Minutes of the Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held at Chester Rugby Football Club on Monday 13 March 2023

PRESENT: Parish Councillor Caroline Marrison Gill (in the Chair) and Parish

Councillors Anne Stockdale, Huw Morgan and Andy Marsden

IN ATTENDANCE: CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker

23/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Hilary Davies, Rob Evans and Bettie Gilliatt and PCSO Linda Bailey.

23/13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held 5 December 2022 be

confirmed as a correct record subject to it being clarified

that in 23/11(2) the leaning tree was near 55 Tarvin Road.

23/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Notice Board - the Clerk reported that the new notice board had been ordered.

2) UOL Development – Problems Arising From Construction Traffic – Councillors discussed the technicalities of driving through Christleton currently and the possible need for a white line down the centre of the road to dissuade drivers from crossing the centre point.

3) Accident at Plough Lane – it was reported that lines had been repainted at the junction and some cutting back had been done to make the junction more clear. Councillors maintained that warning signs were required.

4) Potholes – it was reported that some progress had been made with getting pot holes filled. This was especially important for the safety of cyclists.

5) 22/01587/FUL – Windleheath, 1 Littleton Lane – Single Storey Side Extension

There were still concerns that at the time of the application the plans did not reflect the reality of the situation in several aspects, with these errors persisting in information issued by the Planning Authority. Clerk to take this up with the officers concerned. **DT**

6) Parish Council on Social Media – Members again discussed the current presence of Littleton Parish Council on a Facebook group which wasn’t really used. It was agreed that ways in which the work of the Parish Council could be enhanced by social media should be explored. **ALL**

7) Tree Planting in Hare Lane Copse – Councillor Morgan was thanked for his work in planting the saplings provided by Councillor Gilliatt. It was noted that in many areas of the copse the sub surface was virtually impenetrable.

8) 21/04538/FUL – Vicars Cross Golf Club – Proposed level changes of the driving range and short game area and extension to the existing driving range

Members again expressed concern about mud being deposited on the road by the large number of HGVs approaching the site via the A51. The Golf Club should be contacted to ensure this was remedied.

**23/15 ROAD MATTERS**

Members discussed current problems of penalties being issued to residents, tradesmen and visitors parking on the wide pavement on the northern side of Tarvin Road. Councillor Stuart Parker undertook to look into this. **SP**

Also, Councillors affirmed the A51/A55 roundabout was not fit for purpose and that the authorities were struggling to find a solution. It was noted that the traffic flowed more effectively around the roundabout when the lights were not operating.

Councillor Stockdale referred to a water leak adjacent to Littleton Hall on the A51 which had been causing problems with mud on the pavement and the cycle lane. It had taken 5 months to be fixed by the water company.

It was felt that the pavements on both sides of the A51 at this point were lacking proper attention from the local authority.

**23/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1) 23/00425/FUL – Cherry Garth – Single Storey Rear Extension

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council have no objection to the proposed

development

2) 23/00028/FUL – 1 The Nurseries, Tarvin Road – Single Storey Rear Extension

Councillors noted that the above property already had a planning approval in place.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council have no objection to the proposed

development provided it replaced the existing appoval

3) 22/04628/FUL – The Cottage, Little Heath Road – Single Storey Rear Extension

Members queried the number of additions to the property which had already occurred.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council have no objection to the proposed

development

**23/17 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making special reference to the forthcoming Parish Council Elections in May.

RESOLVED: that i) the report of the Clerk be received

**23/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

1) Clerk’s salary – Feb/March (less tax) 257.60

2) HMRC – PAYE – Feb/March 64.40

3) Typing and office services 27.92

4) Dougherty & Allen – Room Hire 48.00

5) Clerk – reimbursement for domain name for website 105.39

6) Litter Warden 8 wks @ £15 120.00

**23/19 INCOME**

RESOLVED: that the following income be received:-

1) CRUFC – Rent for Parish Field 400.00

**23/20 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £2.00

**23/21** **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Since their last meeting the Parish Council had received correspondence which included:-

Cheshire West and Chester Council -

Planning notifications

Cheshire Constabulary – PCSO Linda Bailey – Newsletters

Cheshire Association of Local Councils

E Bulletins

Mr N Jaynes – re catering business run from 63 Tarvin Road – the Parish Council had been in correspondence with CW&C Planning Officers in relation to Mr Jaynes’ complaint about nuisance from cooking smells venting from the property; bin lorries blocking his drive etc. Councillor Stuart Parker was asked for an update on this but was unable to give any such details as this was an active investigation being carried out by the authority.

**23/22 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council be held on

Monday 15 May 2023 (AGM)

**23/23** **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Coronation Event – Councillor Parker indicated that there was a grant available towards any function eg street party being held in the parish to celebrate the Coronation. Councillors were only aware of the possibility of one such event being planned in the locality ie Fir Tree Lane. Councillor Marsden offered to follow this up. **AM**