

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Don Stockton - Cheshire East
Jen Birch - National Trust
Members of the public

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hewitt proposed Councillor Dixon as Chairman and was seconded by Councillor Busby.
RESOLVED: Councillor Dixon was unanimously elected as Chairman. The acceptance of office form will be signed at the next meeting

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Dixon proposed Councillor Novak as Vice-Chairman and was seconded by Councillor Gardiner.
RESOLVED: Councillor Novak was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman. The acceptance of office form will be signed at the next meeting

3 **APOLOGIES:** The Clerk, Sue McDonald

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

4.1 **Declarations of Interest:** None

4.2 **Dispensations:** None

5 MINUTES

To approve as correct records the minutes of the Council meeting on 5th February 2018 and 12th March 2018. Proposed by Councillor Dixon, seconded by Councillor Novak. RESOLVED: The minutes were accepted as true records

6 NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor, Simon Tugby to the team and hoped he would enjoy the role. The acceptance of office form will be signed at the next meeting

7 POLICE REPORT

The new PCSO, Kerry Hancock, was unable to attend due to other police duties. No report was received

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following:

- **Railings**
The railings on the way to Styal School are in a bad state of repair. It is believed that they are owned by the NT. Jen Birch (NT) would investigate
- **Trees and Shrubs**
Trees and shrubs are overgrown on some parts of NT land and footpaths. The NT will investigate. Specific locations were noted as the walk from Styal School car park, to the school itself.
- **Greenbelt**
Concern was raised over the protection of the greenbelt. Councillor Stockton advised that the Local Plan, which includes greenbelt areas, was valid until 2025 and so the greenbelt is currently protected
- **Neighbourhood Plan**
The Neighbourhood Plan had stalled after initial progress and contact with Tom Evans of Cheshire East had been lost. It was intended to revive the plan and Councillor Stockton offered to assist where necessary

9 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Jen Birch, of the National Trust, provided the following report:

- Jo Hudson
Jo is the new General Manager at the Mill. She sent her apologies for not attending this meeting but would be present at the next one
- Project general update
 - Mill opening (and car park) 23rd July
 - driveway to Quarry Bank House finished

- Outdoor learning hub expected completion the end of May
- Journeys of the Imagination 5th May - 28 October
An interactive trail around Quarry Bank where the visitor can take part in themed events
- National Trust children's book festival Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 June 2018
An opportunity for children to dress up as characters and also meet favourite authors

Disappointment was expressed that the NT's transport section does not promote Styal train station. Jen explained that this will be looked at once the new rail timetable is released. She went on to explain that the NT is planning to meet with Rob Sawyer from friends of Styal Rail station to talk about any possible collaboration. Concern was expressed about the grassed area at the end of Holt's Lane being damaged due to vehicles and whether the NT could put rocks in place to help to prevent it becoming a turning circle.

Councillor Stockton took the opportunity to confirm that the Local Transport Plan was out for consultation and encouraged Styal PC to submit a response

Councillor Stockton also stated that the SEMMMS consultation is available and the Council could contribute via the website

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Risk Assessment Statement

The Risk Assessment Statement was unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman

10.2 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017-2018

The Council is invited to approve and sign the risk assessment statement for 2017-2018.

10.2.1 Certificate of Exemption

The Certificate of Exemption was unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman

10.2.2 Governance Statement

The governance statement was unanimously approved but signing was deferred until the return of the Clerk

10.2.3 Accounting Statement

The accounting statement was unanimously approved but signing was deferred until the return of the Clerk

10.3 Budget 2018-2019

The Council was invited to approve the budget for 2018-2019. Proposed by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Dixon. RESOLVED: The Budget for 2018-2019 was unanimously approved

10.4 Authorisation of Payments

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

£ 212.76	ChALC	Annual Subscription
£ 20.00	Cheshire Community Action	Annual Subscription
£250.00	Styal Methodist Church	Room hire

