

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Hudson - National Trust
Craig Buckley - National Trust
PCSO Kerry Hancock
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor A Gardiner

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

2.1 Declarations of Interest

None

2.2 Dispensations

None

3 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018. Proposed by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Novak. RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting was accepted as a true record.

4 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Kerry Hancock provided the following report:

- Burglary - no reports
- Criminal Damage 27/12/2018 - Hollin Lane - damage to a rear fence
- Suspicious Activity 03/12/2018 - Suspicious male seen on Moss Lane, reported by a delivery driver.
- Bollin Hill Theft 17/12/2018 - Yorkshire flags stolen from the front of a property
- Motor Vehicle Theft 14/12/2018 - a Transit van full of tools was stolen
- Wilmslow and Poynton Van Thefts
There has been a spate of van thefts in these areas
- Inappropriate Behaviour
Although not formally reported as of yet, there has been information to suggest there is inappropriate activity during the evening on car parks in the area. If there are any more reports please advise people to contact 101. Extra patrols will be in the area.
- Airport parking
Kerry pointed out that the parking of cars on the Lode Hill site is a legal operation. However, there is an ongoing Trading Standards investigation into the issues on this site.
Cheshire Police will continue to monitor the Lode Hill site. In the new year Cheshire Police, Border Force and Greater Manchester Police will be working together regarding site visits.
Since June 2017 Cheshire Police Force has received reports, and are dealing with, the misuse of customers' cars. Additional reports of misuse have been reported to Greater Manchester Police.
In June 2019 the owners of the Meet and Greet company will be in court for Trading Standards offences.
- Trucam
The Trucam speeding device will continue to be used on Styal Road and Hollin Lane
- Campervan in the Lay-by near Linney's Bridge
There is a legitimately parked campervan in the lay-by near Linney's Bridge. It is owned by a person who works in the area. The van acts as a deterrent to fly tippers and the police do not, therefore, object to its presence

The following questions were asked of Kerry:

- Why did it take three weeks for the police to visit the resident whose van had been stolen?
Kerry explained that there was a severe lack of police resources and priorities had to be assigned to the most serious cases. She added that she felt the delay was too long and would report back on the matter
- Why isn't the speed device used on Altrincham Road?
All places where the Trucam can be used has to be risk assessed both to protect the police officer and also ensure that motorists are not entrapped by hidden police officers. Altrincham Road had previously been assessed and found unsuitable. Kerry will put in for another assessment

5 COUNCILLOR STOCKTON

Councillor Stockton sent sincere apologies explaining that he had intended coming to the meeting but needed to attend hospital to undergo a cerebral angiogram

He sent the Clerk a report on various issues which were added to the appropriate Agenda items

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following issues:

- Waste bins are overflowing on Altrincham Road and more bins are needed
The Clerk will contact Cheshire East but a previous application for additional bins was not successful. Perhaps the National Trust could provide some - the Clerk will email the NT
- There are some very large potholes on Holly Lane although a precise location is not known. They are reported as being between Chestnut Tree Farm and Holly Farm
*The Clerk will report them to Highways.
The Clerk also reiterated that the easiest way to report highways faults is using fixmystreet.com*
- A sign at the top of Moss Lane has been knocked over.
Councillor Stockton has reported this issue to Cheshire East Highways
- Is it true that a driver cannot claim damage if there is white paint around a pothole?
The Clerk will investigate
- A resident reported that he and a number of other drivers were caught speeding due to the Police van being in plain sight but parked the wrong way round!

7 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Jo Hudson, of the National Trust provided the following report:

- There was a meeting on 8th December attended by members of the National Trust and Councillors Dixon and Tugby. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new plans for replacing the temporary Upper Garden cafe with a permanent building.

It was commented that the new roof was expansive and it may be advantageous if it green in colour

- Work on the Chapel Woods, past the Unitarian Church is now nearing completion after 2 years. The improvements include
 - installation of new gates
 - planting of additional exotic trees
 - the path has been repaired
 - 10 benches are to be installed
- The NT is going to monitor entrances to the Mill to determine which are most used
- Of cars parked in places other than the NT car parks, 1 in 3 had the current year's orange sticker but did not, or could not, get in car park. The NT will put up signs advising visitors about parking

Councillors expressed their thanks to the NT for the assistance provided in erecting the Christmas Tree

8 AIRPORT PARKING IN STYAL

- Councillor Novak reported that he is still awaiting statements and reports from August 2018
- As mentioned in the Police Report (Item 4) Trading Standards are actively pursuing sites suspected of committing offences
- There is to be a meeting of the Consultative Committee at the Airport on Friday 19th January 2019
- The field at the corner of Moss Lane and Styal Road is being very closely monitored by the Airport.

