

PRESENT:

Cllrs	Peter Bulmer (Acting Chair)	Harry Cowley
	Pauline Cox	Andrew Pannell
	Jo Evans	Nigel Haslock
	John Griffiths	

Also in attendance were PCSO Neil Denby, VXCC Centre Manager Jodie Burling – (minute taker) and the newly appointed Parish Council Clerk (not currently in post so observed meeting only). One member of the public was also in attendance.

PART ONE

175. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. John Salt, Keith Scargill, Sue Rigby, Ian Huffer, Trevor Jones, Martin Whiteley and Krissie Myler.

176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Declarations of Interest was made by Peter Bulmer (local resident & CW&C employee).

177. PCSO UPDATE

PCSO Neil Denby reviewed the monthly report he provided. There had been a significantly higher amount of domestic incidents in the area. One burglary on Manor Drive had also taken place however nothing had been taken. A regular burglar from the area, known to the police that frequently visited Sainsbury's had now been arrested.

178. OPEN FORUM

The member of the public that was in attendance made a suggestion in the last Comms meeting for a solution to dog fouling for consideration and wanted to raise this here. His suggestion was to provide free bags available for dog poo across the Parish at popular dog walking sites (e.g. entrance to Queens Road park). This is something he said had been tested across Europe and other parts of the country successfully and said he would send a link to some of the Cllrs detailing this via email. With the January newsletter highlighting dog fouling as a current issue in the borough he felt we needed to take action. Cllr Bulmer suggested Cllrs look into this as an option. Cllr Evans raised vandalism of the containers as a potential issue. Cllr Evans also highlighted regular dog walkers who bring along bags might no longer do so and use the free ones, not targeting the current offenders. PCSO Neil Denby raised the point that he hasn't got the power to issue on the spot fines for this however, can request

their name and address so CWaC can provide fine in post. Cllr Nigel Haslock felt we needed to try make this work and a trial of this was suggested, offering free bags in one park in the North Ward and one in the South Ward. PCSO Neil Denby provided Cllrs with contact for the Dog Wardens - Colin McPhillips.

Local resident was aware that all Parish Council meetings and Subgroup meetings are advertised so members of the public can attend but queried why Caldly Valley meetings were not also published, given the Parish provides some funding to Caldly Valley therefore it is of public interest. Local resident also felt Caldly Valley Centre does not feel like a community centre, more like a church and given the centre was donated to the community he did not feel happy about this. Cllr Nigel Haslock confirmed these meetings are closed management meetings therefore are not open for local residents to attend given some aspects of the content being of a confidential nature. Cllrs informed the local resident that Caldly Valley hold one annual meeting that local residents are welcome to attend. Cllrs discussed that the local resident did raise an important point and Cllrs needed to consider if any elements of the Caldly Valley meetings needed to be written up and reported back.

RESOLVED that:

- PCSO Neil Denby to carry out more enforcement on dog fouling in the area. Will speak to CWaC to arrange some more patrols of the area from Community Safety Wardens.
- Clerk to write to Dog Wardens, Community Safety Wardens and Street Scene for advice, guidance and costs on getting this up and running as a trial. (– this to be included on newly appointed Clerks work schedule.)
- Cllr John Griffiths to find out when the next annual Caldly Valley meeting is to be held to make local resident aware.
- Cllrs to look at the governance of Caldly Valley meetings and consider what needs to be reported back on – if concerns matters of public interest. Cllr Martin Whiteley to consider this and report back in next Parish Council meeting.

179. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Cllr Jo Evans had one comment to make on previous meeting minutes – point 166. Within this is was mentioned that CWaC was to provide a quote for the hedge layer however this was not accurate – a contractor was to provide the quote for this work to be carried out.

Once this was amended all Cllrs were happy to accept minutes as a true record.

RESOLVED: that the following sets of minutes be signed as correct records:

Parish Council meeting held on 20th March 2017, the VXCC and Finance sub-group meetings held on 27th March 2017 and the Comms & Events and Planning sub-group meetings held on 30th March 2017.

180. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION POINTS

180a	Comms	Cllr Peter Bulmer kindly requested support from other Cllrs to assist with the Annual Assembly (24/04/17).
180b	Comms	Cllr Keith Scargill to provide Q&A session.
180c	Comms	Cllr Peter Bulmer to send advert for annual assemble to Cllrs to put on notice boards.
180d	Comms	Cllr Trevor Jones is to support Cllr Andrew Pannell to provide talk at the assembly.
180e	Comms	Cllr Peter Bulmer to as WI to assist at the annual assemble in providing refreshments.
180f	Comms	Local resident to provide projector for the annual assembly.
180g	Comms	Add consideration for buying a new project for the Parish Council to next Comms meeting.

