

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Buckley - National Trust
PCSO Gareth Harding
Sue McDonald - Clerk
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

2.1 Declarations of Interest: None

2.2 Dispensations: None

Prior to continuing with the meeting, the Chairman welcomed the attendance of Gareth Harding, the new PCSO in Styal and invited Gareth to introduce himself.

Gareth explained that although he was newly appointed as the PCSO for Styal, he was familiar with the village having been associated with the Wilmslow and Handforth areas for some years.

He was looking forward to assisting residents with concerns and issues relating to police matters and would be happy for people to contact him via the 101 police telephone line

The Chairman thanked Gareth for attending and invited him to stay for the rest of the meeting

3 MINUTES

To approve as correct records the minutes of the Council meetings on 8th May. Proposed by Councillor Fox, seconded by Councillor Hewitt. **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)

A resident reported that there was an unstable lamp post near 52 Hollin Lane. He had been reporting since July of last year it has not been fixed

The Council had also reported this matter to Highways but had not had a response The Clerk will chase the matter up

6 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

6.1 General Report

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

- **Quarry Bank Project**
Work to the upper garden is complete.
Scaffolding had been erected for work at Quarry Bank House.
- **Northern Wood and Larch Extraction**
The red footpath was almost finished with only approximately 3- 4 metres to complete
250 tons of timber had been moved from the Oxbow to Councillor Gardiner's farm for onward collection.
The timber will removed during the next couple of weeks and all viable timber destined for biomass and woodchip. Removal will be along Altrincham Road in lorry loads of c. 20 tons
Councillor Busby remarked that the larch clearance, allowing the new growth through, was looking very pleasant
- **13 Oak Cottages**
A cherry picker, rather than scaffolding, will be deployed and used outside school hours. All residents in Oak Cottages will be advised ahead of time
- **Village Passes**
New passes will be issued in the near future
- **200 Bus Service**
Quarry Bank very much supports its continuation and was in the process of gathering additional information about the matter.

- **Volunteer Week, 1st - 7th June**

Everyone at Quarry Bank Mill wished to thank the people who volunteered, or are volunteering, during Volunteer Week. Their contribution makes a huge difference..

6.2 Meeting of the NT and the Council on 23rd May 2017

Craig Bentley had already covered many of the topics raised at the meeting in his report at Item 6.1. Councillor Dixon reported the following additional matters:

- **Village Car Park**

It is proposed to divide the car park into two with the front for the school and the chapel and the rear for residents.

- **SEMMMS**

The Trust had attended meeting with the SEMMS team at which it was mentioned that, in conjunction with Cheshire East, some traffic calming measure might be possible.

- **Children's Playground**

Councillors suggested that a children's playground should be created and a potential site was identified at the Tennis Club with access from Earlams. Quarry Bank supported this idea.

The Council will liaise with the Tennis Club

- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place in September - date to be arranged

7 WEBSITE

7.1 General Report

- **Updates**

- all meeting and planning information now up to date
- reference to the 200 bus review consultation added to the News page
- new articles and photographs about Styal are outdated. The Clerk appealed for new contributions

7.2 Website Enquiries

There were two website enquiries

- 2 x enquiries about the possibility of losing the 200 bus.
The Clerk replied that there would be no decision until the consultation period had ended
- Complaint about an abandoned caravan on the station forecourt.
The Clerk had reported the matter - the caravan had since been removed

8 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

8.1 SEMMMS A6 Relief Road

- **Bunds**

There was more spoil than originally thought and the contractors appear to be just moving it from one part of the field to another

- **Mr Mitchell**

The Council offered its sincere thanks to Mr Bernard Mitchell for his efforts in providing Councillors with valuable additional information relating to the road works

8.2 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits

Councillors had a meeting with Cheshire East Highways officers, plus other Cheshire East Councillors, on 22nd May 2017. A summary of the meeting is as follows:

- **Station Road**

There was agreement that there should be a 30 mph zone, although its precise extent would need further discussion and would be subject to police support.

- **Moss Lane/Holly Lane**

Speed counters would be located at agreed points on the roads. It is anticipated this will happen within 3-4 weeks time and a report to follow after a period of 6-8 weeks

- **Altrincham Road**

Councillors have arranged to meet a Highways officer on site the next week to observe and discuss the serious parking problem on Altrincham Road from Hollin Lane to the School. A report will follow

The Chairman concluded that Highways were more accepting of the issues than previously and there was some room for optimism. He added that the possibility of having a 2-3 hour parking limit had been raised although not in any precise detail as yet

8.3 Styal Road (Worms Hill)

The Clerk had reported the issues on this area of Styal Road to Cheshire East and received the following feedback

- **Road Markings**

Highways will complete the road markings as part of their scheduled scheme list

- **Hedges and Pavements**

Highways inspectors conduct on site inspections of highways, including overgrown hedges and siding out of pavements. Action will be taken where required except for privately owned hedges

- **Street Lights**

The issues were reported to the Lighting department. Highways stressed that residents should report broken lights directly to Cheshire East since this will ensure a response.

