Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held on

Monday 4 March 2019 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.

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

 Councillors Anne Stockdale, Huw Morgan and Bettie Gilliatt

IN ATTENDANCE: CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker

 CW&C Officer Stuart Bateman

 Mr Ian Wilson and Mr Will Ballantyne CRUFC

19/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hilary Davies and Caroline Marrison Gill who had broken her leg. The Clerk was asked to arrange for flowers to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council to Councillor Marrison Gill. DT

19/15 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

1) Hare Lane Crossing - Ian Wilson and Will Ballantyne were attending the meeting to present a proposal by CRUFC to enhance road safety on Hare Lane. There were concerns about the current arrangement whereby children and their parents etc have to walk out of the main gate to the Rugby Club and along Hare Lane to the pitches situated on the Parish Field.

The proposal was to establish a new opening in the hedge forming the boundary of CRUFC adjacent to the entrance to the pitches, thereby creating a crossing point with gates either side of the road which benefitted from better lines of sight and avoided the main entrance to the Club which at times could be very busy.

It was explained that CRUFC had already discussed the proposal with Guilden Sutton Parish Council in whose Parish the Rugby Club fell and the Highways Engineer. Stuart Bateman confirmed that Highways had agreed to provide warning signs.

CRUFC were raising the issue with Littleton Parish Council in the hope that they would be able to support the project. Councillor Stuart Parker indicated that one possible source of funding could be from funds allocated to the Members’ Budget for Councillor Margaret Parker who was the Local Member for Guilden Sutton.

It was agreed that Littleton Parish Council supported the proposal and would consider allocating some funds from its budget to help with its funding.

2) Road Safety – Stuart Bateman from CW&C Highways had kindly agreed to attend the meeting in order to discuss the various options being considered to curb speeding on Littleton Lane. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was regularly deployed and PCSO Jack Makin was working closely with the Parish Council re enforcement etc but it appeared that this was having very little effect on the behaviour of some motorists who continued to break the speed limit.

It was felt that something physical might have to be done to force a change in this behaviour, either:-

i) a permanent SID which would have the advantage of operating 24/7. The down side to this was that motorists could become sign-blind to it

or

ii) a chicane on The Bye Pass. It was felt that this could well prompt many people to avoid the road and there was a risk of it creating undue congestion.

It was noted that option i) would cost approx £10k but Highways would contribute 50% funds to the scheme. Option ii) would also cost £10k but the scheme would not be eligible for help with the funding.

It was agreed that this was an issue that would have to be discussed by the Parish Council with the full complement of Members being present. Councillor Parker suggested that there was a need to work holistically with Christleton PC.

19/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2019 be

 confirmed as a correct record.

19/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Hare Lane Copse – the Clerk reported that the fencing of 20 metre gap in the boundary of the Copse had been carried out.

2) 18/03803/FUL – Residential Development of 42 dwellings at Christleton Hall -It was noted that this proposed development had been refused by the Planning Committee.

3) Fly Tipping on Pearl Lane/A41 – it was noted that this had been tackled by the Highways Authority.

4) Trees – it had been noted that some trees in a field bordering Pearl Lane had been removed and the hedge cut back severely. The Clerk was asked to contact Christleton PC to alert them to this as it was in their area. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to chase up the Tree Officer who still had not responded to the Parish Council’s application for trees bordering Fir Tree Lane to be subject to a TPO. **DT**

**19/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1) 19/00276/FUL – 81 Tarvin Road, Littleton – Rear Extension – Members agreed to relay their observations on this proposed development to the Clerk the following day so he could forward them to the Planning Authority.

**19/19 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 the report of the Clerk be received

**19/20 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 59.20

3) Typing and office services 15.50

4) Chester RFC – Room Hire – March 30.00

5) Litter Warden – 14 hrs @ £5 + bin sacks £2.20 72.20

6) Ringwood Fencing – fencing of Hare Lane Copse 343.72

**19/21 INCOME**

RESOLVED: that the following income be received:-

1) CRUFC – Rent of Parish Field 400.00

**19/22 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £3.00

**19/23** **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

Cheshire Constabulary – PCSO Jack Makin - Updates

Cheshire Association of Local Councils

– E Bulletins

- Local Industry Strategy Meeting 1 March – Councillor Bettie Gilliatt had attended this and reported back to the Parish Council

Ian Wilson, CRUFC – Potential of Funding Support for CRUFC Crossing Scheme

Kieran Skinner – Works to A51 Tarvin Road

Richard Salmon – Action for A51 Newsletter – Councillor Morgan stressed the importance of Littleton PC’s continued involvement with the collective of PCs along the A51.

**19/24 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

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

 Monday 15 May 2019 (AGM)