Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on

Monday 5 March 2018 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

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

 Councillors David Brodie, Anne Stockdale, Bettie Gilliatt

 and Jonathan Bellis

IN ATTENDANCE: CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker

 PC R Boulton

18/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Hilary Davies and Caroline Gill

18/13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2018 be

 confirmed as a correct record

18/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) 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**

2) A51 – Councillor Bellis reported on a meeting he attended with officers of CW&C Highways about the proposals to carry out improvement works on the A51. He had been keen to see information which demonstrated these schemes would work and were cost-effective but this was not available. He was assured however that the schemes represented good value for money.

Members reflected that the new Christleton development would not help the situation. It was felt that CW&C’s aim was to increase the capacity of the A51 and none of this would be of benefit to the local community.

4) Hedges – it was noted that some hedge cutting had been carried out. The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the owner of Littleton Hall who had confirmed he would get the hedge bordering the footpath cut.

18/15 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

Councillor Lovering reported on the continuing deployment of the SID and was pleased that more volunteers had come forward. PC Boulton reported that the training had been most productive with plenty of sessions arranged.

Councillor Lovering reported on a meeting he had attended with Stuart Bateman re the proposals for a cycleway and pedestrian route from Littleton to Christleton. There were no easy ways to make this happen but, in the meantime, now that hedges had been cut the mulch could be cleared from the border to the footpath which would give more room for the people using it. Going forward the landowners affected by the proposals would have to be consulted.

It was also proposed to conduct a survey of local residents to find out their attitude to creating a pedestrian crossing adjacent to the veterinary surgery. Councillors Gilliatt and Gill to action. Councillor Bellis offered to help. BG CH JB

It was acknowledged, however, that the likely cost of such a scheme was beyond the Parish Council’s funds earmarked for Road Safety projects but it was hoped that the money would be useful in other ways.

It was noted that Christleton Parish Council had offered to donate £500 in respect of their use of the SID. It was felt, however, that as the scheme was still bedding in it was not at this time appropriate to accept their kind offer. As an alternative Christleton PC might want to allocate the £500 to one of their own road safety initiatives.

Councillor Lovering suggested it would be a good idea for all the Parish Councils in the surrounding area to talk about road safety.

PC Boulton reported that more enforcement action was being taken, especially on the A51.

It was noted that whilst the laying of white speed limit roundels at one location on Littleton Lane had been completed the remainder of the work had been delayed due to the bad weather but was still on course to be done.

18/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1) 18/00003/FUL – 113 Tarvin Road – 2 Storey Front Extension, Single Storey Rear Extension and First Floor Side Extension

It was reported that this development had received approval from the planning authority.

2) 17/04127/FUL – Christleton Hall – Residential Development of 60 Dwellings etc.

Councillor Stuart Parker reported that he had called this application in for formal consideration by the Council.

**18/17 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council and confirmed that the new noticeboard was now in place.

# RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk be received

**18/18 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 29.60

3) Typing and office services 11.50

4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – March 30.00

5) Litter Warden – 4 hours @ £7.20 28.80

6) Clerk – reimbursement for payment for fixing of noticeboard 20.00

7) Barclays Bank – storage fees 3.00

**18/19 INCOME**

RESOLVED: that the following income be received:-

1) HMRC – Refund of VAT 542.64

**18/20 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

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

**18/21** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Cheshire West and Chester Council – Planning notifications

Cheshire Constabulary - PC R Boulton – Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

Barrow & Littleton Twinning Association – creation of an Association page on LPC website

Mrs Sorrel Woods – Litter Warden – concerns re litter in Parish. This was fully discussed and actions suggested.

**18/22 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That in view of problems with Members being able to attend the

 scheduled Meeting, the full Parish Council be canvassed by the

 Clerk to find the most suitable date. **DT**

**18/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) CW&C Budget – Councillor Stuart Parker reported on the situation with regard to the Council Budget and the consequent setting of the Council Tax.

2) Poster on Roundabout – the Clerk was asked to contact the people who were displaying a poster on the roundabout to ask them to remove it. **DT**

3) Website – it was suggested that SID data be posted on the PC website. There also needed to be a new link to bus services for Littleton. **DT**