



MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2017 AT UNITED REFORM CHURCHM OLDFIELD DRIVE, VICARS CROSS.

Present:

Cllrs	Keith Scargill (Chair)	Peter Bulmer
	Krissie Myler	John Salt
	Andrew Pannell	John Griffiths
	Martin Whiteley	Sue Rigby
	Trevor Jones	Jo Evans
	Harry Cowley	Pauline Cox

In attendance:

Parish Clerk	Kath Lloyd
Andrea Thwaite	Democracy Programme Manager, CWaC
John Tacon	Frack Free Dee Representative

PART ONE

270. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from PCSO Neil Denby (holiday), Parish Councillors Ian Huffer, Nigel Haslock and Andy Bayliss (work commitments) and CWaC Cllrs Keith Board & Pamela Hall.

271. Declarations of Interest

None declared at this stage of the meeting.

272. PCSO Denby Report

The Chair gave a summary of PCSO Denby's report which had previously been shared with Councillors.



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There were 24 incidents in the parish area between 14th Nov and 9th Dec, including a burglary on Boughton Hall drive and three incidents of anti-social behaviour. Following reports of anti-social behaviour on Queens Road, the wider beat management team from across Chester were alerted so that additional patrols were available to deter people acting in an anti-social manner. Businesses on Queens Road have also purchased anti vandal paint for the rear of the shops to prevent people climbing on railings used to cover the windows.

As soon as the 20 mph speed limit comes into effect in the Vicars Cross area, PCSO Denby will deploy the SID to identify problem areas and highlight the new speed limits to local residents.

273. Community Governance Review

Andrea Thwaite, Democracy Programme Manager, gave a presentation on potential parish council boundary adjustments following the 2015 governance review which identified the need for a further review of the unparished areas bordering Great Boughton Parish. Recent consultation with residents in unparished areas has revealed that although the majority of residents are happy with the current arrangements, there is some dissatisfaction in the Boughton area, around the Cherry Grove area. Andrea met with the Chair and Vice Chair and they have also raised an issue around the unparished area of Cawdor Drive/Kirkwood Close part of Vicars Cross. Ms Thwaite outlined the steps that would be followed if the Parish Council decided to consult on changes to the current boundaries to include unparished areas:

1. Do residents in the unparished areas want to join the parish?
2. Draft recommendations drawn up and consulted on
3. Final consultation document.

Ms Thwaite emphasised that CWaC would prepare the consultation documents and carry out the statutory part of the consultation but that the Parish Council would need to carry out additional public relations work with the communities to explain their role. Other Parish Councils have held public meetings, produced marketing materials (newsletters etc) and carried out door knocking exercises to engage residents. If the Parish council does wish to move forward with the proposal, the consultation process needs to start in Feb 2018 in order to meet the regulatory requirements for the election in May 2019.

There was a discussion about the potential impact of the Parish Council becoming larger and eligible for an additional councillor and it was felt that some clarity was needed on the population numbers of the proposed "new" areas and where the



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boundaries might be drawn. **RESOLVED:** that a small group of Cllrs meet with Ms Thwaite to study maps and agree a way forward to bring to the next Parish Council meeting on 22nd January.

274. Fracking Presentation

Mr John Tacon gave a presentation on the potential local impact of fracking, supported by Colin Watson from Frack Free Dee. Mr Tacon worked for the Environment Agency for 20 years and was involved in monitoring and reporting on water quality and raised a number of concerns about the process of fracking and referred the Council to handouts and information that had been previously circulated. There was a discussion about how the Council wished to move forward and Cllr Salt expressed a view that the Council should hear from the gas companies involved in the promotion of fracking. **RESOLVED:** that the Council adopt Mr Tacon's suggestion that a decision be deferred and delegated further investigation and consideration to the Planning Sub Group. Proposed by Cllr Pannell and seconded by Cllr Salt.

275. Open Forum

No issues raised by the public

276. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were approved as accurate:

Parish Council meeting on Monday 20th November
Finance Sub Group on 27th Nov and 4th Dec
Vicars Cross Community Centre Sub Group on 27th Nov
Caldy Valley Sub Group on 27th Nov
Planning Sub Group on 30th Nov
Centurion Sub Group on 7th Dec

277. Matters arising and action points from the minutes above:

The Chair asked Council to defer matters arising and action points from the meetings listed above to the January meeting due to time issues at this meeting. **RESOLVED:** Council will consider actions and matters arising at meeting on 22nd January 2018.



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278. Update on Play Areas

A summary report on the recent review of the play areas had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Evans gave a verbal report on the discussions from the working party that had been formed to consider next steps for each of the four play areas in the Parish Council's control. South Ward resident Julie Allen had joined Cllrs Bayliss and Evans and the Clerk in a discussion on the best use of remaining Council funds to improve the play areas. The working party's proposals will be taken to the next Finance meeting on Monday 18th Dec for consideration.

The Clerk and Cllr Evans had carried out a site meeting with John Seiler, the Projects Manager from CWaC to clarify actions needed following the recent successful WREN funding bid. The work is estimated to start around April, if John can obtain quotes for equipment and complete the tendering process for installation. An opening event could be planned for May/June 2018.

279. Clerk's Report (Appendix A)

The Clerk presented her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting and highlighted:

1. The residents from Heath Lane who had attended the meeting on 20th Nov asking for support to oppose the application for the removal of a Tree Preservation Order to enable the removal of a line of mature beech trees, had contacted the Clerk and thanked the Council for their support. The Planning Application has been refused.
2. The Clerk's report now contains details of recent payments made and outstanding and the Clerk asked that Cllrs continue to ask for any other additions to the report. In addition to the monthly Clerk's report, it has been suggested that a weekly update would be useful for Councillors, especially on matters related to local residents. **RESOLVED:** the Clerk to trial a weekly update email.

280. Planning Applications

The most recent planning applications were on display for the public and listed in the Clerk's Report and will be taken to the next Planning Sub Group meeting. There was a request that the Clerk include the Council's responses to each planning application alongside the decisions made so that our impact could be monitored. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to include in future reports.



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281. Information exchange

CLlr Bulmer observed that the latest CWaC Asset Review has been released and includes Great Boughton Library on Green Lane. There will be a public consultation meeting at the library on Monday 5th February between 10am – 1pm and Jane Makin from CWaC has been invited to the next Parish Council meeting in January. http://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations/draft_community_assets_framework_consultation for more details.

The next meeting is to be held on 22nd January 2018 at Caldby Valley Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm.