

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor D Stockton, Cheshire East  
Jo Hudson, National Trust  
Members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillors A Davies and S Parker

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

Councillor Novak - Planning: Item 14.1.1: 7, Clarendon Cottages

**3 MINUTES**

To approve as correct records the Minutes of the meetings held on 15th July 2019 and 15th August 2019. Proposed by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Highfield. RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meetings were accepted as true records.

**4 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Lisa Gamble provided the following report:

- 1 burglary
- 1 aggravated burglary
- 2 x bicycle thefts
- A suspicious man seen walking down Altrincham Road was subsequently found to be ill
- A missing child was found safe and well in Styal
- A firearms incident reported on 2nd September was, in fact, a valid shooting on private land
- There is a telephone scam which purports to be from BT and which advises people that there is a problem with their Broadband. BT never call people for this purpose

Lisa has been using the Trucam speed camera on Hollin Lane. She did three sessions of one hour each. She was shocked to report that the highest speed recorded was 54 mph and that over 50 cars had activated the camera.

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

Residents raised the following:

- The village  
A resident felt that many of the issues dealt with pertained only to the old village and that similar issues occur all over Styal, thus a wider picture ought to be taken of problems such as parking
- Broadband  
The broadband speed in the closed part of Altrincham Road area is so slow as to render it virtually useless. A resident had written to OpenReach but had not had a satisfactory answer. The Clerk offered to look into the problem

**6 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT**

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

- The Upper Garden Cafe would be closed as from next week and work will commence on site on 1st November 2019
- Flood Damage
  - The Upper Garden Cafe would be closed as from next week and work will commence on site on 1st November 2019
  - It is hoped that the Methodist Chapel would reopen in the very near future
  - Part of the land is still moving and it is not a good situation. Hydrologists and engineers are monitoring
  - The children's play area has had to be closed
- The summer season was disappointing in that there were fewer visitors than expected
- The Quarry Bank Trail Race was a great success and feedback was very positive. It is intended to repeat the event next year

Jo was asked why the village car park was closed yesterday (Sunday). She replied that she was unaware that it had been closed and would investigate the matter

**7 VILLAGE MATTERS**

**7.1 Parking at the School**

It was agreed that this issue would be deferred until the new Head had settled in

**7.2 Dog Bins**

No progress was made since Councillor Buckley's secondment to Dunham Massey

**7.3 Other Village Matters**

It was suggested that all the agencies in Styal, such as the Village Association, the Sports and Social Club, Quarry Bank et al, form an executive committee to discuss issues that affect all aspects of the village

**8 OFF AIRPORT PARKING**

**8.1 Lode Hill**

PCSO Lisa Gamble stressed that there is currently nothing criminal with which the owners of Lode Hill can be charged and stated Trading Standards are currently investigating the operation

**8.1.1 Missing Fence Panels and Timber in the Gutter**

A senior Highways Officer visited the site and removed some timber from the footway/channel.

The Officer was told that thieves had stolen some of the vehicles and the missing fence was connected with that incident. He was assured that they weren't routinely using this location for access/egress. He stressed that the situation would be monitored going forward and appropriate action will be taken if there is evidence to the contrary.

It should be noted that other, conflicting, reasons for the removal of the fencing have been proffered

**8.1.2 Overgrown Hedge**

Councillors Parker and Buckley had visited Lode Hill to request that the hedge be cut back. A letter was also hand delivered requesting the same action.

The hedge was not cut and the Clerk reported the situation to Highways who should cut back the hedge and charge the owners for so doing.

**8.2 Boundary Farm**

A resident had reported that parking on this site had become completely out of hand and cars were being parked on verges, on the road and also in residents' driveways. This is due in part, it is understood, by a policy of overbooking cars on to the site

Representation has been made to the company, which is now advertising itself as a car and van hire firm

**8.3 Other Parking Matters**

The intention to increase the number of car parking places by 800 at Jet Parks 3 is a major cause for concern not least because there are existing issues with the nearby junction on Styal Road (see Item 12.1)

**9 STYAL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (SS&SC)**

The Council had been informed there was a possibility that Styal Sports and Social Club was considering letting out car parking spaces which had previously been leased to Halo.

The Clerk was originally provided with incorrect details for Steve Vose (the appropriate officer to contact), but had since successfully made contact although there has been no reply to date.

**10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Highfield was unable to convene a meeting because, of the people who had expressed interest, he had only received two replies. He was anxious to progress the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible but required more people to join the Neighbourhood Plan subgroup. Councillor Highfield asked the attendees if anyone would be interested in joining. One resident and the Clerk volunteered to join.

