

PRESENT: Councillor R Dixon, Vice Chairman
Councillor A Davies
Councillor A Gardiner
Councillor A Hewitt
Councillor C Novak

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Don Stockton, Cheshire East
Craig Buckley, National Trust
Jennifer Birch - National Trust
Sue McDonald - Clerk
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor M Fox, Councillor D Busby

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

2.1 Declarations of Interest: As below in dispensations

2.2 Dispensations

Item 12.1 Planning Application: 17/1272M

To ensure Council Business can proceed full term dispensations for all Earlams' matters are in place for the following Councillors:

Councillor R Dixon
Councillor A Davies
Councillor M Fox
Councillor A Gardiner
Councillor A Hewitt
Councillor C Novak

3 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting on 20th February 2017. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner. **RESOLVED:** The minutes were accepted as a true record

4 MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising from the last meeting were either dealt with or added as items to this Agenda

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Nothing was raised

• **Bus Stops**

Clarity is needed on the what the arrangement is for bus stops because the bus does not always stop

Councillor Dixon replied that this was a matter between the National Trust and the Airport .He added that on a recent journey he had taken the bus had stopped to let him off even though it wasn't a designated bus stop

Councillor Dixon also took the opportunity to thank residents for attending in such bad weather

6 COUNCILLOR STOCKTON'S REPORT

Councillor Stockton was unable to attend the meeting

7 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Jen Birch provided the following report:

• **WREN Path**

Work on the WREN funded path is due to start at the end of March for approximately 3 months. Different part so the wood could possibly be closed at time during construction. The path will allow visitors to get down to the Oxbow from the Northern Wood.

• **Repairs to Farm Fold**

The grass verge has been attended to and tarmac has been applied to the footpath

• **Drop In**

Another drop meeting will be held in April at which car parking will be raised

• **Tenants' Passes**

Councillor Busby had reported that she had not received her resident's pass and the Control Team are looking at the problem. In the interim temporary passes had been issued.

8 WEBSITE

8.1 General Report

The website is still out of date but the Clerk has updated the meetings page. Further work is required to bring the website fully up to date

The web designer has reflected the change in the latest invoice for website maintenance for areas of the website that the Clerk is unable to update, for providing advice and guidance and as a retainer fee (normal practice for websites). The Website maintenance cost has been reduced from £240.00 to £120.00 per annum

8.2 Website Enquiries

3 enquiries received

- *A complaint about the overgrown verges and cars driving on the grass causing soil/grass to be thrown into the road on the closed part of Altrincham Road*

The Clerk contacted Eleanor Underhill of QBM who agreed to arrange a meeting with MIA to discuss this matter

- *Enquiry about obtaining a special grant. These are grants awarded, exceptionally, outside the normal grant period. No further details available as yet*

The Clerk responded explaining that further details were required before the matter could be discussed

- *Request for help with accommodation. A culinary student from Spain is to spend 5 weeks, from 3rd April, as an intern with the 39 Steps and was seeking help with finding accommodation as she was hoping not to have to stay in a hotel*

The Clerk circulated the enquiry amongst Councillors but none was able to help. Councillor Hewitt had initially offered to help but was away during part of the time the lady was in the UK

Residents at the meeting were asked if they knew of any bed and breakfasts as an alternative, or if anyone was able to put her up. Nobody was able to assist and the Clerk was asked to send details to the Newslister

9 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

9.1 SEMMMS A6 Relief Road

A resident had visited the Carillion Morgan Sindall office on Styal Road and had a very useful meeting with the Senior Site Engineer whose name is Colin Buckle.

The subject of the conversation was the location of the excess spoil being created by the road bed and bridge construction work being carried out along the line of the southern rail spur and the rail bridge on the road line heading east in the direction of Handforth.

Previous concerns had been expressed in the hope that some of the spoil could be moved on to the field bounded by Styal Road, the southern rail spur and land owned by Manchester Airport (who indicated that as they have no current plans for this land this may be a possibility).

Should this work be carried out benefits would include easing problems on Beech Farm Land, disposal of the spoil in a cost effective manner and also to create a sound bund in the process.

Mr Buckle had agreed to contact John Twig at Manchester Airport with a view to arranging a meeting, including Mr Stansfield, who responsible for spoil dispersal.

