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**MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 21st October 2019 AT UNITED REFORM CHURCH, GREEN LANE,
VICARS CROSS CH3 5LL**

PART ONE

485	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Steve Collings, Pauline Cox, Jo Evans, Sara Evans, John Griffiths, Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, Rick Nieto, Mark Pearson, Sue Rigby, Keith Scargill, Martin Whitley</p> <p>Apologies: Received from Cllrs Krissie Myler and John Salt (health reasons) and PCSO Beth George (work rota)</p> <p>In attendance: CWaC Ward Cllr Keith Board and Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
486	<p>Declarations of Interest: None declared</p>
487	<p>PCSO George Report: The Chair summarised the report which had been circulated prior to the meeting and asked for questions. There was a query about the law around fireworks and these were clarified as: <i>The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places. You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight and New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.</i></p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law</p>
488	<p>Report from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors: This item was brought forward from item 496 on the agenda. A written report from Cllrs Board and Collings was circulated and the two councillors gave an overview and the Chair thanked them for a very useful update.</p>
489	<p>Open Forum: There were no residents present.</p>
490	<p>Minutes and matters arising: The minutes of the last parish council meeting on 16th September were approved as a true record and matters arising were addressed later in the agenda.</p>
491	<p>Council Sub-Groups: the minutes of the following sub group meetings (circulated prior to the meeting) were approved as accurate and the following points were highlighted and resolutions considered:</p> <p>Planning Sub Group on 30th Sept - Cllr Scargill gave an overview of the meeting and after a discussion, the following resolutions were approved:</p> <p>1. That Great Boughton Parish Council declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action.</p> <p>The council thereby commits to:</p>

Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030;

Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030;

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;

Task the Planning Sub Group to understand and plan for the implications, risks and new opportunities for the parish presented by climate change and report back to council on a regular basis.

*https://www.campaigncc.org/councils_climate_emergency

Proposed by Cllr Scargill and seconded by Cllr Huffer, agreed by 9 votes for and 3 abstentions.

2. To review the Statement of Effect made by the council in January 2018 and consider if it needs to be strengthened.

Proposed by Cllr Scargill and seconded by Cllr Cox, defeated by 6 votes against, 3 for and 3 abstentions. This recommendation will be deferred to the Planning Sub Group to consider.

Traffic and Transport on 2nd October – Cllr Miller gave a verbal summary of the meeting and drew councillors' attention to the action plan. Cllr Collings reported that Chris Matheson MP is following up recent concerns about cars speeding on the A41/Vicars Cross Road. Cllr Collings asked that the sub group address an issue at the A41/Aldi traffic lights where the positioning of the traffic lights is causing safety issues for pedestrians accessing the shops. **RESOLVED:** agenda for next Traffic & Transport Sub Group on Wed 6th Nov

Open Spaces on 14th Oct – Cllr Rigby summarised the meeting and reminded councillors that there will be a bulb planning session at **Caldy Valley Neighbourhood Centre Sat 26th October from 10.30am** and at **Vicars Cross Community Centre on 10 – 12noon on Saturday 7th Dec.**

Vicars Cross Community Centre on 15th Oct – Cllr Cox gave an overview of the meeting, two local residents and a user group have joined the sub group and the centre plans to raise its room hire rates. The Honesty Café is to be discontinued. The centre manager had presented a briefing paper on the current heating system and the sub group agreed that the heating in the centre was not fit for purpose. A resolution was made to the Finance Sub Group to identify funding to replace the heating. At this point, the council referred to the minutes of the Finance Sub Group and expressed its disappointment that the necessary funding had not been identified. The council felt strongly that an efficient and reliable heating system was vital for business purposes and could be adapted to a more environmentally sustainable option in the future.

RESOLVED: That the parish council make a loan of £6939 + VAT (£1387.80) to the centre to support the installation of a new heating system as per the quotes received. A further 10% will be made available should it be needed and the council stressed that this is progressed this as quickly as possible to ensure that the centre has an efficient and fit for purpose heating system in place. Proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Collings, passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that the community centre raise its room hire rates from 1st January 2020 to £16.50 per hour for regular users and £20 per hour for one off bookings. Proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Bulmer, passed unanimously.

