

MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BISHOPS' HIGH SCHOOL, VAUGHANS LANE, GREAT BOUGHTON, ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2016.

PRESENT:

Cllrs	Keith Scargill (Chair)	Trevor Jones
	Peter Bulmer	Krissie Myler
	Helen Cross	Andrew Pannell
	Jo Evans	Sue Rigby
	John Griffiths	Martin Whiteley

CW&C councillors Keith Board and Pamela Hall were in attendance, and in addition, John Tacon, co-opted member Comms & Events sub-committee.

161. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bev Fraser and Nigel Haslock. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Salt.

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Griffiths & Cllr Salt declared an interest in Cheshire Fire Authority, Cllr Salt in the Boughton Heath allotment colony, and Cllr Jones in the Centurion Action Group.

163. PCSO UPDATE

PCSO Neil Denby attended the meeting and had that afternoon emailed his performance report to the clerk. This would be circulated to councillors the following day.

He reported that he had been invited to act as a Leader at the Vicars Cross URC Youth Club, which would give him the opportunity to work with young people. He was planning to hold regular surgeries in both wards of the parish and had held a recent cycle marking event at Halfords.

164. OPEN FORUM

Mr King asked if the parish council could support his request that the plastic matting be renewed where the large delivery vehicles turned into the rear of the Green Lane shops. This had been put down some years ago but was now sinking under the weight of the vehicles. Councillors asked the clerk to write to CW&C Council.

Mr King was also concerned at the poor state of the Boughton Heath Park & Ride car park (previously reported) which was full of weeds and still had no toilet facilities. CW&C councillor Pamela Hall reported that she would follow this up but that there were contractual changes due shortly.

Local residents once again raised concerns about the on-going development at 65 Belgrave Rd. Cllrs Board and Hall reported that a great deal of officer time had been given to managing the issues and that it had been a struggle to keep control at times. They promised to update the parish council on a regular basis.

165. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

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Parish Council meeting on 18th January, Comms & Events and Planning sub-committee meetings on 4th February 2016, VXCC and Finance sub-committee meetings on 8th February 2016.

166. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION POINTS, AND TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

RESOLVED: that all recommendations in the sets of minutes be approved.

167. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT – ACTION PLAN

The clerk reported that she had completed the remainder of the risk assessment taking into account the responses from the Caldý Valley Centre. The summary action plan had now been produced and would now be worked through at the relevant sub-committee meeting during March and brought to the March parish council meeting for approval.

168. REMAINING PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The clerk reported that two people had approached the clerk following the article in the newsletters, who were interested in being co-opted to fill the two remaining vacancies on the parish council.

It was agreed to give until the end of February for any others to come forward before consideration was given to the applicants, and that they be asked to provide a 100 word statement in support of their application.

The clerk was asked to write to both Bishops' and Christleton High Schools to ask if there might be pupils working their way through Duke of Edinburgh schemes who might be interested in becoming involved in the parish council.

169. BUS SERVICES IN THE PARISH

John Tacon was invited to speak during this agenda item and he expressed his concern at the bus services through the parish, and in particular through Vicars Cross. He felt that timetable changes across three bus operators, meant that buses were not evenly spaced out nor reliable. The clerk was asked to write to CW&C to pass on his concerns that were supported by councillors.

170. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was agreed that this be deferred until the March meeting.

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

The following attendance at meetings was reported:

PB: 25/1 – VXCC CM target setting mtg; 28/1 – mtg with clerk re licenses VXCC; 4/2 – Comms & Events s/c mtg; 8/2 – mtg with clerk & NH re VXCC; 8/2 – VXCC and Finance s/c mtgs

KM: 8/2 – VXCC s/c mtg

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Clerk: 19/1 – allotment visit Pearl Lane; 25/1 – mtg CM VXCC; 25/1 – target setting mtg for CM with NH & PB; 28/1 – mtg PB re licenses VXCC; 01/2 - mtg CM VXCC; 2/2 – mtg CW&C Licenses Ellesmere Port; 4/2 – mtg with Parsons re quotes for VXCC and Queens Rd Community Park; 4/2 – Planning s/c mtg; 4/2 – Comms & Events s/c mtg; 8/2 – mtg with NH & PB re VXCC; 8/2 – VXCC s/c mtg; 8/2 – Finance s/c mtg; 8/2 – mtg Jolliffes re legal advice
KS: 20/01- C Valley JMC mtg; 20/1 – finance s/c mtg; 27/1 – C Valley JMS mtg; 4/2 – Comms & Events s/c mtg; 8/2 – VXCC s/c mtg; 8/2 – Finance s/c mtg; 8/2 – Cedar Court visit; 13/2 – Centurion vision mtg
NH: 25/1 – mtg CM VXCC; 25/1 – target setting mtg for CM with clerk & PB; 01/2 – mtg with CM VXCC; 8/2 – Finance s/c mtg; 8/2 – mtg Jolliffes re legal advice

172. ACCOUNTS

172a The balances were reported as:

