



Little Stanney & District Parish Council
Parishes of Croughton, Little Stanney,
Stoak and Wervin

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
25TH MARCH 2025 MEETING 8**

Present: Cllrs D Astbury (Chair), L Carter, Hartshorn, Parry and Pemberton and A Kunaj (Parish Clerk).

PART 1

118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Resolved to approve apologies received from Cllr P Carter (business), Mountfield (business) and Thomas (personal).

119 CO-OPTION: None, posts to be advertised in next council year.

120 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME: None.

121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

122 MINUTES OF THE MEETING: Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28TH January 2025 as a true and correct record. The Chair signed the minutes.

123 POLICE REPORT: PCSO Flannigan's oral report was received: SID to be deployed on A5114 east. Whitby Lane is an enforceable road. One burglary reported.

PCSO Flannigan left the meeting.

124 CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk's report was received:

a. *Protos* update: The replacement notice boards had been received and installed. The Pro Forma has been completed and submitted for reimbursement.

b. *Stoak Nature Park; hedge cutting is now complete at a cost of £180+VAT (£216.00).*

c. *Clerk's seminars and training:* 'How to work smarter' (Scribe); *website* as administrator training and project creator workshop (CWaC) also a Devolution seminar regarding the formation of a Mayoral authority in our area was attended at Neston Town Hall.

125 HIGHWAYS UPDATE

a. Additional Cleansing Service: Members noted that an update and quote from CWaC to provide an additional cleaning service is awaited. Our CWaC Cllr representatives are investigating (additional info below *items 125.1-3*).

b. Rake Lane: Regarding the longstanding flooding issue, members agreed for a letter of complaint, as reported at the meeting, to be sent.

c. Picton Road, Bunbury Arms: Updates were received, and no further responses.

1. *Keep Britian Tidy*. Resolved to approve campaign sign as four boundary hangers 'Don't be a to55er'. A final approval from CWaC is awaited along with responses from the campaign regarding the design costs and Saville's, regarding funding. It was noted that as part of the KBT campaign, McDonalds are conducting a volunteers litter pick on 22nd April 2025.

2. *Litter Picker/Amenity Cleaner*: Resolved to provide delegated authority to the Clerk, to advertise and employ, on a temporary basis, a litter picker for the area for 20 hours per month, to be paid monthly using scale SPC 2 plus expenses, travel and to include the purchase of PPE as per report from Cllr Astbury (*see item 125 'a' above*).

3. *Litter Picker/Amenity Cleaner*: A job description for the role, and contract of employment (previously circulated), was approved.

126 PLANNING

1. Applications received for comment: None.

2. Decisions made by CWaC were noted: -

Application no	Detail	Decision
24/02845/FUL	Hill Farm House, Shotwick-frodsham Road, Little Stanney. CH2 4HZ	APPROVED

Chair's initial _____ Date _____

4. Applications awaiting decisions, (more than 12 months old) are outstanding; 23/03986/DIS Top Farm, Croughton Rd CH2 4DA (item 8,3 min 26.03.24) & and 21/01523/HED and 21/01530/FUL Lime Tree Farm CH2 4HT, no update. Email was sent to CWAC planning department and to the local ward Cllrs.

127 FINANCE

a. Income: NIL.

b. Resolved to retrospectively approve payments and approve payments due, as below.

:Date	Item type	Description	Amount
24.07.24	Total of payments approved at 25.01.25 meeting **		£1,886.90
Payments made under delegated authority			
		Reimbursement of postage	69.90
		HMRC M11 (Feb)	67.60
		Salary & Expenses M11	293.59
		Remaining cost for purchase of notice boards	50% OF TOTAL 1,221.00
		Unity service chg. Feb	6.00
Total of payments made **			1,658.09
Payments to be approved for Feb – March 2025			
Invoice not received by 31.03.25 Village H Hire £25	As per contract PPE		172.85
	Service charges March (M28)		6.00
	Salary M12 & Reimbursement		277.23
	HMRC M12 March 2025		60.40
	Barnes Cooper Payroll March		10.00
	NTC Play area inspection (Item128)		90.00
Total			616.48

c. Resolved to approve the Bank reconciliation to 28/02/25 as shown on bank statement £9,250.64. The Chair signed the balancing figure.

Balance at 31/12/24	£12,795.63
Expenditure **	3,544.99
Balance	9,250.64

128 STOAK PLAY AREA:

a. The March play area inspection was considered, and recommended works noted. Cllrs considered usage of equipment and agreed to inspect the area for themselves. A different contractor is to be asked for a quote for the repair of the multi-play

129 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

a. *North West Industrial Cluster Decarbonisation Community focus groups* No updates were available.

b. *McArthur Glen, Cheshire Oaks Business Forum:* A volunteer litter pick will be taking place in April, arranged and facilitated by McDonalds.

130 PROTOS REPORT: Members noted that funding availability has been greatly reduced, and priority will be given for projects within the Elton area.

131 LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

Members agreed that the latest request for the campaign would be sent via our local CWaC Cllrs.

132 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: None.

133 TIME AND DATES OF MEETINGS

a) Members approved the date and time of the Annual Parish meeting as 27th May at 6.00 pm; b) Members approved that the date for next meeting as 27th May 2025, The Annual Meeting of the Council (AMC) at 6.30pm, in Little Stanney Village Hall. The schedule for the year will be tabled for approval at the AMC.

Chairman's signature _____ **Date** _____