Finance on 17th Oct – Cllr Scargill summarised the sub group meeting and noted that the VAT

	<p>submission is still outstanding and that the Clerk is working with the PCSO and the United Reform Church on developing the specification for the Youth Project. The specification for the grounds maintenance contract needs specific measurements of different sites and Cllr Nieto suggested that the contract could be put out to tender for contractors to provide the measurements. RESOLVED: Finance Sub Group to action</p> <p>RESOLVED: that a project plan be drawn up by Oct 2020, to enable the centre to move forward with an environmentally sustainable heating system, incorporating the refurbishment of the disused shower room and toilets and a new ceiling in the main hall though the access of a Local Government Loan. Proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Collings, passed unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED: Caldly Valley Neighbourhood Centre to be granted £2000 towards the recent toilet refurbishment. Council noted that future applications should come from the JMC, rather than the centre manager.</p>																										
492	<p>Cycle/footpaths: In March 2019, Cllr Andy Tassell from Huntington Parish Council and Cllr Peter Tonge from Christleton Parish Council, attended the Great Boughton Parish Council and raised the potential of a footpath between Huntington and Christleton. In September, there was a joint working party meeting between Cllr Salt and Cllr Miller and Cllrs Andy Tassell and Dave Whitehead from Huntington (Christleton PC have decided not to join any discussions at this stage). The Traffic & Transport Sub Group have continued to discuss options for such a cycleway/footpath and Cllr Salt has produced some maps and photos to aid discussions.</p> <p>In Cllr Salt's absence, Cllr Scargill presented the maps of the proposed cycleways and the photographs showing the current footpaths and talked the council through the proposal to link Great Boughton, Christleton and Huntington, thereby reducing the traffic on Caldly Valley Road, providing a safer and cleaner route for local children to get to and from school. There was a query about whether any communication had taken place with the landowner and Cllr Miller said that she would take that back to the sub group.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the council support the Traffic & Transport Sub group to continue with the development of a plan to present to CWaC to use s106 funds.</p>																										
493	<p>Quarterly Finance Report: The Clerk presented the half yearly Finance Report and Forecast at 30th Sept which was accepted by council.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="172 1346 917 1803"> <tr> <td>People (salaries, training etc)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,671</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Council costs (telephone, insurances etc)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,168</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facilities & Buildings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Open Spaces (play areas, green spaces etc)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£14, 596</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comms & Events (Newsletters, GBIB etc)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,720</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotments (waste disposal, water etc)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£756</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Projects (play equipment)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,493</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL SPEND AT HALF YEAR</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£36,404</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAASHBOOK BALANCE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£49,564</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RESERVES (National Savings Acct)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35,659.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JOSH'S JUMPS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10,259</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL REMAINING</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 95,482.74</td> </tr> </table>	People (salaries, training etc)	£11,671	Council costs (telephone, insurances etc)	£6,168	Facilities & Buildings	--	Open Spaces (play areas, green spaces etc)	£14, 596	Comms & Events (Newsletters, GBIB etc)	£1,720	Allotments (waste disposal, water etc)	£756	Projects (play equipment)	£1,493	TOTAL SPEND AT HALF YEAR	£36,404	 		CAASHBOOK BALANCE	£49,564	RESERVES (National Savings Acct)	£35,659.74	JOSH'S JUMPS	£10,259	TOTAL REMAINING	£ 95,482.74
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494	<p>Councillor Allowances: RESOLVED: that the draft policy be approved subject to an amendment in point 2 to include <i>all</i> councillors.</p>																										
495	<p>Parish Council response to CWaC Consultation on Enforcement Services: the Clerk circulated paper copies of the on-line consultation and a basic SWOT analysis and asked for councillors to respond to her by 1st November at the latest if they wished to make changes. Seven councillors wrote their</p>																										

	response and returned the papers immediately.
496	Clerk's Report: the Clerk's Report (circulated prior to the meeting) was accepted by the council.
497	<p>Planning Applications: The following planning applications were available for the public and will be considered by the Planning Sub Group on Monday 4th Nov:</p> <p>19/03698/FUL 46 Whitchurch Road Single storey rear extension</p> <p>19/03769/CAT 10 & 11 Deva Heights Reduction of a number of trees at front and rear of buildings</p> <p>19/03744/CAT 8A Dee Banks Pollard existing willow tree</p> <p>19/03066/CAT Riverside Court, Dee Banks Lime Tree (T2) - fell because of restricted view</p> <p>19/03605/FUL 27 Queens Road Side and rear single storey extension</p>
498	<p>Information exchange: Cllr Board left details of the CWaC consultation on Respite Care and asked that parish councillors consider it</p> <p>https://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations/</p> <p>Cllr Sara Evans briefed the council that the Twitter account is now up and running again and she is also posting items on facebook in an attempt to engage more local people. Councillors are asked to send Sara any photos of local beauty spots for her to use and for those who use facebook and twitter, to "like and share" our pages.</p>

Signed.....CHAIR

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