

MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2016 AT VICARS CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, THACKERAY DRIVE, VICARS CROSS, CHESTER.

PRESENT:

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

John Tacon was in attendance.

PART ONE

58. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bev Fraser, Harry Cowley, Nigel Haslock, John Salt and Sue Rigby; and from CW&C ward councillors Keith Board and Pamela Hall. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Jo Evans.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were expressed from Cllr Bulmer (as a local resident) and from Cllr Jones (Centurion Action Group).

60. PCSO UPDATE

PCSO Neil Denby attended the meeting and gave a verbal report of activity in the parish since the last parish council meeting. The format of his monthly written report had been changed to make it easier to read.

61. OPEN FORUM

John Tacon reported that he had been listening to a local radio station and heard a caller complain that she had received abuse following the EU referendum. He was concerned that it might have been someone who had attended several previous parish council meetings. The Chairman offered to make some further enquiries with a view to offering support if that were the case.

62. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

The parish council meeting on 20th June 2016 and the following sub-committee meetings: VXCC on 27th June and 11th July 2016**, Communications & Events on 7th July 2016, Planning on 7th July 2016 and Finance on 27th June and 11th July 2016

** after the deletion of bullet point 3, item 4 'A sink for washing boots was not required'

63. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION POINTS FROM MINUTES AND UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME – TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

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63a	44 pc minutes	Cllr Pannell reported that he had studied all the documentation relating to the planning application at 65 Belgrave Road and felt that the CW&C Planning Officer had identified all relevant issues, had prepared a thorough report and had made a perfectly reasonable recommendation for approval. The Chairman agreed to visit the local resident who had voiced her concerns at the last parish council meeting.
63b	Work programme	The clerk had omitted to email out the current work programme and promised to do so the following morning.
63c		Cllr Bulmer reported that both the parish council and the Dynamos had now signed the SLA.

64. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEES

Following Cllr Salt's suggestion that the agreed TOR may not have been followed when Cllr Bulmer was appointed Chair of the VXCC sub-committee, the clerk requested appropriate advice from ChALC.

Jackie Weaver's opinion was that the TOR were 'woolly and unclear', and should be re-visited. RESOLVED: that the finance sub-committee review the current TOR and take one or two alternative options to the September parish council meeting.

65 REVIEW OF LAND IN THE PARISH

This item was deferred until the September parish council meeting. It was agreed that the meeting be held at VXCC to take advantage of the projector and screen.

66. PLAY REVIEW UPDATE

Cllr Evans reported that she was meeting a representative of CW&C Council the following morning to discuss support they may be able to offer in relation to the review and re-design where necessary, of current play areas in the parish. Their help would also be invaluable when it came to funding opportunities as CW&C would be able to supply supporting evidence as a result of consultations.

The cutting down of the conifer hedge at the Thackeray Drive play area had made a huge difference already and the reduction of the hedge at Vaughans Lane play area was due to be done shortly.

Cllr Myler hoped that the review would look at the lack of provision for children in Vicars Cross on the south side of Vicars Cross Road, and the clerk was asked to make enquiries with CW&C about the ownership of several small pieces of land in that area, in advance of the September agenda item.

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

The following attendance at meetings was reported:

KS: 27/6 – finance s/c mtg; 27/6 – VXCC s/c mtg; 4/7 – Centurion Community Action Group mtg; 7/7 – Comms s/c mtg; 9/7 – Boughton Heath Academy summer fair; 14/7 – Caldley Valley s/c mtg; 14/7 – VXCC s/c mtg

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PB: 27/6 - finance s/c mtg; 27/6 – VXCC s/c mtg; 4/7 – Centurion Community Action Group mtg; 7/7 – Comms s/c mtg; 8/7 – mtg clerk & VXCC CM; 11/7 – VXCC s/c mtg; 11/7 – Finance s/c

JE: 18/7 – Chester Community Forum mtg

Clerk: 21/6 – mtg VXCC CM; 22/6 – mtg Vaughans Lane play area re damaged fencing; 22/6 – mtg QTS re renewal of fencing Pearl Lane allotments; 27/6 – finance s/c mtg; 27/6 – VXCC s/c mtg; 28/6 – mtg Countrywide re Thackeray & Queens Rd; 7/7 – Comms s/c mtg; 8/7 – mtg PB & VXCC CM; 11/7 – VXCC s/c mtg; 11/7 – Finance s/c mtg; 14/7 – mtg VXCC CM; 14/7 – mtg MW @ Pearl Lane allotments; 14/7 – Caldley Valley s/c mtg

TJ: 27/6 – VXCC s/c mtg; 11/7 – VXCC s/c mtg

NH: 27/6 – VXCC s/c mtg

KM: 11/7 – VXCC mtg

68. ACCOUNTS

68a Balances

Nat West Bank	57835.51
National Savings	50172.82
Josh's Project	12133.71
VXCC	30585.86

68b The following income had been received:

Various	VXCC Income from lettings	2253.28
HMRC	VAT Refund 2015.2016	18048.78

68c The following accounts were due for payment:

Vicars Cross URC	Hire of lounge	24.00
Countrywide	Removal of conifer hedge Thackeray Drive	488.40
Countrywide	Removal of dead trees Thackeray Drive	60.00
Countrywide	June invoice grounds maintenance	1138.10
Dee Valley Water	Water bill – allotments – actual readings	23.14
Various	VXCC Expenditure	3885.91
Countrywide	Approved work at Queens Rd Community Park	6655.20

68d The following had been purchased with the debit card:

Tesco	Copier paper	10.00
Sainsburys	VXCC printer ink	22.00

68e The following had already been paid:

Peter Powell	Gatelocking	42.00
Peter Powell	Litter picking	47.10
Sarah Tyson	Gatelocking	42.00

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Jane Fortune	Gatelocking	48.00
Carol Clark	Salary, mileage & car park charge	1508.14
Caroline Lloyd	Salary & mileage	823.97
British Gas	VXCC	44.16
Caroline Lloyd	VXCC election duty	35.00
TalkTalk	VXCC phone and broadband	53.77
Tesco Mobile	VXCC mobile	7.50
Tesco Mobile	Clerk mobile	7.50
Talktalk	Clerk phone and broadband	41.41
Scottish Power	Electricity Old Laundry Corner	7.00
Duncan Ross	Final invoice Thackeray Drive improvements	1686.20
Jolliffes	Legal advice	462.00

69. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

69a The following Notifications of Application had been received:

16/02306 – 8 Richmond Crescent – proposed single storey extension to front/side and conversion of existing garage

16/02435 – 12 Regents Close – single storey rear extension, 2-storey side extension and front porch alteration

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

16/02185 – 16 Kingsley Rd – single storey rear extension

16/02825 – 59 Boughton Hall Drive – rear single storey extension

RESOLVED: that members of the planning sub-committee consider these before the due date of 8th August 2016

69b The following Notifications of Permission had been received:

16/01471 – Shell Service Station – installation of ATM and 5 bollards

70 CORRESPONDENCE & EMAILS RECEIVED

ChALC – Chester Area meeting dates
E Bulletins
Bishops' High School – report of pupils breaking through fencing into children's play area
Local resident – views on new noticeboards
PCC – letter about meeting up with parish councils
June update
Invitation to respond to Police & Crime Plan consultation
Details of Upton parish council's letter to CW&C Council re New Homes Bonus

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CW&C Council
Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy
Confirmation of placement of new signage on canal towpath
Countrywide – quote to remove fallen willow tree Queens Rd £240
Helpful Handyman – quote to refurbish noticeboards
VX Dynamos – letter of intent to carry out maintenance work around the container on field
Morral Play – monthly play inspection reports
Centurion Action Group – copy of letter to CW&C Council – notification that the CAG as holders of the ACV on the property, did wish to be treated as a potential bidder for the purchase
Reports of parking tickets being issued to allotment holders Pearl Lane
Police – PCSO report
Oldfield Drive resident – request to remove tree at rear of property in Dulverton Avenue amenity area
Cestrian Scouts – request for overhanging branches by Scout Hut to be removed
Report of badly parked vehicle on Belgrave Road – details passed to PCSO

71. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

71a	<p>Cllr Jones gave an update on The Centurion. The Centurion Community Action Group (CCAG) had now held two meetings with the owner, Admiral Taverns, and had held a public meeting on 4th July. Admiral had now agreed to negotiate to lease the public house to the CCAG for a 12 month period and could possibly consider a longer term extension thereafter. Agreement on the purchase price of the pub by CCAG was required by Admiral Taverns prior to the lease being finally signed. This was because the Asset of Community Value moratorium period had been activated by Admiral.</p> <p>Pledges from members of the public totalling over £15000 had been received, allowing a sufficient start-up fund, together with a bursary from The Plunkett Foundation which would help with a valuation and to set up a business plan. The CCAG were hoping to re-open The Centurion on 26th August 2016 for a twelve month period, subject to the lease being able to be signed by then. CCAG would then develop a business plan to try and put enough funds in place to buy the Centurion.</p> <p>Councillors supported the venture and asked the clerk to find out what options there were for the parish council to offer a grant to help support the first twelve months.</p>
71b	<p>Cllr Evans provided a poster for the noticeboards to indicate ways of contacting the parish council – website, Facebook and Twitter. She was happy to put links on social media letting local residents know when minutes had been uploaded to the website. The clerk was asked to check out the costs of distributing the social media flyer inside the two handbooks as a loose insert.</p>
71c	<p>Cllr Whiteley expressed his concern at the amount of litter left on the road after the household re-cycling bins in particular had been emptied. The clerk was asked to inform CW&C Council of the complaint.</p>
71d	<p>The Vice-Chair reported that there was a drop-in session on fracking with the Environment Agency in attendance that coming Thursday in Mickle Trafford if anyone wished to attend. Cllr Pannell reported that a lot of new licenses had been approved across the North West and perhaps anyone who attended the meeting could find out if any directly affected the Great Boughton area.</p>

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72. TO AGREE THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FOR PART TWO OF THE MEETING

It was agreed to exclude any members of the public for Part 2 of the meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 5th September at VXCC, Thackeray Drive, Vicars Cross, Chester and commencing at 7.30pm.