The Clerk contacted Helen Sheldon of Carillion Morgan Sindall to confirm that the meeting would take place but has had no response as yet

There has been some difficulties with communication since Carillion Morgan Sindall took over as primary contact from the SEMMMS team in Stockport. It has been reported that Naz Huda of SEMMMS had left and Chris Davies had taken over

9.2 Speed, Parking and Speed Limits

Councillor Stockton had agreed to escalate this matter, including the proposal for two hour parking no return on Altrincham Road

It was reported Altrincham Road was so blocked a week ago last Sunday there was no way for cars to pass each other

9.3 Parking at the School

The Council received a complaint about parents parking on the zigzags outside the school both at pick up and drop off time

Councillor Dixon, also a school governor, will bring the issue to the school's attention

9.4 Airport Parking in Styal

Councillor Novak is in contact with Wendy Sinfield, of the Airport, and there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss this matter.

Councillor Novak added that the Airport had stated there would be a blanket refusal of any applications for new car parking. The major issue is the number of 'kiss and fly' operations which, at 29, is far too many

9.5 Other Highways Matters

- Station Road/Sagars Road
The Clerk had reported the poor state of this corner due to cars using the area as a turning circle, to Highways but had been advised that the area was on an unadopted road and thus a Highways matter

10 VILLAGE MATTERS

10.1 Styal in Bloom

Ian Jones, Caroline Dumville, and Janet Marshall have agreed to carry on with the competition and the Council agreed that it would authorise payment for the entry fee, Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner. A payment would be authorised at tonight's meeting.

Councillor Dixon wished it to be recorded that the Council was very grateful for, and offered sincere thanks to, the efforts of the Styal residents involved in preparing the village for the competition

10.2 Ship Car Park

The landlord was to meet with United Utilities although no feedback has been received to date since one of the problems preventing its repair was the drainage. The landlord was unwilling to invest c. £50,000 in repairing the car park until the drainage issue had been resolved.

The Clerk had contacted Highways to try and obtain a drainage map but had not heard back as yet

Councillor Hewitt explained that there was a belief that heavy goods vehicles delivering to the 39 Steps and Halo have been exacerbating the problem

10.3 Other Village Matters

- **Litter Pick 9th April**
The Clerk had contacted David Vernon (HMP Styal) to explore the possibility of women from the prison helping again but had had no response. She has since contacted another person at the prison to explore a new contact name
- **Pothole at the junction of Hollin Lane/Altrincham Road**
The pothole has been repaired
- **Lamp Post Outside 52 Hollin Lane**
The lamp post has not been repaired in spite of its being reported at least twice. The Clerk will contact Highways again and will 'rattle cages' if necessary

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.1 Donations

HMP Styal had asked for a donation of £100 towards entertainment for their family day on 4th August. Proposed by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Davies. It was unanimously agreed that payment would be authorised at the meeting in May.

11.2 Grants

To record details of the grants approved at the last two meetings for payment at tonight's meeting

£1,000.00	Parents of Styal Grant for Steel Band	
£1,000.00	Styal Primary School	Grant for Benches
£1,000.00	Styal Tennis Club	Grant for Clubhouse Refurbishment

Councillor discussed reviewing the Grants policy because it was concerned that the figures applied for were, in some instances, the greater part of a project's cost rather than a contribution towards a project. This matter will be fully discussed at a future meeting

11.3 Authorisation of Payments

To authorise payments falling due since the last meeting. Proposed by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Gardiner and unanimously approved

£180.00	HMRC PAYE Q4	
£225.00	Croftland	Planter Maintenance
£200.00	Styal Methodist	Church Room Hire
£1,000.00	Parents of Styal	Grant for Steel Band
£1,000.00	Styal Primary School	Grant for Benches
£1,000.00	Styal Tennis Club	Grant for Clubhouse Refurbishment
£3.09	Eon Electricity Bill	Christmas Tree Lights
£50.00	Northwest in Bloom	Styal in Bloom Competition
£120.00	Rise Design	Retainer/Consultancy
£120.00	S McDonald	Administration - Office/Computer etc

Proposed by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Hewitt. Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the above will be approved for payment

11.4 Other Financial Matters

None

12 PLANNING MATTERS**12.1 Planning Applications to be Considered**

To consider the following planning matters

17/1272M	Tea Room Rear Of The Post Office, Altrincham Road, Styal, SK9 4JE Replacement of the marquee with a log cabin approximately 4m x 12m to be sited on the base of the previously demolished garage..	20/04/2017
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This planning application is actually for Earlams Community Store and Shop but misnamed due to an administrative glitch.

