

PRESENT: Councillor R Dixon, Chairman
Councillor C Novak, Vice-Chairman
Councillor C Buckley Councillor A Davies
Councillor A Hewitt Councillor P Highfield

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

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Novak proposed Councillor Dixon as Chairman, which was seconded by Councillor Hewitt and unanimously agreed. RESOLVED: Councillor Dixon was elected as Chairman and the Acceptance of Office form was signed.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hewitt proposed Councillor Novak as Vice-Chairman, which was seconded by Councillor Dixon and unanimously agreed. RESOLVED: Councillor Novak was elected as Vice-Chairman and the Acceptance of Office form was signed.

3 APOLOGIES: Councillor Parker

4 COUNCILLORS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

All Councillors signed the Acceptance of Office form.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Buckley and Councillor Highfield to the Council and hoped they would both be happy in their new roles.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

6 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting on 4th February 2018. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Dixon..RESOLVED: The minutes were accepted as a true record

7 POLICE REPORT

Styal has a new PCSO named Lisa Gamble. Lisa replaces Kerry Hancock who has moved on to pastures new.

- **Burglary**
01/05/2019 – Attempted break into a garage on Styal Road (at the Manchester Road end)
- **Criminal Damage**
01/04/2019 – Fencing Cut, Styal Road
26/04/2019 – Styal Football Club- Sponsor boards vandalised
- **Suspicious Activity**
07/03/2019 – Holts Lane. Reports of a male attending addresses trying to sell items
01/04/2019 – Quarry Bank Mill. A male was seen looking through documents and acting suspiciously
Police have had reports of a van going around cold calling on elderly people offering to clean drives in the Lacey Green area. No reports in Styal, however remain vigilant
- **Theft of Motor Vehicle**
05/04/2019 – A car was stolen from Styal Train Station. It was later recovered in the Manchester area
- **Airport Parking**
Nothing new to report
Lisa reiterated the information Kerry provided which is to point out that the parking of cars on the Lode Hill site is a legal operation. There is an ongoing Trading Standards investigation into issues at Lode Hill and the police will continue to monitor the Lode Hill site. The Border Force and Greater Manchester Police will be working closely with Cheshire Police regarding joint visits.
Since June 2017 there have been reports of misuse of customers' cars which Cheshire Police are dealing with. Other offences have been reported to Greater Manchester Police.
In June 2019 the owners of the company Meet and Greet will be in court for Trading Standards offences.
- **Trucam**
The Trucam speeding device will continue to be used on Styal Road and Hollin Lane.

- **Surgery**

Lisa is going to hold a surgery in Earlams Cafe on Saturday 25th May 2019 between 10 and 11 am.

Councillors discussed holding a joint Police and Councillor Surgery and it was agreed that Councillors Dixon and Buckley would attend. The Clerk was asked to produce a poster for the event.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following:

- **Train Passes**

How much would train passes cost and shouldn't they be free?

Councillor Davies pointed out that if a person with a Railcard were to apply to Cheshire East ahead of travelling, a 30% discount on the cost of a journey would be awarded.

Councillor Stockton explained that Cheshire East cannot afford to offer free train passes for all pensioners. He pointed out that the now ruling Labour Party at Cheshire East had made a promise to reinstate bus services. Councillor Stockton went on to explain that if every pensioner sent an objection regarding current travel problems to Cheshire East, there is a slight possibility that some action would be considered. Finally Councillor Stockton took the opportunity to thank attendees for his re-election.

9 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

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

- **School Walking Bus**

For the last two weeks or so, parents have been able to drop children off at Quarry Bank car park and the children would then go on a supervised walk to Styal school

- **Upper Garden**

Planning for the upper garden has been approved

- **Observatory Point**

The Archives Team are looking for an observatory point reported to be at Quarry Bank Mill. The team would be most grateful for any information on this matter.

Councillor Dixon thought it might be located going from Apprentice Walk going towards St Bartholomew's Church, and in one of the fields on the left

- **PCSO**

Lisa Gamble has been 'hot desking ' at Quarry Bank prior to going out on patrol in Styal

- **Council/NT Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 23rd May 2019 at 5.30 in the Welcome Building

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Risk Assessment Statement

The Risk Assessment Statement for 2018-2019 was unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman

10.2 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018-2019

The Council is invited to approve and sign the following forms for 2018-2019.

