

PRESENT:

Cllrs	Keith Scargill	Ian Huffer
	Peter Bulmer	Krissie Myler
	Harry Cowley	Sue Rigby
	Pauline Cox	John Salt
	Jo Evans	Martin Whiteley
	John Griffiths	

CW&C Cllrs Keith Board and Pamela Hall were in attendance.

121. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Helen Cross, Nigel Haslock, Trevor Jones and Andrew Pannell.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were made by Peter Bulmer (local resident) and Trevor Jones (Centurion Action Group).

123. PCSO UPDATE

PCSO Neil Denby had sent his apologies for non-attendance but his monthly update had been circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Bulmer advised that the parish council needed to work with the PCSO to identify appropriate areas of concern that might be addressed by a grant from the PCC's Safer Communities Fund. The clerk was asked to prompt the PCSO to make contact with Cllr Myler as promised regarding a recent accident in the Cedar Park vicinity.

124. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the following minutes be approved as correct records:

Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2016; Communications & Events & Planning sub-group meetings both held on 1st December 2016, and Finance and VXCC sub-group meetings both on 5th December 2016.

Cllr Haslock had proposed a change of words for Part 2 of the October parish council minutes. Councillors agreed to consider these at the next Caldley Valley Centre sub-group meeting in early February 2017. Until then, the October minutes would remain in draft.

125. MATTERS ARISING

Recommendations from sub-group meetings were all approved.

126. PLAY REVIEW REPORT UPDATE

Cllr Evans reported that she had submitted the first funding application for Queens Road Community Park. She had almost completed the remaining two and they would be submitted in January. It was expected that the outcomes would be known in March.

There had been no objections to date from local residents regarding the proposal to remove or cut down the mature hedgerow alongside the path at Vaughans Lane play area and councillors were supportive of a letter now being sent to CW&C Highways to consider the request.

Councillors approved a further £125 funding for both Vaughans Lane and Thackeray Drive from balances due to the small increase in expected contributions by WREN.

Cllr Evans was thanked for her continuing work on the improvements to play areas in the parish.

127. REPORTS OF ANY MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND THE CLERK

The following attendance at meetings was reported:

Clerk: 22/11 – mtg at VXCC, 24/11 – skip Pearl Lane allotments; 24/11 – mtg G Emery Pearl Lane allotments; 25/11 – SLCC mtg Holmes Chapel; 1/12 – Planning s/g mtg; 1/12 – Comms & Events s/g mtg; 5/12 – VXCC s/g mtg; 5/12 – Finance s/g mtg; 8/12 – Carols event OLC; 9/12 – skip collection Pearl Lane; 12/12 – pc mtg; 10/12 - Centurion 50th Anniversary & Awards

KS: 30/11 – Special Expenses briefing Frodsham; 5/12 – VXCC s/g mtg; 5/12 – Finance s/g mtg; 8/12 – Installation lights at OLC then Carols event; 10/12 - Centurion 50th Anniversary & Awards

PB: 30/11 – Special expenses briefing Frodsham; 1/12 – Comms & Events s/g mtg; 5/12 – VXCC s/g mtg; 5/12 – Finance s/g mtg; 8/12 – Carols event OLC

HC: 1/12 – Planning s/g mtg; 1/12 – Comms & Events s/g mtg;

JE: 1/12 – Comms & Events s/g mtg; 8/12 – Carols event OLC

NH: 5/12 – VXCC s/g mtg;

TJ: 5/12 – VXCC s/g mtg;

AP: 1/12 – Planning s/g mtg; 5/12 – Finance s/g mtg;

SR: 1/12 – Comms & Events s/g mtg; 8/12 – Carols event OLC

MW: 5/12 – Finance s/g mtg; 8/12 – Carols event OLC

128. ESTIMATES AND SETTING OF THE PRECEPT 2017.2018

Councillors considered the first draft of the 2017.2018 estimates that had been discussed at the December sub-group meetings. They would be progressed at a special finance sub-group meeting in early January and a recommended precept would be brought to the January parish council meeting for consideration and approval.

Cllr Whiteley raised the issue of the Special Expenses charges to take effect in April next year. Cllr Bulmer had prepared and circulated a briefing to all councillors ahead of the meeting outlining the key issues.

Affecting the residents of the parish were charges for PCSO cover, city centre Christmas lights and three small 'play areas', in the parish, but currently maintained by CW&C Council.

