Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held at Chester Rugby Football Club on Monday 10 January 2022

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

 Councillors Bettie Gilliatt, Huw Morgan and Hilary Davies

IN ATTENDANCE:

22/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Caroline Marrison Gill and Clive Lovering and PCSO Linda Bailey.

21/76 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2021 be

 confirmed as a correct record

21/77 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Planning Applications - 21/03468/FUL – Redevelopment of the former University of Law Chester campus for residential use (Use Class C3) including demolition of late 20th century buildings; conversion of Christleton Hall to 18 apartments; erection of 24 new residential dwellings and an office building (Use Class E); and associated landscaping, parking and other works. 21/03417/LBC – Internal and external works to the Grade ll Listed Christleton Hall associated with the residential-led scheme. 21/03469/FUL – Temporary Construction Access

Letters had been distributed to local residents alerting them to the applications and encouraging them to make representation to the Planning Authority. The Parish Council had in turn submitted their own views.

Councillor Stuart Parker indicated that the applications would not be considered before the new year.

2) Boggy Public Right of Way – The Clerk reported that the PROW Officer had indicated that the improvement work to alleviate the bogginess of the footpath had been delayed but would be carried in the near future.

3) Maintenance of Open Ditch - the Clerk reported that action was being taken by the Highways Service to resolve the problem of the lack of maintenance to the open ditch system to the north of Fir Tree Lane. Members referred to the caravan that had been left in the field in question which had been attracting anti-social behaviour. The Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Linda Bailey for a report on the situation. **DT**

4) Hedge Bordering Littleton Lane Pavement – the Clerk had contacted the owner of Littleton Hall to point out that tree foliage above the hedge also needed cutting back as it was obscuring the streetlights. He was assured this would be carried out as soon as was practicable. **DT**

**21/78 ROAD MATTERS**

1) Loose Grids on A51 – Councillor Morgan circulated a draft letter he wished sending from the Parish Council pointing out that problems with some of the grids on the A51 was due to their unfortunate positioning. It was agreed this should be sent. **HM/DT**

2) Tarvin Road – Lighting – Councillor Gilliatt pointed out that the street lamp near her house was regularly not functioning. She had noticed on the way to the meeting that several others were also inoperative. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about this. **DT**

3) Nursery Signs – concerns were expressed about the Nursery signs located at the junction of Tarvin Road, Littleton Lane and Hare Lane possibly being a distraction to motorists. Clerk to raise with Planning Authority. **DT**

4) Cycling Strategy – Councillor Evans reported that the bid for funding for the “Little Holland” cycling scheme had been submitted. Apparently the new Director of Transport and Highways was looking at the Cycling Strategy.

5) Traffic Pollution on A51 – Councillor Evans updated the Parish Council on the current situation. The pandemic had caused a significant drop in the levels of pollution but it was an ever changing situation. More meaningful data would emerge in 2022. In the meantime he had a sequence of photographs of queuing traffic on the A51 which proved that the roundabout was not fit for purpose.

6) Collapsed Sewer – Councillor Stockdale reported that the sewer that had collapsed on Littleton Lane would not be repaired before Christmas. There had been some speculation locally that the cause of the collapse had been a build up of hydrochloric acid in the pipe.

**21/79** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. 21/00215/FUL – Glenholme, 46 Tarvin Road – Single Storey Side Extension – it was noted that this proposed development had been approved by the Planning Authority
2. 21/00157/FUL – Toll Bar Cottage, Littleton Lane – Change of use of Paddock to Driveway – it was noted that this proposed development had been refused permission by the Planning Authority.

**21/80 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk be received

**21/81 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

1) Clerk’s salary – Nov & Dec (less tax) 257.60

2) HMRC – PAYE – Nov & Dec 64.40

3) Typing and office services 37.92

4) Dougherty & Allen – Room Hire 48.00

5) Clerk – Reimbursement for Poppy Wreath 36.20

**21/82 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £45.00

**21/83** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Cheshire West and Chester Council -

Planning notifications

Integrated SustainableTransport Taskforce – agreed that Councillor Rob Evans represent the Parish Council

Cheshire Constabulary – PCSO Linda Bailey – Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

Christleton Parish Council – Christleton Law College Development

Jonathan Masters, Bridgemere Group – Christleton Law College Development

Comments on Christleton Law College Development from Julie Meakin, Ann & Tony Watkins, Lynne & Alan Samuel, John O’Connell, Desmond Hickie, Jonathan Mayman, Keith Ellis and Rachel Freeman.

Nicola Jaynes – Car Parking Near to CRUFC

Simon Moore – Damage to Tarvin Court

**21/84 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

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

 Monday 10 January 2022

**21/85 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Parking at CRUFC – Members discussed parking chaos and congestion on Hare Lane on days when there was a large amount of young people attending for rugby training. It appeared that CRUFC were doing what they could to manage the situation including the use of cones down the lane. The problem was that many motorists were ignoring them! The Clerk was asked to check with PCSO Linda Bailey as to the legal status of cones. **DT**

2) Storm Damage – Members discussed the effects of the recent storm on trees and property in the parish.