



**MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017 AT BISHOPS HIGH SCHOOL, VAUGHANS LANE,
GREAT BOUGHTON**

Present:

Cllrs	Keith Scargill (Chair)	Peter Bulmer
	Krissie Myler	John Salt
	Ian Huffer	Andy Bayliss
	Andrew Pannell	John Griffiths
	Nigel Haslock	Sue Rigby
	Trevor Jones	Jo Evans
	Martin Whitely	

In attendance:

Parish Clerk	Kath Lloyd
Co-opted member of Communications & Events Sub group	John Tacon

PART ONE

259. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from PCSO Neil Denby, Parish Councillors Pauline Cox and Harry Cowley and CWaC Cllrs Keith Board & Pamela Hall.

260. Declarations of Interest

None declared at this stage of the meeting.

261. PCSO Denby Report

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

There were 28 reported incidents in the parish between 13th Oct and 14th Nov and the report gave a breakdown of these which included a number of thefts of fuel from Shell and



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Sainsbury's petrol stations and four minor road traffic incidents, although none which include injuries. There were a small number of reports of anti-social behaviour in the Queens Raod area including youths throwing stones at cars at the Shell petrol station, eggs being thrown at a property and reports of youths smashing bottles. The priority over the next month will be to focus on anti-social behaviour in the area and patrols have already increased to prevent any further escalation. **ACTION:** that the Clerk seek more details of additional patrols from PCSO Deny when he returns from holiday.

262. Open Forum.

A number of local residents attended the meeting to raise concerns about recent planning application 17/04688/TPO by Vivio Developments. Mr Gary Carlisle addressed the meeting on behalf of the residents and referred to a letter and photographs sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting which was shared with Councillors.

The group were seeking support from the Council for their opposition of the planning application which involves the felling of a number of lime trees in Heath Lane and Mr Carlisle gave a comprehensive overview of the reasons why the community feels so strongly about the issue. The Councillors were also given copies of a statement on a petition that has been created, listing the reasons for the opposition. Cllr Jones advised that individuals should be encouraged to submit single objections if possible as each letter or petition would be counted as one objection regardless of how many signatures were involved.

A discussion took place and the Council thanked the residents group for such a clear and informative summary. **RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council fully support the resident's view that the planning application should be opposed. **ACTION:** that the Clerk submit an objection on behalf of the Parish Council and request that the closing date (Thursday 23rd Nov) for objections be extended.

263. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 16th October were agreed as accurate. The minutes of the Finance Sub Group on 23rd, Communications & Events Sub Group on 30th October and October Vicars Cross Community Centre Sub Group on 30th Oct were agreed as accurate.

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

Parish Council meeting 16th October:



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Item 249 – the 20 mph speed limits signs are now being erected however, Cllr Griffiths reported that people are already ignoring them, particularly along Belgrave Road. **RESOLVED:** that the Council support the loan of a SID and consider additional signage in identified “hot spots”. **ACTION:** Clerk to discuss with PCSO Denby.

Communication and Events Sub Group: the Clerk circulated an information leaflet that she is piloting to support Councillors when they are talking to local residents. A report on the recent Healthy Living event was included in Appendix A – Clerk’s Report.

Finance Sub Group: The Council was asked to approve the following:

Request for funding - a letter has been received from a local teenager from South Ward who is fundraising for her trip to the Scout World Jamboree in 2019 – circulated to Council. She needs a total of £3000 and it was agreed that the Sub Group recommend to full Council that funding of 10% of the monies needed be contributed at a cost of £300. The parent has agreed for a press release and photo to be taken.

Installation of dog bin at Dulverton Ave - The Ward Plan includes the installation of a dog bin at Dulverton Avenue and CWaC are able to provide one for a one off payment of £204 and annual cost of servicing of £278.

The Council voted unanimously to approve both spends. **RESOLVED:** that the council should consider an application process with a criteria for funding requests. **ACTION:** Finance Sub Group to develop.

