

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Hudson - National Trust
Craig Buckley - National Trust
Sue Stevenson - Stockport MBC
Sue McDonald - Clerk
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor A Hewitt

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

2.1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tugby Item 15.1.1 Norcliffe Grange

2.2 Dispensations

None

3 SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS

The signing of the acceptance of office forms for Chairman Councillor Dixon, Vice-Chairman Councillor Novak and Councillor Tugby had been deferred from the previous meeting, Each was signed by the appropriate Councillor and also the Clerk

4 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2018. Proposed by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Busby. **RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting was accepted as a true record.

5 POLICE REPORT

A police representative was unable to attend due to other duties, and no report was received

6 COUNCILLOR/PCSO SURGERY

It was reiterated that the surgeries would take place at two monthly intervals and it was agreed that the next one would take place on Saturday 11th August from 10.00 to 11.00 in Earlams.

The Clerk would contact the PCSO to ascertain if there would be a police presence. If not then the surgery would still take place but as a Councillor surgery only

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

The majority of resident comments concerned the airport's new drop off charges and the cessation of the 130 bus. A number of residents raised the same or similar comments - these have been summarised for the sake of clarity and an element of background information included to reduce duplication:

• **Manchester Airport Drop Off Charges**

- Manchester Airport has introduced drop off and pick up charges at all its terminals, the railway station and the bus station. There is a facility for Styal residents, as neighbours of the airport, to pay £30.00 per year which entitles a family to register two cars each of which will be able to drop off and pick up once per day.
- When the 130 bus service was running, residents travelling to the airport (in general to go to the railway or bus station rather than for air travel), drop off and pick up was free of charge
- The 130 bus service has now ceased meaning that Styal residents will be forced to pay the £30 per year or the single charge of £3-4 per drop off or pick.
- Children and pensioners had bus passes which provided free travel

• **Styal Train Service**

- The frequency of trains to and from Styal increased in May 2018 to one every hour (each way). The train does not directly connect with the airport and does not compensate for the loss of the bus service
- The cost of a single ticket to Wilmslow is £2.50 or £1.65 with a senior railcard
- Children from Styal have been provided with a pass entitling them to free travel on the train. Senior residents have not.

- **Amenities in Styal Village**
 - The only essential amenities in Styal village comprise a village shop and a primary school. Ergo any need to visit a doctor, dentist, post office, supermarket et al requires a journey out of the village.
 - Wilmslow is the most accessible town with these amenities and the now defunct 130 bus service stopped there thus providing free travel
 - The only realistic methods for getting to Wilmslow now is by car, taxi or on the train. Not all residents drive but walking is not a practical option for most people due to dangerous roads and a lack of pavements
 - The station in Wilmslow is not central to amenities and may be too long a walk for elderly or infirm residents to reach facilities
- **Issues**
 - Residents of Styal are being unfairly penalised by virtue of the village's geographical location
 - Residents who are entitled to free bus passes should be entitled to free train passes similar to those issued by other charging authorities
 - The airport's bus and the railway stations are a key link for Styal residents who wish to travel by public transport. The imposition of the Airport's levy on bona fide public transport users from Styal is manifestly unfair.
- **Action**
 - The Clerk will make representation to Esther McVey MP and Councillor Stockton of Cheshire East

Closed End of Altrincham Road

Residents reported that there were no lights at the closed end of Altrincham Road which can, on occasion, cause problems for the residents there. In addition a no parking sign is required to inform visitors that residents need access and exit to their properties. The Clerk will contact the airport about this matter

Note: it had been thought that this part of Altrincham Road was jointly owned by the National Trust and Manchester Airport. Craig Buckley, of the NT, stated that the area was wholly owned by the airport.

8 COUNCILLOR STOCKTON'S REPORT

Councillor Stockton was unable to attend the meeting

9 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

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

- **Exotic Trees**
Planting of the exotic tree species had been completed
- **Metal Railings Near the School**
These railings, which are leaning, do not belong to the National Trust and are probably the responsibility of highways.

