Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held at Chester Rugby Football Club on Monday 7 March 2022

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

 Councillors Bettie Gilliatt, Rob Evans and Hilary

 Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker

 PCSOs Linda Bailey and Deborah Netherton

 Local Resident John Neary

22/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Anne Stockdale, Clive Lovering and Huw Morgan.

22/13 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

1) Broadband - Mr John Neary reported on the current situation with regard to bringing broadband to the area. Initially that involved Gigalock but the rules had changed. Also OpenReach did not appear to offer a viable solution. CityFibre were in the frame, having a connection point in Boughton and they were looking to move out into the rural area beyond the A41. This would not proceed until the company was satisfied they had enough people on board so now it was a matter of encouraging local residents to register their interest with the company.

2) Waste Collection – Councillor Parker referred to the new system of waste collection in the area.

3) Christleton Law College Housing Development – Councillor Parker reported that the controversial planning application was being considered by the Planning Committee on 3 April. Concerns held in the community about the effect of HGVs accessing the site via Littleton Lane through to Christleton were discussed.

22/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2022 be

 confirmed as a correct record

22/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Hare Lane Copse – further to the quotation for clearance/maintenance work which had been presented to the last Meeting the Clerk shared details of an alternative quotation received from Arboreal which suggested a slightly different approach to ongoing maintenance of the area. Members also discussed the practicalities of tree planting in the parish.

RESOLVED: that the quotation from Arboreal be accepted.

**22/16 ROAD MATTERS**

1) Loose Grids on A51 – Councillor Morgan reported on the recent meeting on site with Stuart Bateman of CW&C to discuss the longstanding problems with some of the grids on the A51. Mr Bateman undertook to arrange for some work to be carried out to bring the surface in which the grids were bedded up to the required standard.

Members discussed reports from Mott MacDonald on traffic levels on the A51 and pollution etc. The most recent one had been flawed and a new one which would hopefully be more useful was awaited.

(At this point Councillor Bettie Gilliatt left the Meeting)

Rob Evans reported that pressure was being brought to bear on CW&C about congestion on the roundabout who were continuing to be resistant to the idea of making the traffic lights part time. He had met with Chris Matheson MP whom, it was hoped, would bring pressure to bear re this.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Service to raise the issue of lines around the roundabout – these had been worn away and needed replacing. **DT**

**22/17** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. 21/03468/FUL & 21/03417/LBC – 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. Internal and external works to the Grade ll Listed Christleton Hall associated with the residential-led scheme.

 RESOLVED: the Parish Council strongly object to the proposed development

 due to concerns about 1) the effect on the local infrastructure

 2) the effect of an increase of traffic on already overburdened

 Roads and 3) issues with construction traffic routing via Little

 Heath Road/Littleton Lane

1. 21/03469/FUL – Temporary Construction Access – it was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

3) 21/05065/FUL – Cherry Garth, Littleton Lane – Two Storey Rear Extension

RESOLVED: that the application be supported

4) 21/04989/AGR – Land at Little Heath Road – Erection of Agricultural Building

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council object to the erection of the building on the

 grounds of its size and impact on visual amenity

It was noted that this application had subsequently been withdrawn

**22/18 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

**22/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

1) Clerk’s salary – Feb & March (less tax) 257.60

2) HMRC – PAYE – Feb & March 64.40

3) Typing and office services 23.42

4) Dougherty & Allen – Room Hire 48.00

5) Litter Warden 17 Weeks @ £15 255.00

**22/20 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £6.00

**22/21** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

Cheshire West and Chester Council -

Planning notifications

Rose McArthur & Stuart Bateman re Road Drain Failure on A51

Integrated Sustainable Transport Taskforce – new TOR & Mins

Various residents – Christleton Law College Development

 - Disturbance from incessant bird scarer

Cheshire Constabulary – PCSO Linda Bailey – Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – E Bulletins

Kate Pritchard – Fir Tree Lane TPO – Clerk was trying to set up a meeting on site with the Tree Officer etc in order to make some progress on getting protection for the trees in the locality.

**22/22 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

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

 Monday 9 May 2022 (AGM)

**22/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Bird Scarer Noise Nuisance – the Parish Council had received complaints from residents of Fir Tree Lane about noise from a bird scaring device in a field nearby which was operating very early in the morning and throughout the day. The Clerk reported that he had written to the farmer and that the use of the device had subsequently been discontinued.

2) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Members discussed how Littleton could mark the Jubilee. The Clerk was asked to canvas the full Parish Council for ideas as well as approaching Christleton PC to ascertain what they were proposing to do to mark the occasion. **DT**