9 VILLAGE MATTERS

9.1 Parking at the School

The school had a meeting in November in which parking was on the agenda at a meeting in November The school is very concerned about the problems and identified the following:

- It was agreed that the school would request that the PCSO comes to the school to enforce parking.
- It was agreed that the issue would be included as an item in the parent news letter.
- The inconsiderate parking item would be included in the news letter and would 'name and shame' dangerous parking.
- The school would contact John Novak about the speed gun and whether that could be used at school run times occasionally.
- The school will ask the sports and social club if their carpark could be used at drop off and pick up times.
- The school is also exploring creating a walking bus from the National Trust car park at the Mill.

Notes: Some parents of disabled children are allowed to park on the cobbles

Kerry stressed that the 20 mph speed limit at the school is advisory, not mandatory

9.2 'Closed' Part of Altrincham Road

Councillor Parker gave the following report

- Ownership of the Road
There have been ongoing discussions about the ownership of this part of Altrincham Road with Manchester Airport Group (MAG), Manchester City Council (MCC) and Cheshire East Council (CEC) MCC's Property Records department, in liaison with one of the Council's solicitors has clarified that the land north and south of Altrincham Road is owned by MCC and let out to MAG on a 99 year lease. Unfortunately the lease/freehold titles do not specify who owns the road.
The original 'stopping up order' that relates to who may own the road could help in clarifying this further. Councillor Parker has asked MCC to kindly continue their investigation as far possible and inform her about any further findings.
- Sinkhole
The sinkhole present at the gate by the start of the closed part of Altrincham Road has been fixed but it is unclear who undertook the repair due to the confusion over ownership

9.3 Other Village Matters

- Thanks are due to Rhoburt Ltd for kindly providing a cherry picker to help erect/decorate the Christmas tree
- CCTV for Fly Tipping
It has been difficult to obtain precise advice except that there needs to be evidence that there is an ongoing and serious problem (i.e. not occasional tipping) on public land before a camera would be considered

10 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

- Manchester Airport has sent offers of tickets for concerts at the Bridgewater Hall. The tickets will be donated to the Styal Over 60's Club. Councillor Davies will decide which concert tickets will be chosen
- As previously mentioned (Item 8) there is to be a meeting of the Consultative Committee at the Airport on Friday 19th January 2019

11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Tugby reported that the next stage would be to advertise for volunteers and create a steering group for the Neighbourhood Plan

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS**12.1 Authorisation of Payments**

The following was authorised for payment. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Dixon

£ 180.00	HMRC	PAYE Q3
£ 132.00	Ashley Waller	Christmas Tree
£ 180.00	Ray Britland	Hedge Cutting

12.2 Budget 2019/2020

The draft budget was discussed and it was agreed that the budget should include a sum for a Speed Indicator Device (SID). Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Novak. RESOLVED the budget for 2019/2020 was ratified

12.3 Precept 2019/2020

Councillors discussed whether or not to increase the precept to accommodate the SID. In addition Councillors pointed out that this would be the first increase since the Council's inception in 2011.

There was some discussion on whether or not the Council should include a figure for the elections next year. The Clerk did not think it necessary as the chances of Styal requiring to hold an election were slim. It was finally agreed that the precept for 2019/2020 would be £9,200, an increase of £1,000. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Novak. RESOLVED the precept for 2019/2020 was ratified

12.4 Other Financial Matters

None

13 BUS SERVICE

- There is no possibility of a commercially run bus service in Styal due to lack of passenger numbers
- Wilmslow, Handforth and Alderley Edge are in the early stages of discussing the possibility of providing a bus service in the area. Everything is at a very early stage but Councillor Dixon will be attending the next meeting to state the case for Styal to be included
- Handforth has a community bus service for the elderly, disabled and infirm. The second hand bus was donated by Cheshire East. Very little more is known at this point but the Clerk will make enquiries.