The Clerk stated it had been difficult to obtain any response from the Lighting department regarding the ongoing issue

- **Rubbish**

This will be reported to the Cheshire East waste and recycling services department - ANSA

8.4 **Illegal Parking on Station Road**

Parking enforcement is now under the control of Cheshire East but wardens are not responsive. They issue tickets but only if in the area. PCSO Gareth Harding was asked for his input:

- The police no longer have the authority to issue parking tickets but can act if the parking violation creates a dangerous situation
- A car parking on double yellow lines within 10 metres of a junction is deemed an obstruction
- Parking on a pavement is also considered an obstruction if the pavement is too narrow for a double buggy to pass
- Gareth added that Speedwatch, although not related to parking, is of great assistance to the police. If a motorist continues speeding after having been caught, recorded and warned 3 times fines could be issued

8.5 **Parking on Pavements on Hollin Lane**

This matter was covered in Item 8.4 above

8.6 **Airport Parking in Styal**

Councillor Novak provided the following report:

- **Altrincham Road**

An advertisement for "Manchester Airport Parking" had appeared on the Rightmove estate agent's website which offered an investment opportunity to purchase a parking bay on a commercial parking site. Each bay would cost £20,000 with 8% returns in years 1 and 2.

The precise location of this site is unclear from the map but it is on Altrincham Road and in the Lode Hill area

Councillor Gardiner remarked that there was another, similar, advertisement posted in a supermarket shopping brochure, offering identical investment opportunities

Councillor Fox was concerned that if it was Lode Hill, then a change of use may have occurred.

- **Moss Lane**

One site on Moss Lane appeared to be far exceeding its approved parking areas

Councillors agreed the Councillor Novak's report caused concern and further investigation was required

8.7 **Other Highways Matters**

- **Overgrown Hedge on Hollin Lane**

The owner of an overgrown hedge on Hollin Lane, following an informal visit by a Councillor, immediately arranged for the hedge to be cut back

- **Loose Grid Cover**

The grid, in the region of 46-48 Hollin Lane is loose and makes an exceptionally loud noise each time a vehicle passes over it.

The Clerk had reported to Highways who in turn, passed it on to United Utilities. No feedback has been received thus far

9 **SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE REVIEW CONSULTATION**

Cheshire East announced a review on its subsidised bus routes which includes the Styal 200 bus service. The consultation period runs from 18th May 2017 to 24th June inclusive and the recommendation is that the 200 bus service be withdrawn

There were extreme concerns about this matter and Councillors had sought opinions from residents and other sources as included below:

- The 200 bus is not a commodity but a community service
- Styal has no services such as doctors and chemists within walking distance
- Trains are not frequent enough to be considered as an alternative means of transport
- The vulnerable and elderly may become isolated, especially those who do not drive
- The 200 bus service also serves HMP Prison and Quarry Bank Mill both of which support the retention of the service

Councillors discussed the matter in some depth but concluded that the issue needed more consideration than could be applied at the current meeting and would be given the attention it merits at the next meeting on 3rd July 2017.

10 VILLAGE MATTERS

10.1 Field on Hollin Lane

The field had been divided into 88 plots and each had been privately sold. Styal PC maintains a name and address base and wished to add the owners of the plots for completion sake

The Clerk had contacted the Land Registry who advised that there would be a cost of £3.00 for details per plot and a separate application would be required for each of the 88 plots. Although it would be possible to submit a bulk request the cost per plot would rise to £7.00.

The Land Registry advised that many solicitors have a facility to submit a bulk applications. Councillors agreed that this was the best way to proceed, depending upon the solicitor's charge (if any). Councillor Novak volunteered to identify a suitable solicitor

10.2 Styal in Bloom

Judging of the Styal in Bloom competition will take place on Wednesday 9th August 2017

10.3 New PCSO

This item was no longer applicable

10.4 Other Village Matters

Councillor Fox announced that Styal Village Association would bear the cost for maintenance of all the village's planters from this year

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.1 Authorisation of Payments

No payments were due

11.2 Other Financial Matters

None

12 PLANNING MATTERS

12.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

17/1693M	12, Claredon Cottages, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4HA	03/05/2017
	Two story side extension and single story side extension previously approved under reference 12/4440M	Extension to 08/05/2017

Councillors had neither comments nor objections to the planning application

17/1318M	16 Farm Fold, Styal, SK9 4JF	11/05/2017
	Listed building consent for proposed picket fence, pedestrian picket gate and wooden 5-bar vehicle gate in curtilage of 16 Farm Fold, Styal	

Councillors had neither comments nor objections to the planning application

17/2264M	2, Pownall Farm Cottages, Hollin Lane, Styal, SK9 4JH	01/06/2017
	Conservatory Extension	

Councillors had neither comments nor objections to the planning application

12.2 Other Planning Matters

None

13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Dixon reported that there had been no progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. The group was awaiting feedback from a Cheshire East officer who was on paternity leave

14 COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

The Councillor surgeries are currently held on the first Saturday of each month and Council meetings two days later.

Councillors agreed that the date of the surgeries should be moved to provide more time to prepare information gathering and feedback into the Council meetings and a move to the centre of each month was suggested. A provisional date of 15th July 2017 was agreed.

PCSO Gareth Harding was asked if he would be interested in attending the surgery as an opportunity to introduce himself to more residents. Gareth was happy to attend if his shifts allowed but could not confirm attendance immediately. The Clerk will liaise with Gareth, advise all and advertise any change in date

15 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

15.1 General Report

There was nothing new to report

15.2 Airport Consultative Committee

To announce that Mr Robert Farr will be the Council's representative on the Airport's Consultative Committee and Councillor Novak will attend in his absence

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails: Forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Cheshire East

Pensions Regulator

Commercial

Posters about the Bus Consultation

Details about registering Styal PC for a pension scheme

Mail shots

17 SHARED ITEMS

Councillor Novak is to attend a ChALC training course on 5th July 2017

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)

A resident remarked that the widening of the A538 road near the airport tunnels also involves the use of temporary traffic lights near the Amazon hub. Will these traffic lights become a roundabout?

Councillors had no information at this time but asked the Clerk to investigate

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.30 pm in Styal Methodist Church

20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 24th July