10.2.1 Certificate of Exemption

The Certificate of Exemption for 2018-2019 which states that Styal Parish Council's gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000 was unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

10.2.2 Governance Statement

The governance statement for 2018-2019 was unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

10.2.3 Accounting Statement

The accounting statement for 2018-2019 was unanimously approved was unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

10.3 Donations

The Council was invited to approve the following donations which, if approved, will be authorised for payment this evening. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Davies and unanimously approved

HMP Styal	£150.00	Donation for their annual family day
Earlams	£ 50.00	Contribution towards defibrillator

10.4 Authorisation of Payments

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

£180.00	HMRC	PAYE Q4
£150.00	S McDonald	Annual Admin - computer/internet/office/postage
£150.00	HMP Styal	Donation for Family Day

£207.00	ChALC	Annual Subscription
£167.99	Rise Design	Website Maintenance and hosting
£ 50.00	Earlams	Donation towards defibrillator
£ 20.00	CCA	Annual Subscription
£ 2.99	E-ON	Electricity charges for Christmas tree

10.5 Other Financial Matters None

11 PLANNING MATTERS

11.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

11.1.1 19/1980M Pownall Farm

19/1980M	Pownall Farm, 2, Hollin Lane, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4JH Proposed alterations and extension to roof to provide a loft conversion with front and rear dormers	30/05/2019
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The Council had no objections or comments

11.1.2 19.2147M 2 Clarendon Cottages

19/2174M	2, Clarendon Cottages, Styal, SK9 4HA Single-storey extension to rear	06/06/2019
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Councillors expressed positive support for this application

11.1.3 19/1930M Flat 4, Norcliffe Hall Mews

19/1930M	Flat 4, Norcliffe Hall Mews, Altrincham Road, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4LH Changing wooden windows to UPVC on six windows	13/06/2019
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The Council had no objections or comments

11.1.4 19/2204D Land Between Clay Lane and Sagars Road

19/2204D	Land Between Clay Lane and Sagars Road, Handforth Discharge of conditions 4, 11, 14, 16, 18 (part), 25 of existing permission 17/3894M; Outline planning application (access to be considered) for erection of up to 250 dwellings with associated works including the demolition of 15 Hampson Crescent	30/05/2019
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The Council considered that it could not comment at this point in time, although there was concern about some references to access being achieved via Clay Lane.

Councillor Stockton reassured the Council that such access would not be approved because it was stated in the Local Plan that Clay Lane would only be a walkway and cycleway.

As part of the development and in view of the lack of facilities, Handforth has been promised £1,000,000 towards services

It should be noted that, contrary to the address given, this land is actually in Styal

11.1.5 19/1797M 15, Hampson Crescent, Handforth

19/1797M	15, Hampson Crescent, Handforth, SK9 3H Proposed alterations and extension to roof to provide a loft conversion with front and rear dormers.	08/05/2019
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This planning application was included solely for its association with the planning application above

11.2 Other Planning Matters

None

12 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

The new pier at Terminal 2 is causing chaos for passengers

13 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- **Footpath**

The footpath at the back of Beech Farm (near the horseshoe) has been reinstated.

- **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

The Council has agreed that another SID would be beneficial as a traffic calming measure.

Styal Village Association has offered to donate £1,000 towards the purchase of the SID but a decision has to be made on the type of SID and the facilities it should have.

Siting a SID, whether temporary or permanent, requires the agreement of Cheshire East Highways and the Police. It would also be sensible to obtain views from the National Trust.

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with attendees as follows:

- The police
- Cheshire East Highways
- The National Trust
- Styal Village Association
- Styal Parish Council

14 CORRESPONDENCE

Emails: Forwarded to Councillors

Post:

EON	Electricity bill for Christmas lights
Commercial	Mail shots

15 SHARED ITEMS

The Clerk will arrange training at ChALC for Councillors Buckley and Highfield

16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following:

- **Defibrillator Training**

A free training session will take place at 10.00 on Wednesday 15th May in Earlams on the use of the newly acquired defibrillator. Leaflets will be sent out.

There was a suggestion that a second one might be beneficial for a different part of the village. The cost is approximately £1,500 for the device and its box. The Council would contribute towards the cost.

- **Problems at Lode Hill**

What can be done about this site?

The Council has no powers to intervene in the situation and all that can be done is being done as per PCSO Lisa Gamble's report at Item 7 in these minutes

- **Road Signs**

Many of the road signs in Styal require cleaning

The Clerk will report the issue to Cheshire East

- **Crime**

The police responded very promptly to the burglary in Styal

The car theft at Styal Station was violent and the female driver was pulled out of her car. As a result of the incident it was discovered that the CCTV cameras at the station were not working. As an incidental, the ticket machine was out of order

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30 pm in Earlams Log Cabin

18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 10th June 2019