

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Dixon, Chairman  
Councillor C Novak, Vice-Chairman  
Councillor C Buckley  
Councillor S Bullock  
Councillor P Highfield  
Councillor S Parker

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

**1 APOLOGIES:** None

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

None

**3 MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2020. Proposed by Councillor Highfield, seconded by Councillor Dixon. RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting was accepted as a true record

**4 INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

The Chairman welcomed Simon Bullock to the Council and hoped he would enjoy working with everyone. Simon signed the Acceptance of Office form and returned it to the Clerk

Note: The Council had also agreed to co-opt Ben Gray on to the Council but he was unable to attend this meeting and so will be formally accepted as a Councillor at the next meeting

**5 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Lisa Gamble provided the following report covering April/May 2020 to 5th September 2020

**Burglary:** 01/07/20 Daytime burglary from house on Styal Road. Jewellery items stolen  
unknown Items taken from outbuildings/greenhouses on Holly Lane

**Criminal Damage:**

25/06/20 Moss Lane

3rd party report of vehicles driving on the football pitch. No descriptions of offending vehicles provided

**Suspicious Activity:**

May 2020 Moss Lane A few minutes after the delivery of a parcel at an address on Moss Lane, an unknown male walks onto property and takes the parcel

26/08/20 CCTV A male was seen walking around the yard of a property on Hollin Lane

**Theft from Motor Vehicles:**

May 2020 Items stole from a vehicle parked on Altrincham Road opposite the Cricket Club

June 2020 Power tools taken from a van left at Boundary Farm

**Theft Other** July/Aug 3 x bike thefts from Clarendon Cottages  
*Councillor Novak reported that one bike had since been recovered*

**Theft of Motor Vehicles:** None

**Trucam Speed Camera:**

23/05/20 Hollin Lane 7 Activations

04/06/20 Hollin Lane 9 Activations

14/07/20 Hollin Lane 9 Activations

08/08/20 Hollin Lane 18 Activations

26/05/20 Styal Road near Phoenix Club 2 Activations

25/06/20 Styal Road near Phoenix Club 10 Activations

30/07/20 Styal Road near Phoenix Club 5 Activations

**Fraud**

Reports have been received in relation to phone calls about PPI Claims and purchasing Amazon Vouchers in order to get the money. This is a new fraud, which is going around

**Surgeries (Earlam's Community Store and Café)** None due to social distancing etc..

**General Advice:**

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

**PCSO 20672 Lisa Gamble** [lisa.gamble@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lisa.gamble@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

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

A residents was concerned about the overgrown hedges and nettles encountered on the school run. Jen Birch from the National Trust (NT) said she would report the matter

**7 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT**

Jen Birch, from the NT, provided the following report. (Note: All activities are subject to social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions)

- **Reopening**  
There will be a gradual reopening of the shop and the cafe and it is hoped to open the gardens, possibly followed by the Mill, in the next few weeks
- **Walking without Booking**  
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- **Events**  
There are no plans for any events in the near future
- **Staffing at The Mill**  
The Covid-19 crisis has seriously impacted National Trust finances which has sadly led to staff cuts in most of its properties, including Quarry Bank Mill. The Mill is affected as follows:
  - 65% of staff are on furlough
  - A consultation is taking place (which is due to end on 11th September) is looking at staff redundancies. The results will be known in January 2021.

**8 VILLAGE MATTERS****8.1 Public Transport**

The ongoing issue of a lack of public transport in Styal and the seeming unwillingness of Cheshire East Council (CEC) to address the problem was raised.

The Clerk has written a letter to the Chief Executive of CEC but has not had a reply to date. Councillor Stockton stated that he had raised a Member's with CEC

**8.2 Other Village Matters**

The bus stop lay-by on Hollin Lane is being used for parking. Large vans are being parked there and they are causing a hazard to nearby residents by blocking the view of the road when trying to exit their properties by car

**9 FINANCIAL MATTERS****9.1 Authorisation of Payments**

The payment below was authorised for issue. Proposed by Councillor Novak, seconded by Councillor Dixon:  
£180.00 S McDonald                      Reimbursement for PAYE Q2

**9.2 Other Financial Matters**

Councillors had examined the Council's Accounts and declared them to be in order

**10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS****10.1 Restricted Parking on Altrincham Road**

The CEC project to introduce restricted parking on Altrincham Road is almost complete although Covid-19 has delayed matters. The Clerk will be informed when the project is re-commenced

**10.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

The Council had agreed to purchase a SID and to install it on one of two lamp posts slightly south of the Quarry Bank entrance. CEC will advise which (if either) of the chosen sites is appropriate. The Highways officer concerned is currently not in the office thus no updates are available

**10.3 Closed Part of Altrincham Road**

Councillor Parker reported on the large amount of rubbish in this area. It had been scheduled for a clear and cleanse by CEC but it had since been cancelled due to lack of resources

**10.4 Overgrown Trees on Holly Lane**

This was reported to CEC who assessed the issue and declared the trees not to be a problem. New reports from residents indicate that it is becoming dangerous to exit from Altrincham Road due to restricted vision caused by the overgrown trees. The Clerk will report the issue again

**10.5 Other Highways Matters**

None

## 11 PLANNING MATTERS

### 11.1 Planning Applications to be Considered

To discuss current planning applications

#### 11.1.1 20/3292M The Bungalow, Oversley Farm Lodge

20/3292M	The Bungalow, Oversley Farm Lodge, Altrincham Road, Styal, Cheshire, SK9 4LJ  Alterations and extensions to domestic dwelling and change of use of existing canteen serving redundant offices to habitable space and connection to existing dwelling	10/09/2020
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The Council had no objections or comments on this planning application