Nat West Bank	21355.77
National Savings	50172.82
Josh's Project	13348.28
Parish Plan – balance now moved to 79856276 to support play area improvements	0.00
VXCC	25932.46

172b The following income had been received:

CW&C Council – Members Budgets Queens Road	7206.00
National Savings – interest for the year	373.50
CW&C Council – Members Budgets VXCC	4916.00

172c The following accounts had been paid:

Reimb to CW&C – holding grant for Brake4Claudia from Members Budgets	300.00
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172d The following accounts had been received for payment:

Bishops' High School	Hire of rooms for meetings	178.50
Countrywide	Repairs to fencing Thackeray Drive	333.20
URC Vicars Cross	Hire of room	16.00
Huntington Handbook	newsletter	159.00
Nigel Haslock	Mileage claim	130.00
Peter Powell	Gatelocking	63.00
Peter Powell	Litter picking Queens Road	39.25
Sarah Tyson	Gatelocking	57.00
Jane Fortune	Gatelocking	72.00
C Clark	salary & mileage	1574.93
Vicars Cross Voice	newsletter	159.00
Various	VXCC monthly payments	2388.39

172e The following accounts had been paid via business debit card:

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Amazon	Two lockable filing cabinets	186.88
Hobs	Printing	10.08

173. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

173a The following Notifications of Application had been received:

16/00089 – 62 Vicars Cross Rd – single storey rear extension, resubmission of previous approval 15/04648

16/00106 – 25 Sutherland Way – single storey side extension and loft conversion with rear dormer and roof lights to front

16/00238 – Tarvin Lock Cottage - single storey extension

16/00239 – Tarvin Lock Cottage - single storey side extension, erection of external decking area and internal alterations including formation of two windows on rear elevation and reinstatement of original staircase between ground and lower ground floor

16/00372 – 17 Boughton Hall Drive – rear first floor extension

RESOLVED: that no objections be raised providing that all neighbours and other interested parties had been included in the consultation process

16/00155 – 87 Heath Lane – new care home – new plans

RESOLVED: It was felt that the remodelling was better including single storey where neighbouring dwellings were adjacent and that the applicant had listened to concerns from the CW&C Planning Officer. Improvements in the provision for car parking were a step in the right direction, although the community garden's access looked poor.

173b The following Notifications of Permission had been received:

15/05087 – Dental Practice Green Lane – proposed new entrance porch with DDA ramp access

16/00089 – 62 Vicars Cross Rd - Single storey rear extension, resubmission of the previously approval, application number 15/04648/FUL (reduction in size)

173c The following Notification of Appeal had been received:

16/00009 – The Centurion – new residential care home

173d The following Notification of Appeal Decision had been received:

15/01926 – 6 Queens Rd – proposed two-storey extension and roof conversion - the appeal was dismissed

174 CORRESPONDENCE & EMAILS RECEIVED

CW&C

Highways – email re incident outside Boughton Heath CPS

Information about a review of 20mph speed limits in the parish

Copy of letter sent to CW&C re New Homes Bonus

Invite to attend Chester Locality Area Play Workshop 17th February

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Invite to buy tickets for Lord Mayor's Banquet 4 th March 2016
Approval of the Members Budgets application for VXCC
Invitation to take part in 'Clean for the Queen' on 4-6 March 2016
Planning – advice that planning permission would be needed to increase the number of car parking spaces at Thackeray Drive
ChALC – Bulletins January 2016
Details of extra Chester Area meeting
Police – response from Inspector offering £3785.83 by way of compensation for the time no PCSO was attached to the parish council
Chairman – report from visit to Cedar Court/Mary Cooper
VX Dynamos – request to site a bench on Thackeray Drive playing fields
J Tacon – further complaints about bus services through Vicars Cross
Cestrian Scouts – letter of thanks re grant
Notification of MBNA Chester Marathon 2 nd October 2016
DBS – clerk's DBS approved
PSD – confirmation that there were now no known drainage issues on the Thackeray Drive football pitches
Letter from solicitors in relation to garden extension at 120 Oldfield Drive
Parsons – quotes for VXCC and Queens Rd Community Park

175. TO AGREE THE EXCLUSION OF THE CLERK AND PUBLIC FOR PART TWO OF THE MEETING

It was agreed to exclude the clerk and members of the public for Part 2 of the meeting

176. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

176a	Cllr Evans gave a brief report on her initial review of play areas in the parish, a document that had already been circulated to councillors. Before she carried on, she extended the opportunity for other councillors to work with her to draw up a comprehensive report, including recommendations for each play area, which would suggest a rolling programme of improvements. Cllr Salt hoped that there would not be a disparity between suggestions for play areas in north or south wards.
176b	Cllr Bulmer reported that there had been several meetings hosted by Igas in the area recently including two at VXCC and the Caldly Valley Centre. He intended to try and obtain a list of those who had attended to make contact with them to see if they were interested in getting involved in parish matters.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 21st March 2016 at Vicars Cross Community Centre, Thackeray Drive, Vicars Cross, Chester and commencing at 7.30pm.