

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Don Stockton - Cheshire East
Jo Hudson - National Trust
Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor C Buckley

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

None

3 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 13th May 2019. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Novak. **RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting was accepted as a true record.

4 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Lisa Gamble provided a summary of incidents over the last four months as follows:

- There was nothing of concern in Styal and no reports had been received
- There had been a flurry of thefts from cars in Wilmslow/Handforth area. Some of the thefts were from unlocked cars

Craig Buckley, in his role as Quarry Bank Ranger), and Lisa walked round the Quarry Bank property which gave Lisa a greater insight into the site

Lisa had been advised about the walking bus initiative, which she considers a good move, and will offer her support and help.

Lisa had arranged Surgeries for the following dates: 15th June, 22nd June and 6th July. Councillors agreed that two of their number would join Lisa to make the surgeries joint Police/Councillor events

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

- The defibrillator is fully installed and working.
There is training available on Wednesday for anyone who is interested - a free drink will be provided!
It is important to note that people trained in the use of a defibrillator are as important as the equipment itself
A resident made a request to Councillor Stockton regarding the provision of free rail passes for the over sixties
- Earlam's Community Store And Cafe has been honoured by receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the UK's highest award for voluntary groups
There were unanimous congratulations for everyone involved with Earlams for a well deserved award.

6 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Jo Hudson of the National Trust provided the following report:

- PC/NT Meeting
The meeting was very productive and covered much of that listed below
- Communications
Letters outlining the new procedures for parking would be issued to residents
A newsletter would be issued and sent to all residents in Styal.
It was suggested that copies of the letter and the newsletter should be placed in Earlams, the School, the Chapels and Church etc..
- Quarry Bank Trail Race
This popular race has returned to Quarry Bank and will take place on 7th August
- Filming
The recent filming at Quarry Bank has now finished
- Although higher than last year, visitor numbers are not as high as expected
- The next NT/PC meeting will be arranged in the near future

7 VILLAGE MATTERS

7.1 Parking at the School

- Sadly the walking bus initiative failed because the school had wrongly assumed that parents had to accompany the children en route.

It was thought that Teaching Assistants could accompany the children

Some additional research is required into the use of a walking bus

- Parking at the school is getting worse and there is still a problem with using the cobbles

7.2 Other Village Matters

- Dog Bins

The dog bins are becoming disgusting. Unfortunately the behaviour of some dog walkers add to the problem. Bins that appeared full were not but dog walkers dropped the bags on top of the bins instead of opening the lid. However it was accepted that this was not the only problem and more bins were needed

The National Trust is working with a National Pilot, involving a number of NT properties, to provide guidance regarding clearing up and licensing

Lead Ranger Colin Gorman is ordering larger bins

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Highfield presented a paper to those present in which he outlined the need for a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) including how important it was to ensure that Styal remains unspoiled for the future. The eventual NP would be come a legal document which Cheshire East would have to recognise

Councillor Highfield explained that he had only just taken over responsibility for this project and he was in the process of deciding what approach he would make and then he would form a Neighbourhood Plan group

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 Authorisation of Payments

No payments were due

9.2 Variation of Bank Mandate

A variation of the Bank Mandate was required to remove any signatories who were no longer Councillors and add two new signatories - namely Councillors Novak and Parker. Proposed by Councillor Dixon, seconded by Councillor and unanimously agreed. Councillors Dixon and Hewitt signed the mandate form (currently the only two signatories)

9.3 Online Access to Bank Account for Clerk

The Clerk requires online access to the Council's bank account (viewing only). Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Parker and unanimously agreed. Councillors Dixon and Hewitt signed the authorisation form

9.4 Other Financial Matters

None

10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

10.1 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

It had been agreed at a previous meeting that an additional SID would be beneficial to Styal.

The placement and type of SID requires input from a number of organisations and the Clerk is in the process of arranging a meeting with:

- Styal PC
- The Village Association
- Cheshire East Highways
- Cheshire Police
- Don Stockton
- The National Trust

10.2 Traffic Queues on Styal Road

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) reported that the recent heavy traffic queues were caused by a fault in the traffic lights. The lights had not been re-phased.

