

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jo Hudson, National Trust  
Members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Parker and Clerk S McDonald

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

None

**3 MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2020. Proposed by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Buckley. **RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the meeting was accepted as a true record.

**4 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Lisa Gamble sent in the following report:

- **Burglary**  
25/01/20- Attempted break in on Styal Rd (Manchester Airport Side)  
High Value burglaries still happening in Alderley Edge
- **Criminal Damage:** No reports
- **Suspicious Activity**  
25/01/20 - Males sighted acting suspiciously in the area of Styal Road.
- **Theft of and Theft from Motor Vehicles:** No reports
- **General Theft:** No reports
- **Criminal Damage:** No reports
- **Robbery**  
28/01/20 - Lacey Green (end towards Stanneylands Rd). Female got into a vehicle whilst occupants were still in vehicle. Female stole a mobile phone. Female caught and arrested.
- **Trucam**  
Checks were carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January. Currently there is no report available

**Surgeries (Earlam's Community Store and Café)**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 11am - 12pm  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 11am - 12pm

Councillors Davies and Hewitt will each attend one of the above surgeries

Lisa also issued the following advice:

Always be aware of opportunist thieves. Remember to secure all garages, cars and outbuildings.

A Police Alert was issued

Cheshire residents are being targeted by fraudsters claiming to be Police Officers and asking victims to assist them with a covert investigation to catch corrupt banking staff.

There were 8 offences recorded in Cheshire in December with a combined loss of almost £100,000

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

Residents raised the following issues:

- **Damaged Road Signs**
  - One of the Belisha Beacon poles was still leaning
  - A direction sign near the Belisha Beacon was also still leaning after being hit
  - There is a damaged sign near the junction of Holly Lane and Altrincham Road
- **Footpath**  
Materials, possibly panels, had been used to block a footpath. They have since been moved, freeing up the footpath but now obstructing the pavement. Councillor Hewitt was of opinion that they had been moved by a walker but the footpath should still be closed. He offered to store the materials pending clarification.

- **Notice Boards**

The insides of the notice boards are in a poor state of repair. A resident offered to replace the cork backing boards if access was granted. The Chairman thanked the resident and stated that a key would temporarily be made available.

Reference was made about the previous discussion about replacing the notice boards and that a resident, who had connections with the carpentry industry, had offered to get quotes for their replacement

## 6 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

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

- **Upper Garden Café**

The Upper Garden Café is about 5 days behind schedule but it will hopefully be handed over by 20th March, with the café in operation by Easter

- **The Hydro system**

The Hydro System is back in operation after the flooding/silting problems over the last few months

- **125th Anniversary of the NT**

This year is the 125th Anniversary of the NT and, as part of a national effort, Quarry Bank will plant 40,000 trees. This will provide opportunities for village residents and visitors to join in planting sessions

- **Pools/Marl Pits**

32 pools/marl pits will be introduced by 1st April in collaboration with the Cheshire Wildlife Trust

## 7 VILLAGE MATTERS

### 7.1 Mud on the Closed Part of Altrincham Road

Mud was still a problem and was getting worse. It will remain a problem until ownership of the road is established.

### 7.2 Closed Part of Altrincham Road

Ownership of the road was still a contentious issue.

### 7.3 Other Village Matters

- **Notice Boards**

The issue of the notice boards was previously raised at Item 5 - Public Participation.

In addition Councillor Dixon stated there was a possibility that the Council might completely replace 2 or 3 notice boards in the near future.

- **Christmas Tree Electricity Supply**

It had previously been reported that there was damage to the electricity supply serving the Christmas tree. Councillor Hewitt explained that the problem was likely to be that the post holding the power supply had suffered damage and, in addition, a lack of maintenance. Councillor Hewitt will report back to the Council on this matter.

## 8 OFF AIRPORT PARKING

### 8.1 Lode Hill

#### 8.1.1 Operation of Site

Esther McVey had been in conversation with both Cheshire East and Lode Hill regarding the problems associated with parking.

The Airport has a belief that their new 'buy with confidence' scheme will go a long way to resolving the issue. However, Esther believes there is more the Airport could do and will continue lobbying on our behalf.

Esther also contacted Cheshire East about planning enforcement at Lode Hill but the complex planning history on this site means that Cheshire East has serious problems in enforcing breaches of planning permission.

Councillor Novak commented that the most problematic and visible part of the site was not included in previous planning applications and so had neither been approved nor rejected for parking. However if and when the operators can illustrate the areas had been in use for this purpose for a period of 10 years they can apply for, and will likely get, approval.

The Council will continue pushing on this issue and will ask the Clerk to send a further letter to Esther McVey. Residents were urged to play their part to keep up the pressure by continuing to make complaints to Cheshire East.

#### 8.1.2 Overgrown Hedge

The hedge has still not been cut back. The Clerk will contact Highways for an explanation.

### 8.2 Other Parking Issues

Nothing was raised

## 9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

Councillor Peter Highfield provided the following report:

- **Questionnaire**

The NP Group had reached the point where it was advised that a preliminary questionnaire-based survey of the village should be conducted

The need for this survey was questioned given that a survey had been carried out c. 2 years ago. Peter responded that the group would consider these questionnaires and responses against the current templates to determine whether or not another survey was required. Given the significant effort involved in such a survey it is not something the group would undertake lightly

- **Support and Funding**

Lucy Hughes of Cheshire Community Action (CCA) has provided some support already and will help the group in making an application for grant funding. Lucy provided this support at no cost but will begin charging in the future.

The Council has allocated funds to cover the eventuality where the NP Group has incurred costs prior to funding being granted. For example the costs involved in conducting a survey.

- **Training**

Tom Evans, the Neighbourhood Planning Manager at Cheshire East, has offered to provide training but not before early/mid March.