181. CASUAL VACANY SOUTH WARD

Parish Council can now publish casual vacancy for Cllr in South Ward. This is to be added to all notice boards with a closing date of 10th May. Cllrs confirmed the individual does not need to live in the Parish to become Cllr.

182. OPERATION SHIELD

Cllrs discussed the Safer Communities' Fund, Cllr Peter Bulmer said there was potentially £5,000 available but was unsure what the funds could be used for and that the deadline to claim this may have been missed.

PSCO Neil Denby discussed uses of property marking to combat burglaries in the area and that the packs include signs that houses can affix to warn burglars.

PSCO Neil Denby also informed Cllrs about the youth event he is hosting at VXCC to help tackle anti-social behaviour. The event is to be ran on 6th May 6-8pm and will involve Xbox games and potentially Cage Football, weather permitting. PSCO will be supported with supervising this event by CWaC Councillor's Keith Board & Pamela Hall.

RESOLVED that:

- PSCO Neil Denby to chase his end to confirm costs of marking kits for Parish Council to consider funding.
- PSCO Neil Denby to promote youth event including via Social Media and inform local residents it is happening.

183. PLAY AREA REVIEW

Cllr Jo Evans had emailed Highways with regards to this and is waiting on further consultations from CWaC to take place. She highlighted the importance of them providing a date to respond otherwise it might be difficult to stick to timeframes for laying the hedge by Sept / Oct 2017.

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

The following attendance at meetings was reported:

PB: Mtg: CwaC Street Scene. Mtg: Boundary Review. Mtg Comms & Events 30/03/17. Mtg VXCC 27/03/17. Mtg Finance 27/03/17

PC: Mtg Comms & Events 30/03/17

JE: Mtg Comms & Events 30/03/17

JG: Mtg Caldly Valley JMC

HC: Mtg Planning 30/03/17

AP: Mtg Planning 30/03/17

NH: Mtg Caldly Valley JMC. Mtg VXCC 27/03/17

185. ACCOUNTS

185a Balances 5 April 2017

Nat West Bank	1344.48
National Savings	50474.27
Josh's Project	11054.35
VXCC	35605.25

185b The following income had been received to 5 April 2017:

Beresford Adams	Annual contribution Queens Rd shops	250.00
Dynamos FC	Annual contribution	450.00
Two tenants	Allotment rent	81.46
Nat West	Interest Josh Project	0.10
VXCC	Income from lettings	2332.55

185c The following accounts were due for payment:

ChALC	Annual subscription and copy of Local Council Review	1446.31
Sarah Tyson	Gatelocking	120.00
Jane Fortune	Gatelocking	72.00
Malcolm Bate	Litterpicking	62.80
Carol Clark	Consultancy fee lieu of holiday pay	1140.48
Mid-Cheshire F'path Soc	Annual subscription	8.00
Countrywide	Spraying at Queens Rd	351.60
Countrywide	Re-seed and rake at Queens Rd	228.00
Huntington Handbook	Newsletter April	159.00
Vicars Cross Voice	Newsletter April	159.00
Ash Waste		85.37
Nirvana	VXCC	599.62
Nirvana	VXCC cleaning supplies	95.22
Phase 1 Fire Systems	VXCC – service of fire alarm & emergency	114.00
Jodie Burling	VXCC salary April	735.66
Cube Lighting	VXCC electrical works	468.00

185d The following had been purchased with the debit card:

Wilko	Copier paper	4.80
Seaton	VXCC First Aid box	55.18
Tesco direct	VXCC – ink cartridges	23.00

185e The following had already been paid:

Scottish Power	Electricity OLC	7.00
Talktalk	Phone & broadband (31.3.17)	50.84
Talktalk	VXCC phone & broadband	56.34
Tesco Mobile	VXCC – mobile phone	7.50
British Gas	VXCC – gas bill	95.82

186. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Notifications of Application had been received:

186b - 17/00916 – 6 Grove Ave – 2-storey side extension with porch

186b - 17/00053 – 8 Norley Drive – single storey rear extension

187. CORRESPONDENCE & EMAILS RECEIVED

Caldy Valley Centre – agenda and minutes for JMC meeting
BDO – notice of annual audit - set for 24 th July 2017
Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society – Invitation to AGM 19 th April at 7.30pm
NALC – Local Council Review
Local Boundary Review Commission for England – invitation to comments on the electoral review of Chester West & Chester – warding arrangements
Canal & River Trust
Morrall Play – play inspection reports March 2017
CW&C Council – Notification of proposal to reduce number of ward councillors Offer to meet up re Special Expenses

188. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

188a	Discussed that Comms and Events Subgroup needs a Chair and for Cllrs who are interested to consider this. There will be an emergency meeting for this subgroup on Wednesday (12/04/17).
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The next meeting is to be held on Monday 15th May 2017 at United Reformed Church, Oldfield Drive, Vicars Cross, Chester, commencing at 7.30pm.