to prevent the abolition of Free After 3pm Parking in Chester and protests by Chester businesses it was still being implemented.

4) Parish Field Rent – the Clerk reported that he had checked the tenancy agreement which did not stipulate review of rent. It was therefore agreed to leave the rent as it was (£400 pa) for the time being.

5) A51 Meeting – members expressed doubts about the effectiveness of the measures to improve traffic flow on the A51 and concerns about how the schemes in Littleton would restrict the movements of the local residents. There was also concern that the proposals would not represent value for the £5M they would cost. It was therefore agreed that a meeting be set up with Maria Byrne of Highways to put these points forward. Councillor Bellis offered to take the lead on this. JB

18/04 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

Councillor Lovering reported on the continuing deployment of the SID and the latest Speedwatch meeting. Data gathered by the SID would increase pressure on the Police to take action. The road safety actions promised by the Highways Service eg. roundels were still awaited.

The Clerk reported that on the cutting of hedges which the PC hoped would lead to the clearing of mulch under them to widen the pathways. The farmer was apparently hindered from carrying this out by the trees on the verge. These needed pruning to allow egress though it was unclear who had responsibility for the trees. The Clerk was asked to contact Christleton PC to see whether they fell under their jurisdiction. DT

The Chairman reported on a very useful meeting he had attended at Christleton High School with the Deputy Head and Commercial Director. Apparently the school was doing a lot of work with the pupils on road safety awareness and were also conducting spot checks. The school was very interested in the Parish Council’s plans for road safety.

Councillor Bellis also suggested that Sustrans may be a good source of advice re the creation of any cycleway between the villages.

 18/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1) 17/04992/FUL – 76 Tarvin Road – Wall and Fence – the Parish Council had supported the proposed development which had subsequently received approval from the planning authority.

2) 18/00003/FUL – 113 Tarvin Road – 2 Storey Front Extension, Single Storey Rear Extension and First Floor Side Extension

Councillor Gill declared an interest in the item and left the room.

RESOLVED: that the proposed development be supported

(Councillor Gill re-joined the meeting)

3) 17/05325/TPO – Glenhome, 46 Tarvin Road – Removal of Horse Chestnut

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council support the application

4) 17/03766/FUL - Land at 53 Tarvin Road – One Dwelling – it was noted that this had gone to Appeal.

**18/06 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making particular reference to the need for the Parish Council to agree its budget for the forthcoming year and set its Precept.

# The Clerk also reported that the notice board adjacent to 76 Tarvin Road had finally seen the end of its days. The replacement notice board he had been holding in store would replace it and he had asked a contractor to fix it in the metal frame at a proposed cost of £20.

# RESOLVED: that i) the report of the Clerk be received

 ii) the Precept for 2018/19 be set at £3,500

 iii) the notice board adjacent to 76 Tarvin Road be removed

 from the Asset Register and replaced at a fixing cost of £20

**18/07 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

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

2) HMRC – PAYE – Jan 59.20

3) Typing and office services 13.50

4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – Jan 30.00

5) Litter Warden – 6 hours @ £7.20 43.20

**18/08 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £3

**18/09** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Cheshire West and Chester Council – request for Parish Precept information

Cheshire Constabulary - PC R Boulton - Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

Mr K Skinner – Richards Family Field – Mr Skinner wrote to express concern about the vehicles in the field and asked what the PC was doing about them. The Clerk reported he had responded to Mr Skinner stating that the Parish Council was keeping a watching brief following a telephone conversation with a member of the family. It was unclear whether or not the caravan in the field was inhabited. Unless anything illegal occurred or there was a clear breach of planning regulations there is nothing further the PC could do.

Parish Councillor Bettie Gilliatt – invitation to AGM of Barrow and Littleton Twinning Association AGM being held on 23 February 2018 at 7 pm at Barrow Village Hall.

(Councillor Bettie Gilliatt left the meeting at this point)

**18/10 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting be held on Monday 5 March 2018.

**18/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Wheelie Bin Signs – it was noted that a particular Tarvin Road resident had taken it upon himself to mount a road safety sign on his wheelie bin.

2) Littleton Lane Hedge – the Clerk was asked to contact the owner of Littleton Hall to arrange for his hedge to be cut back. **DT**

3) The Bye-Pass – Litter – it was noted that litter was accumulating here. The Litter Warden would be asked to keep a particular eye on this.  **DT**