

PRESENT: Councillor M Fox, Vice-Chairman (Acting Chairman),
Councillor R Dixon Councillor A Gardiner
Councillor A Hewitt

IN ATTENDANCE: Sue McDonald - Clerk
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor D Busby

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

2.1 Declarations of Interest: None
Item 3.3 Grants: SS&SC Councillor M Fox
Item 4.1 Payments: SS&SC Councillor M Fox

2.2 Dispensations: None

3 GRANTS

To discuss grant applications received and determine which can be authorised

3.1 Styal Methodist Church

£300.00 Contribution towards the replacement of the Church notice board
Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner. **RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to award the grant

3.2 Styal Tennis Club

£500.00 Contribution towards roof repairs
Proposed by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Hewitt. **RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to award the grant

3.3 Styal Sports and Social Club

£2,000.00 Contribution towards essential repairs (roof, boiler, electrics)
Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Dixon. **RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to award the grant

3.4 Earlams

£1,500.00 Contribution towards erection of an extension
Councillors discussed this application and agreed that the grant could not be awarded in the current financial year and its consideration would be deferred

4 FINANCIAL MATTERS

4.1 Payments for Authorisation

To authorise payments due for payment including any grants authorised at Item 4. Authorisation of the following payments was proposed by Councillor Dixon, seconded by Councillor Hewitt and unanimously carried

£ 151.20	HMRC	PAYE Q4
£ 240.00	Rise Design	Website Maintenance
£ 225.00	Croftland Nurseries	Planter Maintenance
£ 50.00	J Grady	Land rent for sign 5 years
£ 280.00	Styal Methodist Church	Room Hire
£ 300.00	Styal Methodist Church	Grant towards new notice board
£ 500.00	Styal Tennis Club	Grant towards roof repairs
£ 2,000.00	SS & SC	Grant towards essential repairs
£ 170.00	S McDonald	Computer/Internet/phone/office use & travel

4.2 Clerk's Salary

The Clerk's current salary is based on 6 Council meetings per year. In view of the increase of meetings from 6 to 10, Councillors decided that this should be reflected in the Clerk's salary which would be raised from £3,024 to £3,600 per annum effective from 1st April 2016. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner and unanimously carried

4.3 Other Financial Matters

- Grant Application Closing Date
There had been some difficulties in finalising grant application processing by the current closing date of 31st January each year. The Council agreed that a closing date of 30th November should be introduced. The Clerk was asked to ensure the information was placed on the website
- The Clerk's annual appraisal will take place, in private, before the meeting on 11th April 2016

5 SHARED ITEMS

- **Sale of Land for Valet Parking**

The Council had been informed that a farmer's field in Styal had been sold and would be used for airport valet parking. There was insufficient information to consider this matter further at present although the Council would hold a watching brief

- **Sale of Land at the Corner of Altrincham Road**

It was noted that the land at the corner of Station Road is for sale although no further details were available at present

- **Manchester Airport Concert Tickets**

Manchester airport had kindly offered some tickets to see a concert at Oldham Coliseum. Councillors were unable to go but thought they could be donated to the over 60s club

- **Altrincham Road**

A resident had requested clarification on the status of the far end of Altrincham Road because the signage was unclear. The Clerk had established that this part of the road was designated as a bridleway. Clarification of signage could be a problem because half the road belongs to Manchester Airport and the other half to the National Trust

- **National Trust**

Eleanor Underhill of the National Trust had contacted the Clerk with a view to holding a liaison meeting. The Council asked the Clerk to request that Eleanor provide some potential dates for the meeting

- **Styal PC Notice Boards**

Councillors reported that the notice boards were in need of refurbishment

- **Insurance**

Councillors were advised that they should be aware of the Council's insurance cover. The current insurance was under a three year agreement. When this ends the Clerk will seek quotes

- **Bollin Wall**

All the materials for painting the Bollin wall were given to the prison at the time when volunteers were still available.

- **Meeting with HMP Styal**

It was suggested that a liaison meeting between the Council and HMP Styal could be of mutual benefit as they had proved useful in the past. The Clerk will make enquiries

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th April at 7.30pm in Styal Methodist Church

7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 11th April 2016