265. Update on Play Areas

Cllr Evans presented an update on the future plans for the play areas which had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Cllr Evans gave an overview of each of the four Parish Council managed play areas and detailed the funding available and a range of options and recommendations for the future. Cllr Evans also outlined other potential sites for play areas including Strawberry Fields, Whites Meadow and Pearl Lane but stressed that these were not under Parish Council management at this moment in time. There are also three other small play areas on the Holkham and Dryersfield which the Parish Council may wish to consider at a later date but these are currently managed by CWaC.

A recent WREN bid for funding of £48,760.00 to enhance and develop Thackeray Drive Play Area has been successful and will require match funding from the Parish Council of £5,241.70. Councillors were all keen to record their thanks to Cllr Evans for her hard work and perseverance in achieving the funding. There was a general discussion about how much each play area is used and how the remaining Council budget for play areas would be best used.



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Cllr Haslock congratulated Cllr Evans on her achievement and suggested that a review of each play area was needed to ensure that they are all viable and needed by the local community. Cllr Salt also congratulated Cllr Evans but was concerned that she had identified Whites Meadow as a potential future site for a play area without consultation with the local community who he felt would be resistant to such a development. Cllr Evans responded that the play specialist from CWaC had also identified the potential for a play area at Whites Meadow but agreed with Cllr Salt that there would need to be extensive local consultation and community involvement if any developments were to be considered in the future.

Cllr Salt also reminded Council that he was keen to see the precept spent in the South Ward as well as the North Ward and that he felt that funding was often shared unequally. Cllr Haslock stated that most of the larger and more valuable Council assets happened to be in the North Ward (community centre, football field etc) and therefore attracted more funding opportunities such as WREN and Sports England. Cllr Evans reiterated that earlier funding bids had been unsuccessful due to the perceived lack of community involvement and that if local residents didn't feel able to get involved, then it was difficult for the Parish Council to access additional funding. **RESOLVED:** that a small sub group be formed to review the future of the play areas and plan a development programme.

Cllr Evans also referred to an email from a local resident that the Clerk had received regarding the inner hedge at Vaughans Lane play area. Council were reminded that the outer hedge had recently been reduced to three feet by CWaC (funded by the Parish Council) and Cllr Evans agreed with the resident who was asking for the inner hedge to be similarly reduced along with the installation of a second gate.

RESOLVED:

1. The Council unanimously approved the acceptance of the WREN funding for Thackeray Drive play area.
2. The Council unanimously approved the payment of match funding of £5,000 to WREN.
3. Council deferred any decision regarding the inner hedge and second gate at Vaughans Lane to the Play Areas Sub Group to investigate and cost as part of the development plan to be brought back to Council.
4. That the Play Areas Sub Group develop a development plan with costings to present to the Finance Sub Group.

266. Work Programme

The Clerk presented the updated Work Programme which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The items are now RAG rated to easily demonstrate the progress made to date. Cllr Salt requested that potential adoption of the disused phone box on Caldly Valley Road be



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added to the Work Programme. **RESOLVED:** that the Council further consider potential uses for the phone box **ACTION:** Clerk to add to Work Programme.

267. Special Expenses

Cllr Bulmer presented a report on Special Expenses which had been circulated prior to the meeting, in relation to the potential development of three small play areas in the Parish. CWaC have provided a breakdown of the Special Expenses contribution to the play areas over the last two years which show a considerable drop in the amount of funding available. **RESOLVED:** that the Council agree that management of the three play areas in Dryersfield and the Holham should remain with CWaC at this time and be reviewed in Nov 2018.

