Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held at on Monday 7 December 2020.

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

Councillors Anne Stockdale, Clive Lovering, Rob Evans,

Huw Morgan, Bettie Gilliatt and Hilary Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker

Local Residents Madeline Temple Murray and John Neary.

20/73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Linda Bailey.

20/74 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

1) Ultrafast Broadband - Local resident John Neary shared his concerns with the Parish Council about the Littleton Ultrafast Community Project. Householders in the area had received leaflets inviting them to make a commitment to the scheme which could only proceed and the necessary infrastructure put in place, if a certain level of interest was shown in the local community.

Apparently there was some confusion arising as to exactly what level of broadband was being offered by Openreach and what area would be covered. The Parish Council acknowledged that in the current situation where people were being encouraged to work from home it was vital that adequate broadband provision was in place. Thus there needed to be clarification as to what was being offered by the providers.

2) Planting of Pollinators – CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker reported on the current state of CW&C amidst the Covid-19 crisis, the Members’ Budget and the recent survey of open green space. There was an initiative to fund the planting of pollinating plants to encourage insects etc. Members felt that the bottom area of the Parish Field could possibly be a likely candidate.

20/75 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2020 be

confirmed as a correct record subject to residents Jonathan

Mayman and Andy Marsden being recorded as attending

**20/76 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1) Building Work at CRUFC - the Clerk clarified that the building work being undertaken adjacent to Athlete Factory was indeed a replacement for the Bunnies Day Nursery and that it had received planning permission.

2) Litter Gatherer – the Clerk reported that he had been in communication with PCSO Linda Bailey re the ongoing attempts to stop the individual in the parish from gathering rubbish and dumping it in certain places. Unfortunately such efforts had been thwarted for the time being by restrictions arising from the current pandemic. Councillor Anne Stockdale stated this person who had largely in the past conducted his activities at night had now been seen operating in daylight and exhibiting strange behaviour.

**20/77 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Councillor Anne Stockdale who represented the Parish Council on the Footpath Action Group reported on the work that was being undertaken to gather information to support an application for the amenity paths currently blocked by the landowner to be included on the Definitive Map which would then afford them protection. The amenity paths had been in long use up to that point and their loss had caused great upset in the local community

**20/78 ROAD MATTERS**

1) Cycling Infrastructure – Councillor Rob Evans reported on progress being made with the cycling plans for the area. He understood that having such a group of Parish Councils working together in this was unique in the UK.

2) A51 Improvement Scheme – Councillor Evans reported that an additional air quality monitor had been installed on the A51 in Littleton. This was presumably as a result of the pressure being applied by the Parish Council and was possibly a more sensitive device.

It was hoped that the Parish Council could have access to the information being gleaned by the device and the Clerk was asked to follow this up. **DT**

**20/79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1) 20/03187/FUL – 25 Grove Gardens, Littleton – Removal of Conservatory. Erection of Single Storey Extension to the Rear. Dormer Rear Extension – it was noted that this proposed development had received permission by the Planning Authority.

**20/80 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making special reference to the need to set the 2021/22 Budget at the next meeting

RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk be received

**20/81 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

1) Clerk’s salary – Nov & Dec (less tax) 236.80

2) HMRC – PAYE – Nov & Dec 59.20

3) Typing and office services 18.50

4) Clerk – reimbursement for Zoom fees (Nov & Dec) 28.78

5) Royal British Legion Donation 50.00

(Authorised by Councillors Bettie Gilliatt and Clive Lovering)

**20/82 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

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

**20/83** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Cheshire West and Chester Council – Planning notifications

Cheshire Constabulary – PCSO Linda Bailey – Newsletters

Cheshire Constabulary 122 Community Policing Fund. There was up to £1,000 available for the Chester Villages area and bids were sought.  It was felt this would be an ideal opportunity to continue the work towards creating a pedestrian/cycling path between Littleton and Christleton. The current plan featuring work undertaken by the Highways Service required a contribution from the Parish Council for signage and it was suggested that an application be made to the Community Policing Fund for help with this. Councillor Parker then stated his Members’ Budget may also be able to help funding this.

Members also pointed out that as the cycleway scheme extended into Christleton Parish it would be appropriate for their Parish Council to be involved and contributing. **DT**

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

**20/84 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

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

Monday 11 January 2021