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*Clerk to the Council: Kath Lloyd, Parish Council Office, Vicars Cross Community Centre, Thackeray Drive, Vicars cross, Chester CH3 5LP*

### **MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT CALDY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, CALDY VALLEY ROAD, GREAT BOUGHTON**

#### **PART ONE**

<b>404</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Peter Bulmer (Chair), Pauline Cox, Ian Huffer, Andrew Pannell, John Salt, Keith Scargill, Martin Whiteley</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs Andy Bayliss, Jo Evans, Nigel Haslock, Trevor Jones, Krissie Myler, Sue Rigby and CWaC Cllr Keith Board</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Cllr John Griffiths,</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Kath Lloyd (Clerk), PCSO Beth George</p>
<b>405</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Cllr Salt lives off Caldly Valley Road and therefore has an interest in Item</p>
<b>406</b>	<p><b>PCSO George Report:</b> PCSO George gave an overview of her report which had been circulated to council prior to the meeting. She particularly highlighted recent anti-social behaviour on the pathway between Becketts Lane and Caldly Valley Road. PCSO George and the Parish Clerk have visited the resident who reported it and there are plans in place to address the concerns. PCSO George also reported that an arrest had been made since a house break-in in Barkhill Road, however a further break-in has since been reported. The police are trialling Operation Shield in that area over the next two days, offering residents an opportunity to mark their property and will be discussing the project with the parish council in the near future <a href="https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/business-safety-and-security/operation-shield-property-marking-system/">https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/business-safety-and-security/operation-shield-property-marking-system/</a></p> <p>PCSO George has been working closely with Oldfield Primary School to raise awareness of the 20mph speed limit and this will continue.</p> <p>PCSO George has been trying to contact local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators with no success to date and will be meeting with the parish council to relaunch the scheme in the area <a href="https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/">https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/</a></p>
<b>407</b>	<p><b>Open Forum:</b> a resident has reported the fly tipping of gas canisters on Pearl Lane to CWaC and hopefully these will be removed very soon.</p>
<b>408</b>	<p><b>Traffic issues on Caldly Valley Road:</b> Cllr Cox introduced a briefing paper that had been circulated prior to the meeting and there was a discussion about key issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What traffic management solutions have been or are going to be put in place to deal with the increase volume of traffic generated by 1000 new houses at the former</li></ol>

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	<p>Saighton camp site?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Why was the plan (planning stipulation) to erect traffic lights at the junction of Gorse Way / Chester Rd abandoned and what was the alternative and when will it be implemented? This would pulse the traffic allowing for safer crossing of the road.</li><li>3. Why was a link road to the A55 abandoned when it was an original view of CW&amp;C before Phase A of the Saighton camp development? From CW&amp;C minutes publically available: <i>"Residential led mixed use scheme proposed involving employment development and community facilities. Opportunity to accommodate 1000 family homes and affordable housing (20% 2 bed, 30% 3 bed, 50% 4 bed). The main access to the site is proposed to be via a new junction linked directly to the A55. Identified in the previous local plan for development but not allocated. There is a current planning application for the redevelopment of part of the site"</i></li><li>4. Would speed bumps or chicanes help to calm the traffic if so we should ask for them to be provided?</li><li>5. When is the 20 mph speed limits going to be introduced there?</li><li>6. What data are they using to make decisions ie when was the last traffic survey carried out?</li><li>7. Is Caldly Valley Road classified as a B or a C Road? If the former can we challenge that classification?</li><li>8. Cheshire Police - enforce the weight restriction that already exists on that road and traffic officers to enforce the speed limit.</li><li>9. What repair or maintenance plans are in place for the road which seems to be suffering from increasing potholes and poor surface?</li></ol> <p>Council agreed to write to CWAC (CE, Highways and Planning) and copy Chester MP Chris Matheson and CWAC Ward Cllrs in with the questions. A working party then be established to liaise with CWaC Planning and Highways, engage neighbouring parish councils and the Chester MP and report back to council.</p>
<b>409</b>	<p><b>Public Consultation on the future of the land to the South of Caldly Valley Church &amp; Neighbourhood Centre:</b> Cllr Scargill introduced the outcome of the working party's discussions and Cllr Salt outlined a revised proposal, both of which had been circulated to the council prior to the meeting. Cllr Salt explained that he was concerned that the council was vulnerable to challenge as the proposal voted on at the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January had not been published within the agenda to inform the public that it was taking place, and that the vote count had been incorrectly recorded. Therefore he wished the council to reconsider the original working party proposal with amendments to reflect the reasoning behind it.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the merits of both proposals presented to the council and it was noted that both stressed that any future council members should value the feedback from the public consultation.</p> <p>Cllr John Salt proposed that:</p> <p>The feedback from the public consultation demonstrates that the majority of residents who responded do not wish the land to be sold. Furthermore, residents have raised significant concerns about the existing traffic and other related issues in the area. Therefore, the</p>

