Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on

Monday 14 January 2019 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

PRESENT: Parish Councillor Caroline Marrison Gill (in the Chair) and Parish

 Councillors Clive Lovering and Bettie Gilliatt

IN ATTENDANCE: Local Residents Mrs K Campbell and Mr H Morgan

19/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anne Stockdale, Hilary Davies and CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker.

19/02 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Mr Morgan reported on a meeting held with Chris Matheson MP about the schemes intended to improve the A51 traffic flow and their possible funding. Reference was made to the “Atlantic Gateway” from the M6 to the western ports and the quality of the air in Littleton stemming from vehicles queuing for the roundabout.

19/03 CASUAL VACANCIES

Mr Huw Morgan of Tarvin Road indicated he was willing to be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill one of the Casual Vacancies.

RESOLVED: that Mr H Morgan be co-pted onto the Parish Council

Councillor Morgan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the Parish Council.

19/04 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

 confirmed as a correct record.

19/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Hare Lane Copse – the Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s bid for funding from the Members’ Budget in respect of fencing the 20 metre gap in the fencing around the Copse had been successful and the work would commence soon.

2) A51 Improvement Schemes – the continuing difficulties of the roundabout were discussed in conjunction with the proposal to widen the approach adjacent to Littleton Hall etc to allow traffic to flow freely onto the A55 unhindered by the queues on the roundabout. It was also agreed to keep a watching brief on the proposal for a Littleton by pass.

19/06 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

Karen Campbell had brought the laptop with current data to the meeting. It was hoped that more people would come on board to operate the SID after training.

It was noted that there had been some engagement and enforcement by the police but it was clear from the data that current efforts were not having the desired effects on the behaviour of certain motorists who continued to speed.

It was now suggested that something physical had to be done to the road between Littleton and Christleton to force the traffic to slow down and that a chicane might be the answer. Councillor Marrison Gill pointed out that it was essential that modelling be carried out to assess the likely effects of such a scheme as there could be unintended consequences.

It was noted that the local authority had gone to the trouble of erecting 20mph signs on Fir Tree Lane etc which members thought was a bit unnecessary.

19/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1) 18/03803/FUL – Residential Development of 42 dwellings at Christleton Hall

It was noted that this was to be considered by the Planning Committee on 24 January. It was hoped that one of the Parish Councillors could attend. **ALL**

**19/08 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council and provided a report on the likely income and expenditure for the forthcoming financial year.

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

 ii) the Parish Council request a Precept of £3500 for 2019/20

**19/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

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

2) HMRC – PAYE – Jan 29.60

3) Typing and office services 17.50

4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – Jan 30.00

5) Litter Warden – 12 hrs @ £5 60.00

6) Chester RUFC – Room Hire for Speedwatch Meeting 30.00

**19/10 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £14.52

**19/11** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Cheshire West and Chester Council – Planning notifications

 - May 2019 Election Information

Justhost.com – Expiration of domain name registration – dealt with by Clerk

Cheshire Constabulary – PCSO Jack Makin - Update

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

Alison Arden – asking the Parish Council to help with problems of rubbish being dumped on Pearl Lane also along the boundary of their field with the A55. It was agreed to take this up with CW&C Highways. **DT**

**19/12 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

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

 Monday 4 March 2019

**19/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Littleton & Barrow Twinning Association – Councillor Gilliatt reported that there was a meeting of the Association being held on 25 January.