

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jo Hudson - National Trust  
Craig Buckley - National Trust  
Members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Tugby

**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 14th January 2019. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Parker **RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record.

**4 POLICE REPORT**

No police representative was available to report

**5 COUNCILLOR STOCKTON**

Councillor Stockton stated that much of what he had to report was relevant to items on the Agenda and, therefore, he would contribute at the appropriate time, thus reducing the possibility of duplication

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)**

Residents raised the following issues:

- Lack of public transport  
Accessing Wilmslow and the Airport is very difficult. Why cannot people of Styal with bus passes get free train passes,  
*Councillor Stockton had investigated and had talks with Cheshire East but the authority would not provide free train passes*
- Dog Fouling  
The situation is getting worse especially on Altrincham Road and Moss Lane  
*Councillors are very aware of this problem which is proving difficult to resolve*

**7 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT**

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

- As of Saturday Summer opening times resume, i.e. open 7 days a week and closing at 5.00pm
- Upper Garden Cafe - the permanent solution has proved to be very popular
- Village Car Park  
There have been talks with the Chapel and the school regarding the use of the car park and the plan to make it residents only, as soon as possible
- Dog Fouling  
A 'poo' patrol has been proposed and signs will be put up. Jen will follow this up

**8 VILLAGE MATTERS**

**8.1 Parking at the School**

Parking at the school is getting worse

Jo Hudson, of the NT, is talking to a couple of ranger teams in the hope that they might help to combat the problem

**8.2 'Closed' Part of Altrincham Road**

Councillor Parker stated that investigations are ongoing although it would appear that this part of the road has no overall ownership.

**8.3 Other Village Matters**

Councillor noted that the hedge at Lode Hill is overgrown

**9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

No report available due to Councillor Tugby's absence

**10 FINANCIAL MATTERS****10.1 Authorisation of Payments**

None

**10.2 Other Financial Matters**

The cheque issue to R Britland for hedge cutting was incorrect. The invoice was for £126.00 but the cheque was inadvertently made payable for £180. The Clerk will arrange for a refund

**11 BUS SERVICE**

There is a limited free bus service available in Styal which is run by D & G, route T2. The route is as follows:

Circular route Wilmslow - Styal - Handforth - Handforth Dean

Runs Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

Outward times: 10.10 11.10 12.10 (from Wilmslow)

Return Times 12.00 13.00 14.00 (from Handforth Dean)

Can only be dropped off on return journey unless in Handforth.

Stops in Styal are opposite the Mill car park and opposite HMP Styal and Styal Station

Details can be found on the D & G website: <https://www.dgbus.co.uk/buses-in-cheshire.html>

**12 HIGHWAYS MATTERS****12.1 Speeding, General Parking and Speed Limits**

Councillor Stockton provided the following report

- Altrincham Road Parking  
The Area Highways Group will meet on 7th March at which point funds for the proposed parking restrictions on Altrincham Road will be made available for the 2019-2020 financial year.  
It should be noted that the parking changes on Altrincham Road will be subject to a full public consultation (not just in the Styal area) which will last between 4 and 6 weeks
- Station Road  
There is a strong case for the speed limit on this road (extension of the 30mph area and consideration of the derestricted section). This **does** meet the criteria for further consideration and will be put forward by officers to the Area Highway Group for funding.
- Moss Lane and Holly Lane Speed Assessment  
A speed assessment was undertaken on these two roads and Cheshire East is in 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. The results of the assessment have not yet been received

**12.2 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**

Styal Village Association will provide £1,000 towards the cost of a SID (c. £2600 - £3500 in total)

A meeting between the Council, the SVA and the police should be arranged. The Clerk will organise this

**12.3 Broken Sign at the entrance to Moss Lane**

Repairs are needed to the electricity supply. The repair is expected to be completed in the near future

**12.4 LED Failure on Pedestrian Crossing**

The LEDs have now been repaired

**12.5 Other Highways Matters**

A Renault Clio has been parked at the corner of Holly Lane and Hollin Lane for approximately one week and is a traffic hazard. The Clerk will report the matter to the PCSO

**13 MANCHESTER AIRPORT****13.1 General Report**

Councillor Novak provided the following report:

- Jet Parks 3 Changes  
Current access will not be Moss Lane  
The footpath will be re-routed but there will be a nature buffer with trees  
Currently waiting for new traffic regulations, presently no tickets because yellow lanes etc are in the wrong place
- Drone Strategy  
The airport had a demonstration/test of a system that will force any drone to land permanently

**13.2 Airport Parking in Styal**

Nothing new to report

**14 STYAL STATION**

Rob Sawyer is appealing for volunteers to help get the station garden into shape. Councillor Dixon stated he would contact Rob

**15 PLANNING MATTERS**

**15.1 Planning Applications to be Considered**

To discuss current planning applications

**15.1.1 19/0179M Styal Moss Nurseries**

19/0179M	Styal Moss Nurseries, 38, Moss Lane, Styal, Wilmslow, SK9 4LG Variation of conditions 2,9 and 10 and removal of condition 4 on application 16/3041M.	08/02/2019
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The Council had no objections in principle but hoped special attention would be given to the landscaping

**15.1.2 19/0313M Quarry Bank Mill**

19/0313M	Quarry Bank Mill, Quarry Bank Road, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4LA Replacement of existing temporary cafe with a permanent cafe building	21/02/2019
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Councillors agreed to offer positive support for this planning application

**15.1.3 19/0314M Quarry Bank Mill LBC**

19/0314M	Quarry Bank Mill, Quarry Bank Road, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4LA Listed building consent for replacement of existing temporary cafe with a permanent cafe building	21/02/2019
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Councillors agreed to offer positive support for this planning application

**15.2 Other Planning Matters**

None

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

All relevant emails were forwarded to Councillors

Post:

Cheshire East	Election Briefing
Northern Air Ambulance	Request for donation
Commercial	Mail shots

**17 SHARED ITEMS**

- Potholes and paint  
Some Councils are trying to get out of paying for damage caused by potholes. It is not suggested that Cheshire East has adopted this approach  
"In a recent case, council insurers argued that the paint around a pothole proved that road workers were aware of the defect and it was in their schedule to be fixed. They claimed that proved a "reasonable inspection and repair system", meaning the authority wasn't liable for damage to vehicles. All claims for compensation intimated to the council are regarded as public liability insurance claims. There is no automatic right to compensation and legal liability has to be established for a claim to be successful."
- Beer Festival  
A member of the beer festival organising committee wanted to know if there were any issues arising from last year's festival which could be fed back when planning this year's festival. Councillors were of the opinion that the beer festival was very well organised. It was possible that litter picking should extend beyond Altrincham Road

**18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)**

Residents raised the following points:

- 50 foot poles have been erected in the car park at Moss House (or next door) on Moss Lane  
*Councillors had no knowledge about this matter but would investigate*
- Who is responsible for the Beer Festival?  
*Dave Oates of the football club is the organiser*

- Why did the tennis club turn down the children's plat ground idea?  
*The reason given was for concern for safety. However, Craig Buckley, of the NT, was of the opinion that the land may not belong to the tennis club. The NT will follow this up*
- The Ship car park is in a bad state of repair and has flooded  
*Councillors explained that there are drainage problems that the landlord is looking into*
- The Halo business is no longer in Styal  
*Councillors felt the closure and thus fewer cars may ease parking congestion on Altrincham Road*

**19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11th March 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 13th May 2019