Councillor Highfield would be convening a meeting in the near future

**11 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**11.1 Authorisation of Payments**

None

**11.2 Other Financial Matters**

- A cheque made payable HMP Styal, for £150, was not presented because due to the arranged family day being cancelled
- To record receipt of the second half of the precept for £4,600

**12 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**12.1 Traffic Queues on Styal Road**

The Clerk has contacted Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) again about the problem. TfGM believes there is no problem. Councillor Highfield had undertaken an analysis of traffic flow through the lights which has recently been sent to TfGM.

**12.2 Incorrect Road Markings on Styal Road**

There has been no progress on this matter, in spite of Manchester City being informed

**12.3 Road Sign Cleaning**

Both Councillor Stockton and the Clerk had raised this matter with Cheshire East.

The Clerk had been advised to report any dirty or obscured signs via the online reporting system. However, the system only allows for one location at a time to be reported and, as a result, each one would be treated as a separate incident rather than a need to deal with all signs at one time

**12.4 Restricted Parking on Altrincham Road**

The decision to accept the three hour parking limit with no return for three hours was agreed by the Council and the decision was relayed to Cheshire East (the person concerned is currently on leave)

**12.5 Other Highways Matters**

Councillors discussed where a SID might best be placed. Among the suggestions were in the splay at Birch Farm or just south of the National Trust Entrance. The final decision will be made once the SID is purchased and with guidance from Cheshire East

**13 MANCHESTER AIRPORT**

- Councillor Novak will be attending a MIA/PC meeting on Tuesday 17th September 2019.
- A new focus group is being formed to discuss future airspace. Attendees will come from a number of Parish Councils. Councillor Dixon will attend the first meeting on Monday 16th September 2019
- The Strawberry Tea was well received and attended by approximately 30 people

**14 PLANNING MATTERS**

**14.1 Planning Applications to be Considered**

To discuss current planning applications

**14.1.1 19/3826M 7, Clarendon Cottages**

19/3826M	7, Clarendon Cottages, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4HA Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension	11/09/2019
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Councillors unanimously offered positive support for this planning application. Councillor Novak, as an interested party, took no part in either the discussion or the decision

**14.2 19/0399M Hollytree Cottage**

This site of this application will be used to provide 800 car parking spaces on the existing Jet 3 car park. The Council has grave concerns about the safety of such a move because the car park feeds on to Styal Road near the junction of Styal Road and the A555 which is already causing problems from very long traffic queues.

In addition there have been 5 accidents in 3 days at the exit from Jet Parks 3. None was serious but it is indicative that some action needs to be taken over the junction even before 800 additional cars are parked. Councillor Dixon is attending the Northern Planning Board meeting, about this application, 11th September 2019

**14.3 Clay Lane/Sagars Road**

**S106 Payments**

Following the discovery that no S106 payments were awarded to Styal, the Council contacted Cheshire East. No definitive answer has so far been given because the person dealing with Styal PC's issue is currently on leave.

It is believed that the reason for the omission is because Cheshire East refers to the land as being in Handforth whereas, in fact, all of the land (with the exception on one house) lies within Styal Parish

Councillor Stockton agreed to assist the Council on this matter

**14.4 Other Planning Matters**

Nothing was raised

**15 SHARED ITEMS**

*The Council's thoughts were with the Styal resident who was recently violently robbed in his home. Everyone present offered him all good wishes*

**Website Enquiries received**

- **Airport Parking/Moss Lane**  
A resident was concerned about the proposal to add 800 additional cars to the car park and the impact upon residents on Moss Lane - see item 8.3
- **Lode Hill**  
A resident complained about the removal of fence panels and the overgrown hedge

**Meeting with Rt Hon Esther McVey**

Councillors will be meeting the Rt Hon Esther McVey at her offices in Wilmslow on 4th October 2019. It is the Councillor intention to discuss pressing issues, concerning Styal, with her in the hope that she can offer some assistance.

**Toddler Breakout Area**

It was proposed that there should be a toddler breakout area on land next to Earlams. The Council, the National Trust and Earlams were wholly in favour of the suggestion  
Unfortunately the Tennis Club vetoed the idea on the grounds that it would be too noisy for the tennis players

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

Residents raised the following points:

- **Lode Hill**  
The Lode Hill situation is becoming a nightmare and something has to be done  
*The Council has complete sympathy with residents and is doing as much as it can. It is hoped that the meeting with Esther McVey will result in a positive outcome*
- **Altrincham Road**  
Cars speed down Altrincham Road and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident or worse. Cars are parked on bends and cause an obstruction  
*This situation is due, in no small part, to Lode Hill operations but it is also due to other motorists speeding and inconsiderate parking. Again the Council is doing as much as it can to find a solution to the problems*

**17 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Emails:** forwarded to Councillors

**Post:**

Manchester Airport	Outreach dates
Manchester Airport	Runway 1 closures
Resident Letter	Copy of a letter to BT Openreach regarding Broadband
Commercial	Mail shots

**18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21st October 2019 at 7.30pm in Earlams Log Cabin

**19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

***The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm***

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 18th November 2019**