There were no objections to this application. In fact Councillors wished comments to include how Earlams has proved to be a valuable addition to the village

12.2 Styal Moss Nurseries Appeal Hearing

Councillor Dixon attended the Appeal Hearing on this planning application. In spite of expressing the Council's objections to the proposed increase in airport parking, the appeal was successful - the panel voted 8 to 2.

As a condition of the appeal's success, the number of car parking spaces had been reduced to 229, which is 29 more than currently allowed. In addition the number of parking spaces for the landscaping business had been reduced from 34 to 17. It was stated that approximately £900,000 would be spent on the improvements

Councillor Gardiner thanked Councillor Dixon for attending on the Council's behalf

12.3 Other Planning Matters

None

13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Dixon stated that there had been little action on the Neighbourhood Plan as the working group was awaiting a workshop summary report from Cheshire East

14 COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillors Hewitt and Davies attended and the following points were raised

General

- **The bad state of repair of the Ship car park**
The Council is dealing with this matter - see item 10.2 above
- **Car parking on pavements**
This problem is part of the bigger problem of parking in Styal which the Council is dealing with - see Item 9.2
Implementing any changes to the Highways is a lengthy matter because of legal procedures to complete before changes to Highways can be agreed or implemented. The Council is as anxious as everyone else to sort the problems out
The problem may be increased by businesses using the road rather than a car park and possibly the businesses concerned should be contacted. The Clerk state, in the interest of equity, all businesses on Altrincham Road (where the major parking problem exists) should be contacted

Specific

- **Street lighting on Hollin Lane**
Several of the street lights were not functioning causing a potential hazard
If details of the broken lights (including precise address and, ideally the lamp number on some of the lamp posts) are brought to the attention of the Council, the Clerk will report the problems to Highways
Alternatively, or additionally, residents are able to report the matter themselves by visiting the website www.fixmystreet.com
- **Temporary blocking of the break in the hedge on Hollin Lane**
The temporary blocking of the break in the hedge on Hollin Lane (caused by the horses in the field) has resulting in residents getting very upset at the lack of action in repairing the damage.
The Council is actively seeking a solution to this problem which is complicated by the number of people owning the hedge
- **Locked NT Car Park on Altrincham Road**
The gated NT car park on Altrincham Road often remains locked thereby denying access and adding to the parking problems on the road.
The National Trust reported they the village car park is locked every night and opened up every morning.

However, there is a problem with the gate in high winds meaning the gate can remain locked

An experiment over one year to leave it unlocked resulted in anti-social behaviour so it was deemed necessary to keeping it locked overnight.

The NT are currently reviewing the approach to the village car park as part of the current project so are happy to take any views about this on board - there are pros (takes pressure off Altrincham Road) and cons (anti social behaviour) to keeping it open, which need to be considered in the round.

The next Councillor Surgery will take place on Saturday 1st April 2017 with Councillors Dixon and Davies in attendance

15 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

15.1 General Report

Details were received on the Airport's Outreach program and also details of the temporary use of Runway 2

15.2 Manchester Airport/Parish Council Meeting

Councillor Dixon attended the meeting on the Council's behalf and provided the following report:

- **Public Relationship Management**
There has been a 16% increase in the annual number of passengers with reduced mobility
Passengers with diabetes are experiencing problems with Airport Security in terms of it being perceived as an invasion of privacy
There is a link on the Airport's website for passengers who need special assistance
- **Airport Development**
 - There will be a large extension to T2 and the demolition of T1. It is hoped that changes to T2 will commence in May in phases with a completion date in 2019
 - T1 will be vacated by 2023
- **Road Works**
 - The Airport City road works will be completed in February 2018
 - The upgrade to the A538 to make it a dual carriageway, and which links to the Global Logistics site, will commence in April starting with the tunnels. One tunnel will be closed followed by the other
The Airport Viewing Park will be relocated
 - T1 will be vacated by 2023
- **HS2**
The HS2's route will take it through the Marriot Hotel
- **Draft Airspace Policy**
The changes to the airspace seeks to limit the noise impact. It is very unlikely that these changes will have any effect on Styal
- **Community Funding**
There are fewer funds available to the airport meaning that there is less money available for community funding

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails: All forwarded to Councillors

Post::

Manchester Airport	Outreach Leaflet
Manchester Airport	Use of Runway 2 dates
EON	Electricity Bill (Christmas Tree)

17 SHARED ITEMS

None

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)

Nothing was raised:

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th May in Styal Methodist Church
Annual Parish Meeting commences at 7.00pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting commences at 7.15pm

20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

Signed: _____ Chairman 8th May 2017