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	<p>working party's first recommend should be reconsidered ensuring that the traffic issue on and around the Sainsburys interchange needs to be the priority for the parish council before any sale of the land can be considered. This recommendation should be considered as the Environmental Option with the potential to remove or reduce stationary running traffic with its associated health problems for young children from the Caldly Valley Road. This recommendation links any future consideration for sale of the land by this Council to a successful traffic management and environmental pollution solution plan.</p> <p>Cllr Scargill seconded the motion which was defeated by 4 against, 2 for and 1 abstention</p> <p>Cllr Salt explained that this recommendation recognised the two issues of selling the land to traffic problems on the Caldly Valley as inseparable. The only way the land could be sold in the future was if it were part of a traffic management scheme that fully resolved the problems on the road.</p> <p>Cllr Cox proposed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The working party recognises that the land in question is a valued green space and in response to the public consultation, recommends that the land is kept as a green space.</li> <li>2. That the Open Spaces Sub Group is asked to work with the community to produce a rolling two terms plan (8 years) for the land at Caldly Valley and provide the council with costings.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Cox explained that this was the recommendation from the working party following the rejection of the previous working party recommendation. Cllr Cox explained that she was supportive as it did not tie the hands of the council if they wished to sell the land in the future, explaining that from this point the two issues were to be regarded as separate.</p> <p>Cllr Bulmer seconded the motion which was carried by 4 votes to 3.</p>
<p><b>410</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes and matters arising:</b> The Part One minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 were agreed as accurate pending an amendment requested by Cllr Salt and there were no matters arising.</p> <p>The Part Two minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 were also presented and agreed as accurate, the topic being the hosting of a small circus at Thackeray Drive Field in June 2019. This had been treated as confidential until all stakeholders had been consulted but can now be released.</p>
<p><b>411</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes and Recommendations from Sub Groups:</b></p> <p><b>Vicars Cross Community Centre:</b> no sub group meeting had taken place however, the council had received an update report from the Centre Manager which will be considered at the next sub group meeting. It was suggested that Health and Safety training might be useful for staff. RESOLVED: Clerk to follow up.</p> <p><b>Planning Sub Group:</b> No meeting had taken place however, two applications had been received and considered by the sub group via email exchange. It was agreed that it would be useful to document the Parish Council's view on planning applications - See Clerk's Report</p>
<p><b>412</b></p>	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b> The council accepted Appendix A, circulated prior to the meeting. The new public defibrillator at the Premier Inn was noted and there was a query about training available for local residents, possibly at Caldly Valley Neighbourhood Centre for user</p>

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	<p>groups. The Clerk will follow this up and report back.</p> <p>It was suggested that some work could be considered at Dulverton Ave Field, following the recent meeting with local residents. However, as agreed at the residents meeting, a site visit would be arrange prior to any works being undertaken.</p> <p>Following an incident at Vicars Cross Community Centre, Cllr Salt asked if there were any levels of competency for accident Investigation and Health Safety &amp; Environment i.e NEBOSH, IOSH, recommending consideration for training.</p>
<b>413</b>	<b>Planning Applications:</b> See Clerk's Report – Appendix A
<b>414</b>	<b>Information Exchange:</b> The Chair reminded councillors (and remaining public) that council elections will take place in May and invited them to consider standing for election. More details are available on the website and from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

### Clerk's Report 18th February 2019

#### 1. Summary of Actions from Parish Council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Item no.	Action	Progress made
	No outstanding actions	

#### 2. Finance Report

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	Bank Balances 16/01/2019								
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	The following payments and receipts of over £100 have been made since 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 (Bank statements are available on request from the Clerk)								

