Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on

Monday 1 October 2018 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

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

 Councillors Anne Stockdale, Caroline Marrison Gill,

 and Hilary Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: Local residents R Coackley, H Morgan and S Woods

18/63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bettie Gilliatt and Michael Smythe.

18/64 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Mr Morgan and Mr Coackley had come to the meeting to discuss a report they had discovered on the internet which showed a study for the local authority published in March of schemes intended to improve the A51 which included a by-pass staring at the Stamford Bridge traffic lights. The extensive document which included map of a proposed route for the by-pass referred to consultation with a variety of bodies including Littleton Parish Council and the residents concerned were asking for the PC to keep them updated on progress.

Councillor Lovering clarified that whilst the Parish Council had been involved in discussions with Highways re the A51 this was quite some time ago and only related to various small improvements along the road - certainly nothing more substantial. Indeed, in response to a rumour picked up recently involving neighbouring parish councils about “something going on” the Highways Officer had been asked via CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker about any schemes etc being contemplated and had denied that anything was happening. Thus the Parish Council was getting mixed messages!

Councillor Lovering restated the position of the Parish Council that it was felt that the minor schemes would not solve anything and indeed would hinder the movement of local residents.

It was agreed to refer details of the report to Councillor Stuart Parker for his observations, asking him to brief the Parish Council on the matter. Members also felt it would be useful if one of their number could concentrate on road matters going forward. ALL

18/65 CASUAL VACANCY

Since no one had come forward it was agreed to defer until the next meeting

18/66 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2018 be

 confirmed as a correct record.

18/67 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Hedges – it was noted that the hedge bordering Littleton Hall still needed to be cut back still further. Clerk to raise with landowner. **DT**

2) Broadband – the Clerk reported that the issue had been resolved with the help of Councillor Smythe.

3) Hare Lane Copse – the Clerk reported that he had obtained an estimate for fencing the 20 metre gap in the fencing around the Copse. It was agreed that this be a project for possible funding by Councillor Parker’s Member’s Budget.

4) Tarvin Road Cycle Lane – the cutting back of encroaching vegetation that was restricting the width of the footway adjacent to the Rugby Club had not been carried out and the Clerk was chasing CW&C about this and the filling in of a hole in the pavement. **DT**

5) Tarvin Road Hedge – the Clerk reported he had contacted the householder and the hedge had been cut back.

18/68 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

Councillor Lovering reported on the continuing deployment of the SID but expressed his concern that data gathered by the Speed Indicator Device confirmed that high numbers of motorists were still blatantly disregarding speed limits in the Parish even though Police enforcement of the speed limits was taking place.

The Parish Council was continuing to work in partnership with the Police, CW&C and the Highways authority on road safety and in the meantime urged residents and those traveling through the village to be aware of and adhere to the speed limits.

It was noted that there was a meeting being organised by Christleton PC relating to the traffic problems across the wider Chester Villages area and Littleton would of course be involved in this.

18/69 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1) 18/02385/FUL – Denyscourt, 34 Tarvin Road, Littleton – Double Storey Rear and Front Extension – it was noted that this development had been approved by the Planning Authority.

**18/70 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making particular reference to having ordered a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk be received

**18/71 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 15.50

4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – Oct 30.00

5) Litter Warden – 8 hrs @ £5 40.00

7) Clerk – reimbursement for purchase of wreath 33.00

8) Donation to Royal British Legion 50.00

**18/72 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £3.65

**18/73** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Councillor Michael Smythe – proposal to bid for “Do not enter box junction until exit is clear” signs from Members Budget – agreed. Clerk to submit to Cllr Parker. **DT**

Cheshire West and Chester Council – Planning notifications

* Child Employment Licence for Litter Warden
* Highways – pavement hole etc

Cheshire Constabulary - PC R Boulton – Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

David C Morris – reporting back on broadband problem being resolved

Christleton PC – agenda for KGF meeting

**18/74 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on

 Monday 3 December 2018

**18/75 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Newsletter – it was agreed that Councillor Marrison Gill would contact Councillor Gilliatt to discuss how best to progress the latest newsletter. **CMG**