

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Fox, Chairman  
Councillor R Dixon, Vice-Chairman  
Councillor D Busby                      Councillor A Davies  
Councillor A Gardiner                  Councillor A Hewitt  
Councillor C Novak

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

## 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

*The retiring Chairman, Councillor Fox, stated that in view of his health problems he would not want to be considered for Chairman for the coming year. He explained that he had enjoyed being chairman and was intending to remain an active part of the Council but he felt it was more important for him to concentrate on his health and regaining his strength.*

*The Councillor spontaneously thanked Councillor Fox for his dedication and hard work whilst Chairman and expressed their support for his decision*

Councillor Hewitt proposed Councillor Dixon as Chairman and was seconded by Councillor Gardiner.

RESOLVED: Councillor Dixon was unanimously elected as Chairman and he signed the Acceptance of Office form

## 2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Gardiner proposed Councillor Novak as Vice-Chairman and was seconded by Councillor Dixon.

RESOLVED: Councillor Novak was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman and he signed the Acceptance of Office form

## 3 APOLOGIES: None

## 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

4.1 **Declarations of Interest:** None

4.2 **Dispensations:** None

## 5 MINUTES

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

## 6 MATTERS ARISING

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

## 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

The applicant for a planning application for a log cabin at the rear of Earlams (17/1272M) explained that Planning had indicated that it was minded to reject it based on the openness of the greenbelt. He went on to explain that the cabin would be a stand alone facility which would be on the existing hard standing on the site of the demolished garage and that a large number of residents supported the application

He hoped that the Council would support Earlams in its bid to ensure that the planning application would be approved

*All Councillors were in agreement that the log cabin would be a positive addition to Earlams which had proved to be very successful and a valuable asset to the community. The Council would be happy to submit a statement to the planning officer, Sarah Bartoli, in support of the application*

## 8 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Craig Buckley, of the National Trust, provided the following report:

- **200 Bus Service**

This bus service is very important to Quarry Bank Mill although the Trust is aware that the service is not as regular as it should be and has been in contact with the bus company.

The company confirmed that the bus service is a stopping service, with designated stops, but only if there are passengers

In the next few months there will be a new bus loop in the new car park and it is hoped things will improve

The 200 bus is subsidised by Cheshire East but is cross border with Greater Manchester. Cheshire East is about to start a consultation on subsidised bus routes

- **Heavy Goods Vehicles**  
All large deliveries to the Mill use the main driveway and all contractors are aware of the 7.5 tonne weight limit in the village. The only heavy goods vehicles going through the village should be the bin lorries
- **Tenants' Meeting**  
30 tenants attended a meeting about the restoration of 13 Oak Cottages was discussed and the concerns of residents about privacy and parking. It was agreed that clear signage would be installed around the village hub and it was proposed to explain privacy and safety to children  
The Trust is considering dividing the village car park into two equal parts - one part for tenants and the other for the school
- **Farm Fold**  
The hedge has been cut back by 18 inches to 2 feet. Some soil had been removed until the work had finished at which point setts would be installed
- **Glass House**  
The glass house is now open to the public
- **Exhibition**  
An interactive exhibition called The Worst Children's Job in History runs until September and is based on Sir Tony Robinson's series of the same name
- **National Trust/Council Meeting**  
The next meeting between the Trust and Styal Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at 5.30 pm

## 9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 9.1 Approval of Accounts for 2016-2017

The Council was invited to approve the accounts for 2016-2017. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Busby. RESOLVED: The accounts were unanimously approved

### 9.2 Risk Assessment Statement

The Council is invited to approve and sign the risk assessment statement for 2016-2017. Proposed by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Hewitt. RESOLVED: The risk assessment statement was unanimously approved

### 9.3 Annual Return 2016-2017

To approve and sign the external audit Annual Return for 2016-2017.

#### 9.3.1 Governance Statement

To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2016-2017. Proposed by Councillor Busby, seconded by Councillor Davies. RESOLVED: The annual governance statement was unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

#### 9.3.2 Accounting Statement

To approve and sign the Annual Accounting Statement for 2016-2017. Proposed by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Hewitt. RESOLVED: The annual accounting statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

### 9.4 Budget 2017-2018

The Council was invited to approve the budget for 2017-2018. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Fox. RESOLVED: The Budget for 2017-2018 was unanimously approved

### 9.5 Authorisation of Payments

Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Novak. RESOLVED: The following payments were unanimously approved:

£100.00	HMP Styal	Donation to Family Day
£ 20.00	Cheshire Community Action	Annual Subscription Fee
£206.85	ChALC	Annual Subscription Fee
£ 47.99	Rise Design	Retainer/Consultancy