Cllr Hall explained that CW&C were asking all residents of parished areas in Chester to make the same level of contribution to the Christmas lights. She was to submit a specific query to CW&C about the proposed costs going forward as she thought new lighting had been purchased for the 2016 season.

Councillors agreed that they needed more information and a breakdown of costs in respect of the play areas and asked the clerk to request that a CW&C officer come along to an extraordinary parish council meeting in January in advance of the deadline of 11th January for the Special Expenses consultation.

If this were not possible within the timescale, councillors agreed to contact CW&C Council to investigate the possible implications of taking over responsibility for the three play areas.

129. ACCOUNTS

129a The balances were reported as:

Nat West Bank	29887.68
National Savings	50172.82
Josh's Project	12135.76
VXCC	35067.61

129b The following income had been received:

Lettings	VXCC lettings 17.11 – 7.12	1855.89
Sale of speakers	VXCC	40.00

129c The following accounts were due for payment:

Peter Powell	Gatelocking	63.00
Peter Powell	Litterpicking	78.50
Gordon Emery	Allotment clear and work to play areas	180.00
Cardiac Science	Defibrillator cabinet	723.00
URC VX	Hire of room	16.00
Sarah Tyson	Gatelocking	48.00
Jane Fortune	Gatelocking	69.00
Carol Clark	Salary & mileage including extra mileage and 1% salary increase backdated to April 2016	1610.38
NEST	Employer and employee pension payments	144.71
Keith Scargill	OLC Christmas lights	50.00
Robert Peers	Noticeboards maintenance	280.00

Countrywide	October grounds maintenance	1138.10
Building Blocks	VXCC contribution towards Christmas decorations	20.00
Huntington Handbook	VXCC advert	69.00
Vicars Cross Voice	VXCC advert	69.00
British Gas	VXCC electricity bill	253.52
Nirvana	VXCC cleaning contract	386.40
Ash Waste	VXCC waste collection	76.98
Peter Powell	VXCC – admin support and open/close parties	320.00
Ash Waste	VXCC - key for waste bin	6.00

129d The following purchases had been made via the debit card:

Rightway	Electric cabinet keys	5.00
Tesco	Seasonal gifts	48.60
Tesco	Copier paper & stationery	16.49
Poundworld	OLC Christmas lights	12.05
Poundland	OLC Christmas lights and batteries	11.00

129e The following payments had already been made:

Ash Waste	Skip Pearl Lane allotment colony	198.00
Devaprint	Carols booklets	60.00
Talktalk	VXCC phone and broadband	57.35

129f Money withdrawn in cash by debit card:

23 rd November 2016	For councillors' annual printer cartridge allowances	245.00
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130. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

130a The following Notifications of Application had been received:

- 16/05090 – 16 Adder Hill – one additional dormer to front elevation
- 16/05096 – 29 Grove Avenue - Single storey rear extension (Re-submission 16/04702/FUL)
- 16/05097 – 27 Grove Ave – single storey rear extension
- 16/05227 – 55 Boughton Hall Drive – single storey rear extension and single storey front extension
- 16/05158 – 25 Belgrave Rd – demolition of existing single storey out rigger and construction of 2-storey rear extension
- 16/05164 – 6 Watling Court – dropped kerb
- 16/05263 – 8 Round Hill Meadow – single storey rear and first floor extension

RESOLVED: that no objections be raised provided that neighbours and other interested parties were included in the consultation process

131. CORRESPONDENCE & EMAILS RECEIVED

ChALC – invitation to Area Meeting to discuss special expenses consultation E-bulletins Presentation from Special Expenses meeting Details of training course in January in Northwich
Pauline Cox – Acceptance of Office form and Notification of Interests form
CW&C Council – invitation to Regalia Talk at Town Hall Letter re Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant Consultation: Draft Parking Strategy SPD Information re applying for a TENS licence for VXCC
PCC – invitation to PCC meeting in January 2017 for Chairman

Due to the proposed cessation of support for both website and i-mail hosting from 11th January by Cheshire East Council, it was agreed to set up a new host as soon as possible that could offer the same level of service. Cheshire East were happy to oversee the smooth transition before the deadline.

132. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

132a	Councillors agreed the suggested dates of parish council meetings for 2017.
132b	There were no objections to the suggested removal of two BT phone kiosks due to low usage – one on Caldby Valley Road and the other at the corner of Green lane and Vicars Cross Rd.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 16th January 2017 at Vicars Cross Community Centre, Thackeray Drive, Vicars Cross Chester, and commencing at 7.30pm.