

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jen Birch - National Trust
Sue McDonald - Clerk
Members of the public

Prior to the meeting commencing, Councillor Novak expressed his and the Council's sadness at the recent death of former Chairman Mac Fox. Apart from being an excellent Chairman, Mac was very active in the village and contributed much to Styal Sports and Social Club and Styal Village Association. Mac will be sorely missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Dixon, Councillor Busby

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None

3 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 24th July 2017 and 9th October 2017. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner. **RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meetings were accepted as true records.

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)

Members of the public echoed the Council's thoughts on the loss of Mac Fox

- There were a number of potholes in Station Road, especially near Clarendon Cottages. The Clerk will report the problem to Highways

6 COUNCILLOR STOCKTON'S REPORT

Councillor Stockton was unable to attend the meeting

7 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Jen Birch of the National Trust provided the following report:

- **Eleanor Underhill**
Jen announced that Eleanor will be leaving the Mill due to a promotion.
Councillors commented that Eleanor thoroughly deserved the promotion although she will be much missed. She has been an invaluable source of advice and help to the Council and everyone wished her well in her new jobs
- **Christmas**
Jen was pleased to report that Quarry Bank had had a sell out Christmas. Councillor Davies commented that the Christmas decorations were superb and good reports had been received about them
- **Work on the Mill**
Staff and contractors are working together to perform routine machine maintenance and cleaning which will necessitate a two week closure
- **Outdoor Learning Centre**
Wheelchair users were unable to take part and had to stay at school. However, planning permission will allow access for disabled users
- **Oak Cottages**
Oak Cottages is now complete.
It was observed that people are booked in but get lost and wander about the village.
- **Dog Walking and Fouling**
It was agreed that this topic in Jen's report would be moved to Item 11.3 in order to collate all matters relating to dog behaviour and fouling.
- **Next Council/National Trust Meetings**
Forthcoming meetings have been arranged for:
Wednesday 21st March 2018
Wednesday 18th July 2018
Wednesday 21st November 2018

8 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The vacancy is currently being advertised on the notice boards and the website and the closing date is 26th January 2018

9 WEBSITE

9.1 General Report

Details on the website are now up to date

9.2 Website Enquiries

4 enquiries received

- Request for road signs in Station Road to be cleaned. Highways have received the request and will take action in the near future
- Query requesting information about whether or not Styal's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) group was intending to submit its draft plan for consultation. Forwarded the query to Councillor Dixon who is head of the NP group
- A new resident in Styal wanted confirmation that he is entitled to attend Council meetings. The Clerk contacted the resident, said yes and welcomed him to the village
- Complaint about dogs roaming off the lead and under a moving car. When asked to please put the dogs on a leash a bag of dog excrement was thrown into the person's face (the Police were contacted). See Item 11.3 for more details

10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

10.1 SEMMMS A6 Relief Road

There was nothing new to report

10.2 Electricity North West Road Closures

Councillor Novak expressed concern that, following the ENWL work, the roads had different road surfaces which could present a potential safety hazard.

It was also believed that part of Hollin Lane, on a bend near the site of several crashes, had been laid with an anti-skid finish and it was hope that this surface was still intact

It was stated that it was essential to maintain a safe surface on these roads (especially Hollin Lane and Styal Road) because it is a main emergency route and also a red route to the Airport

The clerk was asked to contact ENWL and Cheshire East for clarification and advice on this matter

10.3 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits

Simon Wallace, of Cheshire East Council, stated that he will produce a proposal for the two hour parking no return on Altrincham Road and, subject to the Council's approval, will present it to the Area Highway Group for funding in April (only one chance per year) He also stated that the original map he sent was illustrative and very basic - he will produce a much more detailed one for the submission

10.4 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Simon Wallace explained to the Clerk that the Council needs to discuss and understand exactly what type of device is needed. Considerations include:

- Differing Costs. A very basic SID would cost £500-£600, a more sophisticated model £4,000-£5,000
- Does the Council want a static or moveable SID
- Should it be vehicle activated (where it displays the precise speed of a car)
- Where would the SIDs be sited
- A traffic survey would be required
- Police involvement is advised, traffic survey needed and so on

Councillors agreed that they wanted to assimilate this new information prior to having a discussion or making any decisions

10.5 Field on Hollin Lane

The Land registry provided the Clerk with a method for bulk requests to obtain the 88 title registers. Each request has to be accompanied by a form. It was agreed that the task could be completed in stages and it is proposed that stage 1 would comprise 20 requests at a cost of £140.00. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Davies. RESOLVED: The Council would apply for and authorise payment for 20 title registers

10.6 Other Highways Matters

- Damaged sign at junction of Altrincham Road and Moss Lane
The Clerk reported that matter to Highways who will action the request as soon as possible
- Damage to Cenotaph Wall
The Clerk has requested details of the driver from the police in order to try to recoup cost of mending the wall from the drunk driver's insurance company. It is also necessary to confirm ownership of the wall

- The Worralls
A complaint has been received that staff from the Worralls have been parking all day on Altrincham Road. Whilst it is acknowledged that this is not against the law, it does contribute to the parking problems. A Councillor will visit the Worralls and have a friendly chat to see what, if anything, can be done

11 VILLAGE MATTERS

11.1 Airport Parking in Styal

Councillor Novak reported that he had reported 5 locations to planning enforcement although the response had been very slow. He recalled requesting once a month since submission but had only recently received notification of enforcement where appropriate.

The following report was kindly provided by Mr Bernard Mitchell:

"The council may need to maintain a watching brief on the activities of the new owners of Boundary Farm on Styal Road

It is understood that, as well as the land fronting Styal Road and the corner of Moss Lane they have purchased Moss House and its land which is alongside a strip of land also owned by the Mathews family and part of the sale. The two sites have been combined and covered with hard core some of which has come from the Electric North West works on Styal Road .

The new owners of the site intended to extended the parking from Boundary Farm on to this site and it may only be a matter of time before the land on the corner of Moss Lane and Styal Road will be used for the same purpose

Cheshire East planning are aware of the situation and are taking action"

11.2 Styal in Bloom

Styal's entry in the competition was awarded silver. At the last minute the attendees from Styal were unable to attend the awards ceremony. The organisers will refund the cost of the luncheon (£54.00) to the Council

11.3 Dog Behaviour and Fouling

All present condemned the behaviour of the dog walkers who threw dog excrement at a resident when asked to leash their dogs for safety reasons.

The Clerk had contacted CEC dog wardens who stated that they had no powers to require a dog to be on a lead unless it was classified as a dangerous dog breed. There are very few dog wardens (3 or 4) to cover the whole of the Cheshire East area and they cannot, therefore, attend problem sites on a regular basis.

Jen Birch, of Quarry Bank, described some initiatives at the Mill including a new volunteer engagement role which could be useful for changing/influencing dog walkers' behaviours

The Mill does have some guidance on dog walking on Trust property, such as when to use long or short leads, where leads are mandatory and so on. Jen will provide with Clerk with details.

The Mill is also trying to work with Cheshire East regarding their new strategy on dog fouling in public places

11.4 Other Village Matters

Ship Car Park - the car park is a mess but there is little the Council can do because it is private property

12 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

12.1 General Report

Manchester Airport has stated that it is happy to join forces with the Council against future planning applications for off site parking although it was felt that the situation could improve if Manchester Airport provided more facilities

13 FINANCIAL MATTERS

13.1 Authorisation of Payments

To authorise payments falling due since the last meeting. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner

£120.00	Ashley Waller	Christmas Tree
£180.00	HMRC	PAYE Q3
£140.00	The Land registry	Payment for land searches

13.2 Precept for 2018-2019

There was a discussion about whether or not the precept should be raised for the next financial year especially since it had not been raised in over six years. However, this year had been exceptional in that there were no grant applications to fulfil and, in consequence, the Council's has access to more funds than usual. It was therefore agreed that the precept would remain at £8,200, but it would be reassessed towards the end of the next financial year.

