

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

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

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Davies

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None

3 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner. RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting 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

It was agreed that this item would be removed from the Agenda because it does not add any value to the meeting and had never been used other than to state "*All matters arising....to this Agenda.*" as on the first line above

5 POLICE REPORT

Councillors welcomed the new James Morris who is the new PCSO for Styal.

James provided the following report:

- Horses - the problem concerning the horses escaping is well known and the police have spoken with the owner
- There have been complaints about lorries ignoring weight restrictions
- There will be a greater police presence as the roads and village get busier during spring/summer r

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

- Extend the opportunity regarding Councillor and PCSO surgeries and hold them every two months
The Council agreed that two months was the most sensible interval
- Altrincham Road continues to suffer problems from parking and holes in the road.
The Council reports all problems to Cheshire East Highways but cannot guarantee that repairs will always take place in a timely manner
- The 200 bus is running until 1st March then there will be an hourly train service. There are not the same c concessions on the train.
Councillor Stockton stated: This is a matter for Cheshire East but there is nothing in the pipeline
Styal PC will write to Cheshire East/the Airport/and Wilmslow Council to garner support

7 COUNCILLOR STOCKTON'S REPORT

Councillor Stockton stated that his report covers a number of items on the Agenda, so he would comment and report back as appropriate to avoid duplication

8 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Jen Birch of the National Trust provided the following report:

- Eleanor Underhill is now Regional Director of Operations in the North West
There were 130 applications for Eleanor's replacement and interview will start on Friday
- The Mill was delighted to report that the Prince of Wales visited Oak Cottages and the new reception area. He also visited Styal School and Norcliffe Chapel

Craig Buckley provided a report on Chapel Woods

- 210 native trees have been planted
- also 30-40 exotic trees such as Monkey Puzzle
- 1600 Hedgerow whips are being planted
- There is a stack of timber for removal
- The Mill is using expert tree surgeons to ensure tree safety

- Norcliffe Chapel is now visible

BackHouse Farm

Backhouse Farm is being sold by sealed bid. The process is ongoing:

The House will provide one dwelling and the barns three

The land will be protected from development

9 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Applications for the vacancy closed on January 26th 2018 but neither applications nor expressions of interest had been received. Councillors will now co-opt a new Councillor by direct approach

10 WEBSITE

10.1 General Report

Details on the website are now up to date

10.2 Website Enquiries

None

11 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

11.1 SEMMMS A6 Relief Road

Carillion went into liquidation on 18th January 2018. The new road was a joint venture with Morgan Sindall who will now be taking over as the main contractor.

Current work is to the kerbside

Councillors were unsure if closures in Handforth would affect Styal

11.2 Electricity North West Road Closures

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

ENWL need to know precisely which sections of the roads are affected by two different road surfaces. Also the portion where an anti-skid surface was installed prior to the road works. Once the information has been received, an inspector will visit and assess the situation

Note: Cheshire East will only become involved if the resurfacing work is not up to standard (ENWL has to be given an opportunity to put any problems right)

11.3 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits

The Council had had no report on any progress.

Councillor Stockton stated that he would take the matter up on the Council's behalf.

The Clerk had already sent CEC's speeding strategy to Councillors

11.4 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The local Highways group has a SID which moves between Handforth and Wilmslow. Theoretically there is no reason why Styal should not be included

11.5 Field on Hollin Lane

To receive a report on the progress of recording owners' names

The Clerk has finally been given a method of obtaining title registers in bulk which does not involve form filling and is cheaper than previous estimated costs.

The cost for all the information will be £421.20 inclusive of VAT and the registers will be sent to the Clerk once payment has been received.

The cheque issued at the last meeting for £140.00 to obtain 20 register numbers will be voided

11.6 Fingerpost Altrincham Road

To receive a report on the progress of repairing the fingerpost at the corner of Altrincham Road and Moss Lane

Cheshire East Highways will attend to the fingerpost following the start of the new financial year in April. The sign was damaged by a drunk driver but is not a safety hazard

There had been a suggestion that the driver should pay for the damage to the sign and the fence. However, the fence is under private ownership and therefore a matter between the driver and the owner

11.7 Other Highways Matters

- **Damaged to Memorial Wall**

The Council has no responsibility for the Memorial - it is not a Council asset. The Imperial War Museum seems to have passed responsibility to the SVA because the SVA paid for a project to move the Memorial back from the road.

John Grady of Kent House has arranged for the wall to be repaired at no charge. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks to Mr Grady

- **Sign Cleaning**

Cheshire East will undertake any cleaning of signs in the new financial year, funds permitting

12 VILLAGE MATTERS

12.1 Airport Parking in Styal

Councillor Novak reported that there was a 5-6 acre field at Boundary farm which had been used for airport parking not all of which had planning permission. He was concerned at what appeared to be a lack of effective enforcement

Councillor Stockton stated that there was an Airport S106 agreement (from the 2nd runway) which could be used to pay for enhanced enforcement

12.2 Styal in Bloom

Ian Jones and Caroline Dumville had stated they were happy to carry on preparing for the competition.

Councillors unanimously agreed to enter the 2018 competition and pay the £50 entrance fee. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Gardiner

12.3 Notice Boards

It was agreed that the notice boards should be replaced on a rolling yearly or two yearly program because they were coming to the end of their useful life and could not be maintained by repairs. The notice board in the worst condition was that near the Cross

It was agreed that quotes would be obtained for a new notice board

12.4 Other Village Matters

None

13 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

13.1 General Report

Councillors Dixon and Novak to attend the Manchester Airport/Parish Council Meeting on 6th March 2018

13.2 Manchester Airport Consultative Committee

The Council cannot attend meetings of this committee because it is not open to Parish Councils. It is typically for action groups and consumer groups such as Which?

Bob Farr represented Styal Action Group at these meetings when the village was fighting against the 2nd runway. Styal Action Group has since been wound up and there is no longer a need for a presence on the Committee and thus Bob Farr is no longer eligible to attend meetings.

The Clerk will write a letter to Bob, thanking him for all his support and hard work. The Clerk will also reply to the secretary of the committee confirming that there will no longer be a presence from Styal Action Group

14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

14.1 Authorisation of Payments

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

£421.20	Land Registry	Title searches Hollin Lane Field
£ 50.00	Styal in Bloom 2018	Competition entrance fee

14.2 Other Financial Matters

None

15 PLANNING MATTERS

15.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

No planning applications were received

15.2 Clay Lane/Sagars Road and Little Stanneylands

To report that the Clay Lane/Sagars Road development had obtained outline planning permission for the proposed development.

Little Stanneylands has obtained full planning permission

15.3 Other Planning Matters

None

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails: Forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Commercial

Mail shots

17 SHARED ITEMS

Nothing was raised

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)

- All children get a pass on the bus but not on the train
The Council cannot change this rule but will endeavour to bring the issue to the attention of Cheshire East
- Correction to a previous Public participation question
- Do Planning Appeals return to the Council as a new Planning Application?
In fact they are given a unique appeals reference which is not a planning application reference

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th March 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 9.15 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 1st May 2018