- **Project End Date**

Peter stated that, while there isn't a deadline as such for producing the NP, if the group doesn't stick to a target of about 1 year there is a risk the it will never get to the end

## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 10.1 Authorisation of Payments

No payments were due

### 10.2 Other Financial Matters

Nothing was raised

## 11 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### 11.1 Traffic Queues and Incorrect Road Markings on Styal Road

There was a general feeling that the situation in terms of delays travelling North from Styal had improved.

A comment was made about drivers going through the junction against red lights and could cameras be installed to catch offenders. It was agreed that the Clerk would be asked to contact Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) about this matter.

In addition there was concern about drivers being confused about the layout at and around the junction and carrying dangerous U-turns – could signs be installed prohibiting U-turns? The Clerk will contact TfGM

### 11.2 Road Sign Cleaning

No action on cleaning and/or repairing the signs. The Clerk will be asked to contact Highways

### 11.3 Restricted Parking on Altrincham Road

Nothing was raised

### 11.4 Speed Indicator Device (SID)

No comments were made regarding the specific positioning of the new SID.

Councillor Dixon proposed that the Council discusses moving the existing SID further South at the same time as the new SID is installed.

There was a discussion about reviving the Neighbourhood Speedwatch effort and carrying out surveys of the traffic at different locations in the village including Altrincham Road. Councillor Davies indicated that there were places which the police had already designated as suitable for using the hand-held speed device.

### 11.5 A555 Airport Relief Road

No further information was available regarding the possibility of receiving an S106 award. It is suspected that the passage of time since the completion of the A555 means that it may be too late and the matter has been finalised. The Clerk will contact Esther McVey about this matter

### 11.6 Other Highways Matters

- **No Parking Signs**

The No Parking signs in the horseshoe on Hollin Lane were discussed. Apparently one sign had been removed.

It was stated that there would need to be a meeting of all the residents in order to agree to the placing and location of the signs. The signs should also display Styal rather than Manchester.

- **Advertising Signs**

Councillor Davies raised the issue of 2 advertising signs belonging to the roofer working at 91 Hollin Lane. She felt they were too large and an obstruction on the pavement, could blow away in high winds and could also be a distraction to drivers as they approached the junction with Holly Lane.

It was understood that the roofer was still doing work on the site and perhaps the signs were therefore acceptable in the short term. They should not remain once the work was finished.

- **Gully Cleaning**

Gully cleaning along Altrincham Road had been carried out but it was unclear exactly what had been done. Although the equipment for clearing the grids had been seen on Altrincham Road its progress may have been impeded by parked cars.

The grids on Station Road had been cleared

## 12 MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Councillor Novak provided the following report:

- **PremAir**

The Airport's PremAir service has been launched. Its purpose is to provide a personalised service with meals/refreshments to allow passengers to be driven to their flights and thus avoid the queues and delays through the terminals as experienced by the rest of the passengers.

- **Train Passes**

The Airport is pleased with the success of the train pass scheme for Styal and also very much appreciated the letter of thanks they received.

- **Cycle Parking and Staff Parking**

The Airport has refurbished their cycle parking facilities but there are only 50 spaces compared with 4500 employees

Councillors discussed the more general subject of staff parking at the Airport, specifically staff movements entering and exiting Jet Park 3 which contribute to the problems at the A555/Styal Road junction..

## 13 PLANNING MATTERS

### 13.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

To discuss current planning applications

#### 13.1.1 20/0140M Lowcot, 34, Hollin Lane

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| 20/0140M | Lowcot, 34, Hollin Lane, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4JH<br><br>Variation of condition 2 on existing permission 18/1351M; Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two new dwellings | 14/02/2020 |
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Councillors objected to the change from the original plan which stated an all wood cladding would be installed.

### 13.2 S106 Award for 19/2202M Clay Lane/Sagars Road

There was general annoyance and adverse feeling about the lack of any award to Styal in spite of the development being wholly within Styal Parish.

At the strategic Planning Board meeting on 18th December 2019, Councillor Dixon was assured that this matter would be investigated further, especially the award to the Wilmslow based Jim Evison sports facility. .

Esther McVey has also researched this matter but was of the opinion that the awards had been agreed and ratified. She has since asked further questions on our behalf again concerning the sports facility and will provide the Council with further information when possible.

Councillors agreed that the Council will submit further objections regarding the current S106 awards

### 13.3 Speculative Plans for a Development on Dean Dale Farm, Styal

Councillors discussed the announcement by a developer that there is an opportunity to build an additional 149 houses in the Clay Lane/Sagars Road area. It was agreed that a watching brief would be maintained unless and until a planning application is submitted to Cheshire East

### 13.4 Other Planning Matters

A resident had reported that a field bounded by Moss Lane and Hollin Lane was badly overgrown. The field is outside the Conservation area and there is little the Council can do except maintain a watching brief.

## 14 SHARED ITEMS

- **VE Day**

The Council had no plans to arrange an event to celebrate VE Day

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

Residents raised the following points:

- **Christmas Tree**

A resident provided information about sourcing a tree which would be suitable as the village Christmas tree. The information was passed to Councillor Buckley

- **S106 Awards**

A resident stated that everyone should strongly object to the current allocation of the S106 money associated with the Clay Lane/Sagars Road development. The resident added that Styal should be able to feel entitled to some of the money given that the development is located in Styal. There was general support for this statement

The Council was asked if the Council could provide more information about the situation to assist residents to write letters which would be factually correct.

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Emails:** forwarded to Councillors

Post:

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| Esther McVey | Letter regarding various issues relating to Styal |
| Commercial   | Mail shots  |

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.30pm in Earlams Log Cabin

**18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 16th March 2020