### 9.6 Other Financial Matters

None

## 10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Dixon was disappointed to report that there had still been no progress because required information from Cheshire East was still outstanding:

**11 PLANNING MATTERS****11.1 Planning Applications to be Considered**

17/1693M	12, Claredon Cottages, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4HA  Two story side extension and single story side extension previously approved under reference 12/4440M	03/05/2017  Extension to 08/05/2017
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Councillors had neither comments nor objections to the planning application

17/1318M	16 Farm Fold, Styal, SK9 4JF  Listed building consent for proposed picket fence, pedestrian picket gate and wooden 5-bar vehicle gate in curtilage of 16 Farm Fold, Styal	11/05/2017
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Councillors had neither comments nor objections to the planning application

17/2264M	2, Pownall Farm Cottages, Hollin Lane, Styal, SK9 4JH  Conservatory Extension	01/06/2017
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Councillors had neither comments nor objections to the planning application

**11.2 Other Planning Matters**

None

**12 WEBSITE****12.1 General Report**

The website was still out of date but was slowly improving

**12.2 Website Enquiries**

There were two website enquiries

- Enquiry about a troop of 15 scouts coming to Styal for a night hike on 29th March 2017 around the Styal Mill locality, (the Kingfisher walk) As the NT car park will be closed would it be possible to park at the Sports and Social Club. The Clerk had contacted the SVA and permission was granted
- Parking on Station Road  
A resident complained about dangerous parking on Station Road and had contacted his MP. Councillor Novak offered to contact the resident concerned (see also 13.3 Other Highways Matters)

**13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS****13.1 SEMMMS A6 Relief Road**

The following information was kindly provided by Mr Bernard Mitchell who had been in contact with the site manager

- **Bunds**  
In spite of a good argument for moving the bunding (to the field bounded by Styal Road) the proposal was refused. No explanation was given.
- **Styal Village Sign**  
The Styal Village sign is in the way of the road works but no provision had been made for it in the plans Colin Buckley - the site manager spoke with his design team and they have made a slight modification to the road line to take into account the sign which means they will now not need to move same

**13.2 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits**

The Council was extremely disappointed with the complete lack of progress on these matters.

Councillor Fox remarked that the Council has tried a number of times to get these issues resolved, including meetings at Cheshire East and a site visit to Styal but had received a vacuous response.

Councillor Stockton stated that he too was disappointed in the latest response and would endeavour to raise the issues at the highest level

The Council agreed that if nothing happened in the near future a letter should be sent to the leader of the Council

The Council further agreed that the Clerk should send its thanks to Bernard

**13.3 Other Highways Matters**

- **Hedges**

A number of hedges in the village were overgrown and causing problems for pedestrians. It was agreed that a list of offending hedges would be compiled and Councillors would pay the householders a friendly visit to ask for the hedges to be cut back

- **Parking on Yellow Lines on Station Road**

Cars were being parked on the yellow lines at the end of Station Road near Clarendon Cottages resulting in it being very hazardous for cars trying to exit from Clarendon Cottages

Authorities had been aware of the situation because polite 'please do not park here' notices had been placed on the offending cars. This had had no effect whatsoever and the Clerk was asked to contact the Police and Cheshire East

- **Parking on Pavements on Hollin Lane**

Cars were being parked on the pavements in Hollin Lane making it dangerous for pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police and Cheshire East

- **Parking on the Zigzags at the School**

The school was aware of cars parking on the zigzags outside the school and were including details of the offending cars in their newsletters

**14 CORRESPONDENCE**

Emails: Forwarded to Councillors

Post:

BDO	Annual Return
ChALC	Subscription Renewal Form
Cheshire Community Action	Subscription Renewal Form

**15 SHARED ITEMS**

- **Grid Cover**

There is a new but loose grid cover near 38 Hollin Lane which creates a loud noise each time a car passes over it

- **Field on Hollin Lane**

A kissing gate had been installed in the field where a number of horses had previously escaped

**16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)**

Residents raised the following:

- **Worms Hill**

This part of Styal Road had recently been resurfaced but there are a number of problems including:

- No road markings
- No lighting. Three lamps are broken
- Hedges overgrown
- Rubbish is never collected

The combination of the above make this a very dangerous area at night

*The Clerk will contact Highways and also provide details to Councillor Stockton*

- **Parking on Altrincham Road**

Some of the parking problems on Altrincham Road are caused by office workers taking up parking spaces all day.

*Councillor Dixon volunteered to have a friendly word with the company concerned*

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5th June 2017 at 7.30 pm in Styal Methodist Church

**18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

*The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 5th June 2017