Minutes of a Meeting of Littleton Parish Council held at Chester Rugby Football Club on Monday 4 September 2023

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

 Councillors Bettie Gilliatt, Anne Stockdale, Hilary Davies and

 Rob Evans

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Linda Bailey

23/54 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Huw Morgan and CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker MBE

23/55 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2023 be

 confirmed as a correct record

23/56 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1) Roundabout Lines - Members discussed confusion on the roundabout as, due to the markings and road signage having virtually disappeared, drivers were often unaware which lane to use or that there were two lanes.  The stop lines were also not visible. This was now becoming a significant safety issue.

2) Littleton Road Sign – the Clerk reported that he had asked the Highways Service to proceed with the new sign.

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3) Hare Lane Copse – the Clerk reported that he was awaiting costings for the clearing of extraneous vegetation from the Copse.

4) Parish Council Insurance – the Clerk confirmed that the PC Risk Assessment was being updated to take into account any risks posed to people visiting the Copse. **DT**

5) Vicars Cross Golf Club – New Development – Mud on Road – Members were still concerned about the dangerous amount of mud left on the road by construction vehicles, creating a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists using both pavements and the crossing island. Also the bollards were obscured by mud and rendered invisible. The Clerk was asked to contact the Golf Club again to express these concerns and to ascertain when the work was scheduled to be complete. **DT**

6) Littleton Lane – Hedge – Councillor Stockdale again referred to the hazard presented to pedestrians from the hedge bordering Littleton Hall. Whilst the hedge had been cut back it was only to the line of the wall which meant that new growth very quickly became a nuisance to passers-by. The Clerk was asked to raise this with the owner of the property pointing out if this was not put right the matter would be referred to the Highways Service for action. **DT**

7) Parking Penalties - the Clerk was asked to contact the relevant CW&C officer to get clarification of the situation re people currently getting fined for parking on the wide pavement. **DT**

8) Flooding Complaint – 54 Tarvin Road – the Clerk had referred the complaint of the flooding of the resident’s property every time there was a serious downpour due to the drain up the road being unable cope with the deluge to the Highways Service. They had responded by reporting that no safety related defects had been identified and they would continue to keep the situation monitored.

**23/57 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

PCSO Linda Bailey reported on a recent burglary on Tarvin Road and the work done by Community Speedwatch. There were people who were stepping up to join the campaign to increase speed awareness in Littleton and it was suggested that the Parish Council acquire a speed gun of its own. The relevant training etc would be provided.

RESOLVED: that a Bushnell speed gun kit be obtained at a cost of 205.99 **DT**

Councillor Bettie Gilliatt reported on a noise nuisance emanating from a shed at the end of Brickfield Lane. It was agreed that this be referred to CW&C. **DT**

**23/58 CASUAL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that as no election had been called the Parish Council could now fill the vacancy by co-option.

**23/59 ROAD MATTERS**

Councillor Rob Evans updated the meeting on efforts being made by the five local Parish Councils to engage with CW&C following a survey related to the Saighton Camp housing development carried out on how children in the area travelled to their schools and how this would affect CW&Cs long term strategy.

There was also discussion about congestion on the roundabout in Littleton where apparently engineers had again been changing the sequence of the lights.

**23/60** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1) 23/02268/FUL – Littleton Old Hall, Little Heath Road – Single Storey Extension to Existing Dwelling and New Detached Triple Garage with Associated Driveway Alterations

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council has no objection to the proposed development

**23/61 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

# The Clerk presented his customary report on the finances of the Parish Council making reference to the recent loss of the Litter Warden and the need to appoint a replacement. Members discussed the problems of litter on Tarvin Road.

# He reported that the Parish Council would be receiving an invoice from CW&C for the uncontested election.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Clerk be received

**23/62 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:- £

1) Clerk’s salary – August & September 348.00

2) Typing and office services 28.92

3) Dougherty & Allen – Room Hire 48.00

**23/63 INCOME**

RESOLVED: that the following income be received:-

1) Scottish Power – wayleave payment 1.86

**23/64 CLERK’S EXPENSES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s expenses be reimbursed in the sum of £3.00

**23/65** **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

Huntington PC – S106 Meeting with CW&C

Christleton Parish Council – Upgrading of Little Heath Play Area. The Parish Council was asked to support the creation of a new play area.

Members acknowledged that the play area had been well used by Littleton families over the years and were very supportive of the scheme.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council would donate a sum proportionate to the

 size of Littleton subject to the limit of S137 expenditure

**23/66 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

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

 Monday 9 October 2023

**23/53 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Hare Lane Copse – the Clerk was asked to attend to a hornbeam sapling that required staking up. **DT**

2) The Vicars Cross and Surrounds – it was pointed out that the cross and its environs had become overgrown. Councillor Hilary Davies offered to co-ordinate work on tidying it up. **HD**