Proposed by Councillor Novak, Seconded by Councillor Hewitt. RESOLVED: The precept for 2018-2019 will be £8,200

13.3 Other Financial Matters

None

14 PLANNING MATTERS

14.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

To discuss current planning applications

17/6338M	3 , Shaws Fold, Styal, SK9 4JB Listed building consent for full internal refurbishment works to 3 Shaws Fold to include demolition of existing rear extension (modern addition), to be replaced by new extension within the same footprint and opened up internally to provide new kitchen area. <i>Councillors had no objections or comments</i>	31/01//2018
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17/6324M	Quarry Bank Mill, Quarry Bank Road, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4LA Outdoor learning hub, consisting of a learning shelter, footpath and dipping platform <i>Councillors had no objections or comments</i>	01/02/2018
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14.2 17/3894M Clay Lane Sagars Road

Currently there is nothing new to report on the development. Traffic and infrastructure remain concerns although it is believed this will affect Handforth more than Styal since no roads from the development will exit into Styal. The Council will maintain a watching brief

14.3 Little Stanneylands

There is nothing new to report on this development although it is known that traffic will become a problem in Styal. The Council will maintain a watching brief

14.4 Other Planning Matters

None

15 200 BUS SERVICE

- The bus service will almost certainly cease
- Although a contribution from Manchester Airport to help subsidise the continuance of the service is unlikely, the Airport provided some interesting information about a community bus service. It seems that Knutsford runs a community bus which was mainstream funded and George Osborne assisted with the funding.
The Clerk will research this matter
- The Council had received a complaint about a bus driver who was rude and also discouraged people from travelling on the bus
The Clerk wrote a letter (snail mail) to the bus company but did not receive a reply. It was not appropriate to take this any further because the contents of the complaint referred to other people and the information was, therefore, hearsay
- Unless the train times are set to enable children to get to and from school in Wilmslow, there will be a problem once the bus service ceases
All children get a bus and train but currently the only way for them to arrive at school in time is to take the train. Currently the bus is used for the journey home because the train nearest to school closure involves a considerable wait.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails: Forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Lloyds Bank
HMRC
Wilmslow School
Manchester Airport
Commercial

Changes to business account conditions
Changes in reclaiming VAT forewarning
Invitation to Chairman - Coffee and Carols
Community Fund information
Mail shots

17 SHARED ITEMS

- **Station Road**

The speed limit on Station Road is set to 60mph although it contains housing clusters and street lights which normally indicates a 30mph zone. In addition the 60mph limit comes into force immediately on entering the road from Hollin Lane which is 30mph. This matter has already been raised with Highways

- **Parking at the School**

Some parents are being very inconsiderate when dropping off/picking up children from the school. Cars are parked at 90 degrees to the road, others are parked on the zigzag markings.

The school has 'named and shamed' offending drivers which did result in an improvement. It was speculated that the situation deteriorated when the new influx of children occurred in September and it might be advisable to provide guidance on parking at least once a year

Cheshire East has stated that it would improve the quality of the road markings outside the school

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)

- Will any of the new houses at Clay Lane/Sagars Road be affordable?

Developers have an obligation to provide affordable housing although the term 'affordable' is not necessarily accurate since the affordability equates to 80% of the full price of a house which, in turn, is dependent upon the prevailing house prices in an area.

- Do Planning Appeals return to the Council as a new Planning Application? Yes

- Car on Moss Lane

The cars on Moss Lane are a constant problem and a hazard to residents. Could Moss Lane become a 30mph zone as it has a clump of houses and one or two lights? The Clerk will enquire further although this is an area already being looked at by Cheshire East

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.30 pm in Styal Methodist Church

20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members of the press and public will be excluded from this part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 5th February 2018