10.5 Other Financial Matters None

11 PLANNING MATTERS

11.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

11.1.1 18/1797M Pownall Farm

18/1797M	Pownall Farm, 2, Hollin Lane, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4JH Proposed loft conversion with dormers to rear and front with additional balcony to rear	24/05/2018
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The Council objected to this application on the grounds that:

- It is an inappropriate development in the green belt
- It detracts from the openness of the green belt
- It has an adverse effect on Styal Conservation Area in terms of its size, design and positioning.
- The proposal introduces discordant features into the Styal conservation area by virtue of a lack of sympathetic and/or incompatible plans and materials

11.1.2 18/1968M Bamford

18/1968M	Bamford, 60, Hollin Lane, Styal, SK9 4JJ New porch, first floor extension along with new windows and render	23/05/2018
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Councillors had neither comments nor objections to the planning application

11.2 Other Planning Matters

None

12 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The Council must comply with the terms of this regulation and the Clerk is progressing matters

13 WEBSITE

There was one website enquiry

- **Styal Station.**
Concern was expressed because, as part of the tidy up at Styal station the seats on both platforms had been removed causing some distress as older people have nowhere to sit. The Clerk wrote to Network Rail and Styal Station but has had no response as yet

14 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

14.1 Forecourt Changes

As of June the Airport is to start charging people who drive to drop off/pick up passengers. The charges are £3.00 for five minutes and £4.00 for 10 minutes. They are providing a free shuttle service from one of its car parks to and from the terminals. At the time of writing there was nothing on the Manchester Airport website about the charges. Styal PC's website has some additional details

14.2 Manchester Airport Consultative Committee (MACC)

Styal Parish Council has been accepted as a member of the Committee and Chris Novak will be the Council's representative. Councillor Busby had been suggested as an alternate attendee for Chris but she declined due to work commitments. Councillor Dixon volunteered to be the alternate attendee

15 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

15.1 SEMMMS A6 Relief Road

Councillor Novak provided feedback from a SEMMMS presentation. Councillor Stockton supported Councillor Novak's comments and observations

Serious concern was expressed by Councillors regarding the backing up of waiting traffic on Styal Road/Hollin Lane. Amongst suggestions to alleviate the situation were temporary road markings and clearways

Concern was also expressed about the efficiency of the traffic light phasing. Although 'spotters' were employed to ensure there is minimal disruption to the local highways network, things are obviously awry

15.2 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits

Yet again the Council remained frustrated at the lack of communication and progress. The Chairman will write to Simon Wallace

15.3 Other Highways Matters

- **Adopted Road at Entrance to the Ship Car Park**
This road is in a poor state of repair. Councillor Busby will contact Simon Wallace
- **White Lines outside Earlams and the Garden Centre**
A query about whether it would be possible to paint no parking white lines in this area to minimise impact on these businesses. It was pointed out that there was a lengthy process to follow prior to any changes to the highway and this would be covered as part of the proposals at Item 15.2.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails: Forwarded to Councillors

Post:

EON	New electricity bill for Christmas lights (gone up from £0 to £1,41!)
Manchester Airport	Runway closure for maintenance dates
HMRC	Details of Changes to VAT reclaim procedures

17 SHARED ITEMS

- **Notice Boards**
The Council had been unsuccessful in identifying suitable replacement wooden notice boards which were in keeping with the village yet at a sensible price. The Council enquired whether the NT had any contacts. Jen will provide the Clerk with details of the NT's notice board fabricator

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following:

- **Entrance to Holts Lane**
The entrance to Holt's Lane is very messy. Although it was confirmed that this land is unlikely to be owned by the NT, nonetheless NT are going to investigate if they can action remedial works.

- **Bus Stop on Hollin Lane**

A lot of mud has been churned up on to the pavement making it very untidy. Can the Council arrange for the footpath to be cleaned?

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th June 2018 at 7.30 pm in Earlams Log Cabin

20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

Signed: _____ Chairman 11th June 2018