268. Clerk's Report - See Appendix A.

269. Information exchange

1. The Clerk had been asked by Cllr Cox to alert the Council to a number of recent comments on the local residents' facebook page regarding the new LED street lighting. The feedback from CWaC reads *"More than 24,000 lamps will be upgraded during a £5.1 million programme of work scheduled to be completed in September 2018. Lighting in residential areas will be changed from sodium lamps to more energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) lights across the borough. It is hoped the new LED lights will achieve savings of around 40% on our energy consumption. Also most current lamps in the borough have a guaranteed life of three years. The LED technology we are using has manufacturers' warranties for 12 years and could last as long as 20 years."* There are reports that some roads seem very dark and one in particular, Shed Lane, is potentially dangerously unlit. No direct complaint has been submitted to the Council but the Clerk will investigate the ownership of Shed Lane as it may be an un-adopted road owned by British Rail. **ACTION:** item on next meeting's agenda.

2. There are on-going concerns about the planned developments at Christleton Hall (Law College site) involving the building of 60 new homes. Similar concerns were raised about the building of a new care home at Boughton Hall, particularly in light of additional traffic at the Sainsbury's roundabout. **RESOLVED:** that the Council objects to both schemes. **ACTION:** Cllr Pannell will draft a response to the Christleton Hall application and the Clerk will add it to the agenda for the next Planning Sub Group meeting.



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3. Mr John Tacon distributed information on fracking in preparation for his presentation at the next meeting. **RESOLVED:** that Councillors read the information and prepare questions for Mr Tacon.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 11th December 2017 at the United Reform Church, Oldfield Drive, Vicars Cross commencing at 7.30pm. All Councillors are invited to join the Chair for drinks and mince pies at the Centurion Community Pub after the meeting.



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APPENDIX A 16th October 2017

1. Summary of Actions from Parish Council meeting 4th Sept 2017

Item no.	Action	Progress made
239	Clerk to seek update from CWaC re Vaughan's Lane hedge	CWaC have confirmed that local consultation has finished and that work can now go ahead. Contractors (Pen y Castell Coppice) will start work on Monday 23 rd Oct.
240	Clerk to circulate date of meeting of Centurion Sub-group.	Meeting took place on Tuesday 10 th Oct – further dates in diary.
240	Clerk to contact Ashton Hayes Parish Council re their proposed purchase of local pub.	Clerk has contacted Kirsty Lowe, Ashton Hayes Parish Clerk and will continue to liaise.
243	Clerk to process changes to National Saving Investment account signatories.	Posted to NSI 6 th Oct 2017
246	Clerk to contact Huntington Parish Council re proposal for traffic lights at the junction of Gorse Way and Chester Road.	Louise Gibson from Huntington Parish Council reports that it is on the agenda for Parish Council on 16 th Oct and under discussion with the developers and CWaC.
246	Clerk to contact CWaC and Christleton Parish Council for information re. A41 sink hole	Contacted both – CWaC shared briefing paper. Work expected to be complete by 13 th Oct.

1. Report from Clerk

Item	Information	Action needed/taken
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1.Accounts	<p>Bank Balances 16/10/2017 Parish Council Nat West Bank £37792.47 Josh's Project £11054.90 National Savings Account £50,474.27</p> <p>Vicars Cross Community Centre 26/08/17 – 08/10/17</p> <p>Income from lettings during this period £2880.14</p> <p>Expenditure during period £2335.76</p> <p>Bank balance 08/10/17</p> <p>£28,377.77</p>	To note .
2.Planning Applications	<p>17/04207/FUL 9 Regents Close Infill under existing canopy to increase footprint of the garage and single storey extension to side of property. Loft conversion and installation of rear dormer and roof lights.</p> <p>17/03294/FUL 29 Strawberry Fields Erection of decking on sloping land. Replacing existing decking (Retrospective)</p> <p><i>The following planning applications were considered by the Planning sub-group on 28th Sept</i></p> <p>17/04048/FUL Peacehaven 8 Dee Banks Road Extensions, remodelling & extensions – no objection</p> <p>17/03747/FUL 53 Vicars Cross Road Modifications to roof – no objection.</p>	