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30 Jan 2019	OTR	GROUNDWORKS NW , GNW837 VAUGHANS LN, VIA ONLINE - PYMT , FP 30/01/19 10 , 45131925239503000N	-	7,500.00	£25,578.71
4 Feb 2019	BAC	HMRC VTR , XXV126000103795	8,166.19	-	£33,638.22
4 Feb 2019	OTR	VXCC , VAT CLAIM , VIA ONLINE - PYMT	-	8,166.19	£25,472.03
8 Feb 2019	OTR	W E PARSONS , INV 11839 GBPC , VIA ONLINE - PYMT		865.80	£24,416.15
8 Feb 2019	OTR	GROUNDWORKS NW , GNW838 CALDY VAL , VIA ONLINE - PYMT, FP 07/02/19 10 , 64201251279336000N		10,740.00	£13,676.15
8 Feb 2019	OTR	MB HANDYMAN 31/1 , VIA ONLINE - PYMT , FP 08/02/19 10 , 36122658612486000N		150.82	£13,525.33
11 Feb 2019	OTR	SHIRES ACCOUNTANCY, FEB PAYROLL , VIA ONLINE - PYMT , FP 11/02/19 10 , 29153413009217000N		3,146.49	£10,292.72
11 Feb 2019	OTR	SLCC ENTERPRISES , INV 128140 , VIA ONLINE - PYMT , FP 11/02/19 10 , 63153633222660000N		165.00	£10,107.72

### 3. Planning Applications

19/00151/FUL 8 Gleneagles Close - Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer window NO OBJECTION REGISTERED BY GBPC

19/00126/FUL 4 Grove Ave – Single storey rear extension NO OBJECTION REGISTERED BY GBPC

### 4. Planning Decisions

18/04058/FUL 4 Coppins Close - Two storey side & single storey rear extension **APPROVED** (NO OBJECTION REGISTERED BY GBPC)

18/03433/FUL Bridge Works Tarvin Road - Installation of new plant -amendment to application  
18/00246/FUL **APPROVED** (NO OBJECTION REGISTERED BY GBPC)

### 5. Planning Appeals

18/03024/FUL 1 Tudor Way Loft conversion to include rear flat roof dormer ( NO OBJECTION REGISTERED BY GBPC)

### 6. Communications

- Complaint received from a resident in Becketts Lane via facebook about flytipping in the footpath between Caldly Valley Road and Becketts Lane. Reported 5/2/19 No 4855957 and removed the same day.
- Complaint received from resident in Becketts Lane about anti-social behaviour at the rear of his property on land owned either by Premier Inn or UK Power Substations. PCSO George has attended

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and the Clerk will liaise with landowner to erect higher fencing.

- Complaint from local resident about street lighting in Dee Banks – Ward Cllr Board organising meeting with relevant CWaC officers.
- Letters have been sent to winners of GBIB from the last two years, explaining changes to the format of the competition.
- Complaint received from resident in Stuarts Close about the state of the grass verges after being driven on by heavy good vehicles – Clerk has had email exchange with CWaC Highways but no action taken.
- Request from resident in Stuarts Close for No Ball Games Sign in order to preserve grass verges. Clerk liaising with CWaC.
- Report from a resident in Daniel Way about eggs being thrown at cars. PCSO requested to visit.

## 7. Operational Information

- Clerk has met with CWaC litter officer and has agreed to send photos and details of any littering complaints directly to him via Whats App.
- Clerk has attended Election Briefing provided by CHaLC and CWaC
- A local resident has volunteered to be responsible for updating three parish council notice boards in Vicars Cross.
- The Clerk attended the Cheshire Branch meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) which gave information on forthcoming elections, training for clerks and the range of services available from Northwich Town Council who have established a trading service.
- Cllr Scargill and the Clerk attended a Sanctuary Housing Walkabout with Ward Cllr Keith Board and PCSO George which gave an overview of some of the issues (parking, litter) in Melrose Ave, Cawdor Drive, Glamis Close and Ballater Cres.

## 8. Maintenance Update

The following maintenance tasks have been completed in the last month:

- Source, purchase, collect and deliver fencing for Caldly Valley Church
- Plant tree at Library
- Fit finger guards to toilet doors
- Trim trees at Thackeray field and take to tip
- Helped plant trees at Queens Rd field
- Refurbishing the VXCC reception desk, including sourcing, purchasing and collecting materials from Wickes