14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

14.1 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits

Councillor Stockton provided the following report in his absence:

The Area Highway Group will, in March 2019, assess proposals put forward by officers and CE councillors that fit the necessary evidence led criteria of the road safety team at CEC. I will be supporting those proposals put forward and feel sure I can get the necessary work funded via this route.

- **Altrincham Road Speed Limit**
I am advised that speed limit on this road does not fit the criteria for further reduction and therefore will not at this time be put forward by officers to the Area Highway Group for consideration for funding.
- **Altrincham Road Parking Restrictions**
The proposal for parking restrictions on Altrincham Road (e.g. 2 hour no return for 1 hour) is intended to help traffic flow and ease Altrincham Road's existing parking problems. I am in support of this proposal.
It is possible that displacement parking may affect the bus stop lay-by and additional restrictions could be required.
- **Station Road**
I am advised that speed limit on this road (extension of the 30mph area and consideration of the derestricted section) **does** meet the criteria for further consideration and will be put forward by officers to the Area Highway Group for funding. I will be supporting the case for funding this proposal.
- **Moss Lane and Holly Lane Speed Assessment**
A speed assessment was undertaken on these two roads and Cheshire East in its possession of the results. Work is ongoing as to the roads' safety or otherwise and whether there is a case which can be put forward for further funding

Note: Councillor Stockton had requested that the results of the assessments be sent to the Clerk. Unfortunately the Clerk had not received them at the time of the meeting

14.2 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Styal Village Association will provide £1,000 towards the cost of a SID (c. £2600 - £3500 in total)
It was suggested that there should be a meeting between the Council, the SVA and the police. The Clerk will organise if agreed and the suggested Agenda would be:

- The exact display wanted
- Permanent or movable siting
- Battery, mains or solar powered
- If movable who will move it (very heavy)

A report from Councillor Stockton:

I had been asked whether *Styal Parish Council* can acquire a battery operated portable SID to reduce speeding generally and gain evidence of speeding necessary to put to *the Area Highways Group for the funding necessary to get speed limits assessed, extended, reduced etc*

I have been assured that the devices are available to view at TWM Winsford (Simon Wallace for further detail) and that placing of cameras information can be gained from the Macclesfield Police via Robin Johnson

14.3 Other Highways Matters

None

15 PLANNING MATTERS

15.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

To discuss current planning applications

15.1.1 18/5799M Wilmslow Phoenix Sports Club

18/5799M	Wilmslow Phoenix Sports Club, Styal Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4HP Proposal to change the fence line of the all weather sports pitch to create a safe viewing area for spectators	24/01/2019
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It was agreed that the Council would make a statement of positive support for this application

15.1.2 18/6141M Willow End

18/6141M	Willow End, 31, Moss Lane, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4LF Construction of single storey side extension with overhang to rear elevation, conversion of pitched roof of garage to flat, alteration to glazing to both floor of rear elevation	02/01/2019 Extension agreed
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Councillors had neither objections or comments to make on this planning application

15.2 Other Planning Matters

To record that the council received a copy of a protest letter from residents regarding application 18/2932M 68 Hollin Lane. It was noted that this was for *information only* and Councillors were not expected to comment or discuss the matter

This is a loft conversion which neighbours believe is completely out of keeping with the rest of the properties in the area and will devalue their homes.

Unfortunately the conversion was passed under permitted development rights, was a request for a certificate of lawfulness and thus there was no obligation for Cheshire East to consult with neighbours .

16 CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant emails were forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Wilmslow School	Christmas Card (to the Chairman)
MIA	Concert Tickets offer
Ray Britland	Invoice for cutting hedge
Ashley Waller	Invoice for Christmas Tree
Commercial	Mail shots

17 SHARED ITEMS

Councillors drew attention to the fact that there were no preparations in place for the elections in May.

The Clerk stated that it was highly unlikely that Styal Parish Council would have an election partially due to the fact that two Councillors were resigning before the election and partially because experience has taught the Council how difficult it is to recruit Councillors

Councillors were anxious to explore ways of advertising the election and engaging the Community although nothing would be discussed in detail until March

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following points:

- There is a free bus service from Styal Station to Handforth Dean and Wilmslow
Councillors were unaware of this service and the Clerk was asked to investigate

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th February 2019 in Earlams Log Cabin

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

Signed: _____ Chairman 4th February 2019