



MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT UNITED REFORM CHURCH, VICARS CROSS.

Present:

Cllrs	Keith Scargill (Chair)	Harry Cowley
	Krissie Myler	John Salt
	Peter Bulmer	Trevor Jones
	Martin Whiteley	Sue Rigby
	Ian Huffer	Andy Bayliss

In attendance:

Parish Clerk	Kath Lloyd
PCSO	Neil Denby
CWaC Ward Councillor	Keith Board

PART ONE

294. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Cllrs Pauline Cox, Nigel Haslock, Jo Evans, Andrew Pannell and CWaC Ward Councillor Pam Hall

295. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jones declared that he was part of the Centurion Community Action Group, Cllr Salt declared an pecuniary interest in the Fire Service.

296. PCSO Denby Report

PCSO Denby gave a summary of his report which had previously been shared with Councillors. He drew Council's notice to the fact that the 20mph signs are up in most of the area and he has already carried out monitoring on some local roads. Cllr Cowley noted that Caldby Valley Road is very congested at some times of the day and that at other times, traffic is speeding. PCSO Denby has already targeted Caldby



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Valley Road but assured Council that he would book another session with the SID for that road.

297. Open Forum

No issues raised.

298. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were approved as accurate:

Parish Council meeting on Monday 22nd January 2018
Finance Sub Group on Monday 29th January
Communication & Events Sub Group on Wed 7th February 2018
Open Spaces Sub Group on Monday 29th January 2018

299. Matters arising and action points from the minutes above

Parish Council meeting on Monday 22nd January 2018:

- i. Cllr Salt asked that a note be added to future minutes to remind Council that individual Cllrs were entitled to speak uninterrupted for up to three minutes on any topic. He had, on previous occasions, been interrupted when speaking on particular topics. The Chair reinforced the reminder and it will be included in future minutes.
- ii. Cllr Bulmer asked if there was any progress on the potential costs of reducing the 40mph speed limit on Vicars Cross Road. The Clerk is still awaiting a response from CWaC. **RESOLVED:** Clerk will persevere with the issue.
- iii. Cllr Scargill had attended the Drop in consultation session on the CWaC Community Asset Review in Great Boughton Library. The current consultation is to determine how the future consultation will be administered and will end on 25th February.

Finance Meeting on 29th January 2018:

- i. A request for funding towards a new youth provision from United Reform Church had been received and the Finance Sub Group proposed that the Parish Council contribute £304 as a one off grant. **RESOLVED:** that the Council contribute the funding towards the new group. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to CWaC and challenge the lack of youth provision in the area.



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Open Spaces Sub Group:

- i. Cllr Huffer expressed concerns that after the remaining hedge has been removed at Vaughan's Lane, the fence may look unsightly and need painting.
- ii. A concern was also raised about the visibility of the existing No dogs sign at Vaughan's Lane and a request that a sign be sited facing the road.
RESOLVED: that the sub group will consider both items at the next meeting.

Communications & Events Sub Group: Cllr Bulmer gave an overview of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

300. Community Governance Update

Cllr Bulmer attended a recent Cheshire West and Chester Council meeting where the proposal to include part of the unparished areas of Boughton and Vicars Cross was approved for public consultation and drew Council's attention to the relevant papers that had been circulated previously.

There was a general discussion about the map supplied and the need for all Councillors to be involved in the soft marketing part of the consultation which will be led by the Parish Council. There are three identified parts to the public consultation: a) soft marketing awareness and information sharing b) consultation on draft proposals c) consultation on final proposals. Cheshire West and Chester Council will lead on parts b) and c). Council Officer, Andrea Thwaite will support and advise on the details of the soft marketing exercise. Cllr Salt asked if there had been any work done on the analysis of potential precept income from the new areas and the impact on future levels of precept set. Cllr Bulmer agreed to revisit this level of detail and continue to update Council. It was also suggested that a working party to lead on this piece of work would be helpful – Cllrs Huffer and Bulmer volunteered.

301. Work Programme

The Clerk drew Council's attention to the Work Programme which had been previously circulated and asked Council to identify additional items to be included. Cllr Salt asked that the proposed traffic lights at Gorse Road be included and a defibrillator and potential use of the phone box on Caldys Valley road be included. There was also a request that increasing litter and fly tipping in the area be included. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to update Work Programme.

302. Clerk's Report (Appendix A)

The Clerk presented her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting and asked for feedback or comments. There has been recent positive communication



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with the Head Teacher at Bishops High School regarding litter outside his school gates and Cllr Salt observed that the school had a duty to include Citizenship in its curriculum and that this might be a useful inclusion in their programme.

303. Planning Applications

Planning applications that have been received during the last month were on display for inspection.

304. Information exchange

Cllr Salt reported that an overbearing row of conifer trees along the rear of houses along Marion Drive needed reducing. It is thought that the houses are owned by Sanctuary Housing. The Clerk will contact Sanctuary and report back to Council.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 19th March 2018 at Caldys Valley Centre commencing at 7.30pm.