Jo Hudson, of the National Trust, introduced herself as the new General Manager at the Mill and explained that she had been with the National Trust for twelve years; the last four years of which were spent at Formby, a haven for red squirrels. Jo expressed great pleasure at being General Manager and the prospect of exciting work and the opportunity to meet residents.

The Chairman welcomed Jo and hoped she would be very happy in her new role

Jo provided the following report:

- **The Mill**
The Mill will open at the end of July
- **New Lift**
The shaft is complete and it is hoped that the scaffolding will be down within two weeks
- **The Archive and Reading Room**
Work on this is taking longer, although a new stair climber for disabled visitors has been identified
- **Visitor Numbers**
There has been a mixed start to the season. Visitor numbers are approximately 2,000 below normal

10 CESSATION OF 130 BUS SERVICE

The 130 bus service, run by D & G, will cease as of 16th June 2018. The reason cited is lack of passengers making the route financially unviable

Whilst the Council is very disappointed about this decision, it has no influence on, or input to, the outcome as D & G is a commercial enterprise

There is no doubt that the cessation of the service will cause difficulties for some Styal residents, most notably the elderly, as can be witnessed by the comments made at Item 7 Public Participation.

11 WEBSITE

There were no website enquiries

The Clerk appealed for articles and photographs for the website because the existing ones are very out of date. The Clerk stated that articles and photographs could be submitted by email to the Clerk at styalpc@ashleyworks.co.uk

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

12.1 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017-2018

12.1.1 Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement for 2017-2018 had been unanimously approved at the previous meeting but signing was deferred due to the Clerk's absence. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement for 2017-2018

12.1.2 Accounting Statement

The Accounting Statement for 2017-2018 had been unanimously approved at the previous meeting but signing was deferred due to the Clerk's absence. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the Accounting Statement for 2017-2018

12.2 Authorisation of Payments

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

£142.80	Ray Britland	Hedge Cutting
£ 22.50	Cheshire East Council	Hard copy of the Local Plan**

**This payment was predicated on reaching an agreement at Item 14 Neighbourhood Plan

12.3 Other Financial Matters

An application for a donation of £150 was received for HMP Styal's family day in aid of MacMillan Nurses. Councillors agreed to this in principle but it would be authorised at the next meeting

Styal Tennis Club applied for a grant of £75.00 to replace a stolen lawn mower. This will be discussed at the next meeting

The Clerk will review the Grants and Donations policy as some anomalies have been identified

13 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Although a burning issue, Councillors agreed that the imposition of drop off charges had been adequately covered at Item 7 Public Participation

Councillor Novak had attended a recent meeting of the Technical Advice Group (TAG) which is part of the Manchester Airport Consultative Committee (MACC).

He reported that noise from the airfield was discussed but Styal was not classed as severely disadvantaged due to its geographical position. Most issues are raised from areas north of the runways

The airport is planning to develop the land near the Romper to build a multi-storey car park and at least one hotel

14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had a meeting with Tom Evans, a Neighbourhood Planning Manager at Cheshire East, where key areas were identified which would be investigated further to potentially form policies.

Tom explained that specialist advice would be needed and provided the Steering Group with the names of three consultancy organisations who could provide the necessary support. There would be a cost attached to employing a consultant but there was a Neighbourhood Planning fund which could provide up to £9,000 upon a successful application

It was agreed that the Steering Group would invite the three consultancies to separate meetings to determine what each had to offer

The Steering Group was advised that the Neighbourhood Planning process would benefit from purchasing a hard copy of the Cheshire East's Local Plan costing £22.50 postage. It was unanimously agreed that a copy would be purchased and a cheque would be authorised at this meeting. Proposed by Councillor Dixon, seconded by Councillor Davies

15 PLANNING MATTERS

15.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

To discuss current planning applications

15.1.1 18/2444M Norcliffe Grange

18/2444M	Norcliffe Grange, Altrincham Road, Styal, SK9 4LH Removal of the non-original flat roof on the 1980's single storey extension. Reinstatement of a timber framed pitched roof	21/06/2018
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Councillors unanimously agreed that this application would be supported because it would represent an improvement on the existing structure

The Clerk was asked to make a submission to Cheshire East stating the Council's support of this application and to take a similar action for any positively supported applications in the future

15.2 Clay Lane/Sagars Road

Councillors attended a meeting with Kerren Philips of Jones Homes at which the current status of the development was described which included:

- Outline Planning permission had been granted for approximately 250 homes
- Access would be solely from Meriton Rd with cycle/footpath only access to Styal
- The development would start in 2019 with an estimated 5 - 6 years to complete 250 houses

In general neither Styal nor Handforth receive benefits from the S106 payment. However, Styal will benefit from the Council Tax precept for the new houses.