Councillors stated that the queues are still as bad as before and there has been no change. The Clerk was asked to contact TfGM again

10.3 Incorrect Road Markings on Styal Road

The road markings on Styal Road just before the airport filter indicate that there the two lanes of traffic can go straight on whereas the only the right hand lane is for vehicles going straight on
It was reported to Greater Manchester Council and an inspector will visit the site

10.4 Road Traffic Sign Cleaning

In addition to dirty signs, those obscured by foliage were equally problematic
Councillor Stockton had raised this with Cheshire East.

The Clerk had also contacted Highways about the issue but precise locations are required. The Clerk will contact everyone on the newlist etc. requesting information on the signs.

10.5 Other Highways Matters

The hedge at Lode Hill is so overgrown that people are forced in to the road. The Clerk was asked to contact Cheshire East

11 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Councillor Novak reported that Jet Parks 3 is a problem to Cheshire East due to ecological issues and a new wildlife will be required.

This land is the last piece of Styal that Manchester Airport owns

11.1 Airport Parking in Styal

- Lode Hill is full
- FSS/TOAD have permission to park in the greenhouses but they are now falling into disrepair. They are now operating as a car hire service

12 STYAL STATION

The Clerk had reported a broken ticket machine and a broken CCTV camera to Northern
The ticket machine is now operational but the status of the CCTV camera is still unknown

13 PLANNING MATTERS

13.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

To discuss current planning applications

13.1.1 19/1976M Lowcot, 34 Hollin Lane

19/1976M	Lowcot, 34 Hollin Lane, Styal, SK9 4JH Advertisement consent for proposed hoarding signage for two detached dwellings	14/06/2019
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This was reported to Planning Enforcement prior to the meeting because the hoarding was already in situ.
The Council objected to the gaudy signage but would await a response from Enforcement prior to lodging its objection

13.1.2 19/2534M 7 Oak Cottages

19/2534M	7 Oak Cottages, Styal, Wilmslow, SK9 4JQ Listed building consent to No. 7 Oak Cottages (Ground Floor) and No. 22 Oak Cottages (First Floor above) make use of a rear lean-to structure with a glazed roof. Removal of the glazed element of the roof, to be replaced with an insulated vaulted roof, to match the existing pitch with grey slate tiles, to match the existing roof coverings of surrounding buildings. The new roof will also incorporate 2no. Conservation roof lights to allow natural light in to the entrance lobby of No.22 and in to the rear bathroom / utility area of No.7.	27/06/2019
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Councillors agreed that the changes applied for would improve the property and would positively support the application in its response to Planning

13.2 Other Planning Matters

None.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant emails were forwarded to Councillors

Post:

ChALC	Invoice for Training
Commercial	Mail shots

15 SHARED ITEMS

Two website enquiries:

- Comment about the disgusting state of the dog bins - see *Item 7.2*
- Expression of interest in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Group
The Clerk passed details on to Councillor Highfield - see item 8

16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following points:

- **Styal Beer Festival**
Emails have been sent to residents explaining how to get tickets for the event on 12th and 13th July
- **Village Picnic**
There will be a village picnic on 30th June on the village green from 12 noon to 5 pm. It is a 'bring your own ' occasion although Earlams will be providing a BBQ
- **Hog Roast**
The annual hog roast will take place on Sunday 8th September 2019. Andy Hewitt (as a resident!!) has arranged this events for a number of years but, sadly, this will be his last year. A volunteer is required.
- **Young Teenagers Facility**
Earlams is considering using the cabin for secondary age children (11-16) to meet and 'hang out'. At this stage it is simply an idea
In general people were in support of this initiative but felt that maybe the police should offer advice before going ahead
- **Dog Bins**
A dog bin is desperately needed at the closed end of Altrincham Road
This will be included with other considerations as at Item 7.2
- **Cheshire East Highways**
Cheshire East Highways appears to have stopped maintenance as seen by the number of potholes etc.
The Council has reported issues on a number of occasions. Residents need to report problems via the online reporting page at Cheshire East - the more complaints they receive should make a difference
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/highways_and_roads.aspx
- **Ship Inn Car Park**
Why have the logs been removed from the verge?
The Council did not know but Councillor Hewitt will enquire of Nicky, the landlady
- **Social Area, near Earlams, for Infants**
It was thought that the piece of land in question belonged to the Tennis Club who had refused to allow the land to be used for a social area. It transpires that the land belongs to the National Trust who will have discussions with Earlams about the way forward.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Earlams Log Cabin

18 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 8.40pm

Signed: _____ Chairman 15th July 2019