#### 11.1.2 20/3292M The Bungalow, Oversley Farm Lodge

19/3352M	Wilmslow Phoenix Sports Club, Styal Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4HP  We are proposing to build a Multi Use Games Area or MUGA for short on our existing grounds. The MUGA will be 27m in length x 9m width with a astro cushioned carpet area surrounded by a supporting 3m sports fence and lit by 6 LED lights. There will be one double gate entrance at one end and a rebounder wall at the other built from concrete blocks, supported by several buttresses. The electric for the LED lights will be supplied from the main building.	09/09/2020
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Councillors had no objections to this planning application although they wanted assurance that the lighting would not be overbearing

#### 11.1.3 20/3562M Site of former Knowle House

20/3562M	Site of former Knowle House, Sagars Road, Handforth  Erection of 26 dwellings of which 13 affordable with improvement to existing access	24/09/2020
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The Council objected to this planning application on the grounds that the proposed development is on greenbelt land.

It is also noted that these 26 houses are in addition to the proposed development of 220+ houses in the immediate vicinity. Add to this the other 2,300 houses which are proposed for the Handforth area and it would appear that there is excessive development in the Handforth area

#### 11.1.4 20/3731M Pownall Farm, Hollin Lane

20/3731M	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.	1/10/2020
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Styal Parish Council objected to this planning application on the following grounds:

- It is an overdevelopment of the site
- It is not in keeping with the conservation area
- Loss of privacy to a neighbouring property
- Potential loss of sunlight due to the height of the raised roof

## 11.2 Clay Lane/Sagars Road

Councillors agreed that there appeared to be no future in pursuing the rights and wrongs of the S106 awards. Factually the awards as they stand are ratified in law and it would be virtually impossible to reverse or amend the situation - regardless of how inequitable it is.

## 11.3 Relaxation of Planning Rules

The Government recently announced changes to planning rules which will make it easier make some building changes without needing full planning permission. The changes are to include, but are not limited to:

- Allowing two storey extensions
- Demolish buildings and build in place
- Allowing easier change of use for commercial premises to residential status

Councillor Highfield stated the Neighbourhood Plan is to start up again and this would take these changes into account. He added that the NP group would issue a mail drop once preparatory work had been completed

#### 11.4 Other Planning Matters

- **20/2118M Manderley Mansion Swimming Pool**

Manchester Airport has submitted a holding objection to the application because there might be issues from glint and glare from the pool creating a visual hazard to pilots. The Airport require sight of a formal detailed glint and glare assessment that takes aviation into account plus the manufacturer's specification for the solar PV.

The Council, who objected to this planning application on 1st July has not yet had any feedback regarding Manchester Airport's concerns. However, CEC Planning has not reached a decision on the application

- **46 Moss Lane**

The problems concerning traffic hazards (heavy lorries) and the flooding continues

Residents in the area are frustrated with the lack of action and information. Various engineers have been engaged to identify the root cause of the flooding problem which appears to be connected to the new car park at the airport, nothing other than reports has been received.

The heavy lorries appear to be connected with a company called O'Connor Utilities but there is a lack of information about the company's activities.

#### 12 SHARED ITEMS

##### 12.1 Dog Faeces on Holts Lane

Councillor Novak reported that there is a significant amount of dog and horse excrement on Holts Lane.

There are insufficient bins (for both general waste and dog waste) but it has proved an almost impossible task to provide a solution

##### 12.2 Inconsideration from Horse Rider

Councillor Novak wished to remind people that Styal is a wonderful place with room for all kinds of visitors and activities, so long as people have consideration for each other and obey the associated rules

Councillor Novak had had a run in with a rider who refused to keep to the bridle paths and observe the rules. Unfortunately other people have experienced this particular rider's inconsideration

#### 13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME (10 MINUTES)

Residents raised the following issues:

- **Lode Hill**

Parking at this site is still causing hazards for both pedestrians and drivers. There was a court case which should have prevented this happening

*Although there have been legal proceeding against some people connected with aspects of the Lode Hill operation, it did not include offsite Airport parking, thus the problems continue. However there is an ongoing investigation, by Trading Standards and Cheshire East Council, into the parking operation.*

*Unfortunately there is little the Council can do to alleviate the problem*

- **Signage on Altrincham Road**

Visitors to the Mill are still parking along Altrincham Road. Can some signs be erected to direct drivers to the big, free car park? Also can the signs at Oak cottage be blanked off?

*The Council does not have any control over signage but Jen Birch from the NT stated that she would ensure the signage issue would be looked into*

- **Litter Bins**

- **Can the litter bin outside Earlams be moved?**

*The question would be where to move it to in order to ensure that people still use the bin rather than drop litter*

- **Could the National Trust mark the dog bins as such?**

*The two types of bin (general waste and dog waste) are already differentiated to signify which bin is which*

- **We need more bins?**

*The Council could not agree with you more but there are issues surrounding responsibility for both acquiring and emptying the bins. This could involve Cheshire East, the National Trust and the Airport*

#### 14 CORRESPONDENCE

**Emails:** forwarded to Councillors

**Post:**

Commercial

Mail shots

**15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be announced: Covid-19 restriction permitting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman 15th January 2021