It was mentioned that there could be a new homes bonus available to Styal but no details are currently available. The Clerk will contact Cheshire East

15.3 Other Planning Matters

None

16 SHARED ITEMS

Councillor Tugby will attend the next ChALC run Councillor Induction Course

17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Residents again raised the topic of the cessation of the 130 bus and the imposition of a charge for dropping people off at the airport. This had already been covered in Item 7 Public Participation but raising it again indicated the strength of feeling and objections to these issues

The issue of aircraft and airport noise was raised

- Noise is increasing especially when engine testing is being carried out
- What measures have Manchester airport put in place to monitor airport noise in Styal?
Councillor Novak explained that there were no noise monitors on the Styal side of the airport because the main noise nuisance was on the other side
- If there are no monitors how can the Airport determine there is no significant airport noise pollution in Styal?
The airport carries out noise pollution surveys and the latest one is on the airport's website

18 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

18.1 SEMMMS A6 Relief Road

Sue Stevenson, from Stockport MBC, attended to answer Councillors concerns and questions

- Councillors questioned the contractor's method of working because at times it appeared to be haphazard
Sue explained that Stockport MBC was in on-going discussions with the contractor on this topic
- Contractors also gave the impression of having a lot of down time
Sue said that this, too was the subject of an on-going debate
- Is the relationship between Stockport MBC and the contractor strained?
There was no problem but the relationship had changed since Carillion crashed
- The contract between Stockport MBC and the contractors did not appear to have any teeth
The contract developed by the Welsh Government was considered to be the best at the time
- The traffic lights are often not synchronised causing heavy delays. It had been stated by a representative of Morgan Sindall that there was an employee whose job was to monitor and change the lights in the case of long delays or traffic build up. However, residents report that no such person had ever been seen nor had there been evidence of a change of traffic light sequence when necessary
Sue assured everyone that a monitor was definitely supposed to be on site and she would check on this and get back to the Council
- Residents living in the immediate vicinity of the road works were experiencing considerable inconvenience due to the dust, noise and general upset caused by the works. The residents are constantly having to

clean their houses, cars, driveways et al. This will, by definition, continue until the road works are complete. Is there, or will there be, a scheme to compensate these residents for the considerable, disruption to their lives?

There is no compensation scheme, nor is it something that is generally considered for any disruption caused by road works

- The decision to commence the road works on Ringway Road whilst working on Styal Road was ill conceived and only added to the chaos by creating a backlog in to Styal Village and also Terminal 3
Sue was unable to comment on this at the present time

- Will the road works finish in August as per the latest estimate?

There was every intention to finish as estimated, but debates were ongoing.

Sue concluded by saying that she would take the points to the project team and get back to Styal Parish Council by 25th June

The Chairman thanked Sue for her attendance at the meeting and for fielding the sea of issues.

18.2 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits

Simon Wallace, of Cheshire East Council, has produced a proposal for the two hour parking no return on Altrincham Road.

It has been added to a work list and has backing from Councillor Stockton. The proposal will be presented to the Area Highways Group for funding in September

18.3 Other Highways Matters

- Mud on the pavement near the bus stop
It was uncertain whether or not the mud had been cleared. Councillor Tugby volunteered to clear the area if it was still necessary

19 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails: Forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Commercial

Mail shots

Seafarers UK

Request to fly the Royal Ensign on 3rd September 2018

Note: Councillors would have happily agreed to this request but had no means of flying the flag

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd July 2018 in Earlams Log Cabin

21 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 2nd July 2018