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	<p>17/04049/FUL 10 Sutherland Way Single storey extension – no objection</p> <p>17/03955/FUL 57 Dee Banks Road First floor side extension, single storey side and single storey rear extension – no objection</p> <p>17/03864/FUL 18 Buckingham Ave Two storey side extension - Great Boughton Parish Council does not support this application. The proposed plans do not allow any rear access to the property and will change the street scene by presenting a terraced effect. The Council suggests that the scale of the plans are reduced to minimise both issues.</p> <p>17/03814/FUL 36 Adder Hill First Floor extension to side, single storey extension to rear and alterations – no objection</p> <p>17/03842/TPO 5 Cedar Park Remove and replace tree due fungal infection – no objection</p> <p>17/03798/FUL 4 Swinleys Hey Double storey side extension, single storey rear extension and internal alterations – no objection</p> <p>17/03218/FUL 44 Rosslyn Road Single storey side and rear extension - Great Boughton Parish Council does not support this application. The proposed plans do not allow any rear access to the property and will change the street scene by presenting a terraced effect.</p>		
3. Planning Decisions	<p>16/00155/FUL 87 Heath Lane Variation of condition 2 on Planning Application APPROVED</p> <p>17/03253/FUL River Garden Sandy Lane Replacement of summer house – APPROVED</p>		
4. Communication	Complaint about overgrown trees on Barkhill Road and bordering Queens Road Field.	Reported to Highways No 4798583 Work agreed by Parish Council contractor (Countrywide) to trim trees on Queens Road Field.	Public trust and improved local environment.
	Complaint about reduced access to Queens Road Field due to gates being locked – request for Council to review decision to lock gates.	Regular gate locker unwell and late unlocking on one occasion. Review of locking procedures on Agenda 16/10/17	



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	Complaint about parking issues at VXCC on Sunday 1 st Oct.	Strategy put in place to identify times of potential parking issues, liaising with Scouts, VXCC and Dynamos to minimise problem.	
	Complaint from resident re: litter and lack of Parish Council presence	Clerk visited resident, local Cllrs informed and plans being formulated to improve environment. Initial additional litter picking carried out.	
	Complaint about amount of dog fouling along pavement between Waitrose and Melrose Ave.	Reported to CWaC 02/10/17	
	Letter from URC re parking issues at Green Lane car park	Clerk discussed with PCSO Denby, users of groups at church advised that Centurion car park is available. PCSO Denby to monitor situation at peak times.	
	Thank you card from GBIB attendee	Shared with Council.	
6.Operational information	21/09/17 Clerk attended SLCC Regional Conference 03/10/17 Clerk and Chair attended ChALC Parish Forum 05/10/17 Great Boughton in Bloom – 38 attendees 06/10/17 Ward Planning meeting – Cllrs Broad & Hall, Cllrs Bulmer & Scargill, Sgt Andrew Davies. Healthy Living Fair – booked at Boughton Heath Primary School 2 – 4pm on Saturday 11 th Nov.	To note	
7. Sub-groups	Current membership of sub-groups:		
	Communications & Events	Peter Bulmer (acting Chair) Sue Rigby, Jo Evans, John Tacon (co-opted), Pauline Cox, Andy Bayliss.	



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	Planning	Andrew Pannell (Chair), Martin Whitely, Harry Cowley, Ian Huffer
	Caldy Valley JMC	Martin Whitely (Chair), John Griffiths, Ian Huffer, Nigel Haslock
	Vicars Cross Community Centre	Peter Bulmer (Chair), Trevor Jones, Nigel Haslock, Krissie Myler,
	Finance	Peter Bulmer (Chair), Martin Whitely, Andrew Pannell,
	Centurion	Pauline Cox (Chair) , Ian Huffer, Peter Bulmer, Trevor Jones.
	** Chairman and Vice Chairman of the parish council can sit on any sub-group	