

Clerk to the Council: Kath Lloyd, Parish Council Office, Vicars Cross Community Centre, Thackeray Drive, Vicars cross, Chester CH3 5LP

MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2019 AT THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH, GREEN LANE, VICARS CROSS

PART ONE

394	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer (Chair), Pauline Cox, John Griffiths, Ian Huffer, Trevor Jones, Krissie Myler, Andrew Pannell, Sue Rigby, John Salt,</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs Andy Bayliss, Jo Evans, Nigel Haslock, Keith Scargill, Martin Whiteley</p> <p>In attendance: CWaC Cllr Keith Board, Kath Lloyd (Clerk),</p>
395	<p>Declaration of Interest: None declared</p>
396	<p>PCSO George Report: The Council accepted PCSO George's apologies as her shifts only allow for her to attend on a quarterly basis. Council received a report from PCSO George which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that parking issues continue to be a local priority and the Clerk was asked to check with PCSO George if stolen registration plates had been used elsewhere. <i>PCSO George reported after the meeting that there was no record of any stolen number plates being re-used at this time.</i></p>
397	<p>Open Forum: A number of residents attended and raised the following concerns over the future of the land to the south of Caldly Valley Church and Neighbourhood Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There was originally a pond and newts on the land and if any newts are still on site, the council would need to consider conservation issues. There are also potential tree protection orders that will need consideration. <i>The council responded that although the pond had dried up, an environmental survey would be conducted before any disposal of the land.</i> b) There are a number of venues accessing the road (shops, pub, church etc) and the pollution and traffic congestion is already at an undesirable level. It was suggested that the council was always keen to make money rather than provide green areas and parks and the recent development at Saighton Camp was given as an example. <i>The council responded that the parish council had not been involved with the recent developments and the difference between the parish council and borough council was clarified.</i> c) A resident queried how the consultation had been advertised as many residents seemed to be unaware of it. <i>The council responded that it had been posted on all parish council notice boards, there had been publicity displays at Great Boughton Library, Caldly Valley Neighbourhood Centre and Vicars Cross</i>

	<p><i>Community Centre. It was also published in the Huntington and Boughton Handbooks and Vicars Cross Voice which is delivered to every household and the local Standard newspaper had run an item on it. The council felt that all reasonable efforts had been made with limited resources.</i></p>
<p>398</p>	<p>Public Consultation on the future of the land to the South of Caldy Valley Church & Neighbourhood Centre: The Working Party tasked with reporting back to the council reported the following – <i>"the feedback from the public consultation demonstrates that the majority of residents who responded do not wish the land to be sold. Furthermore, residents have raised significant concerns about the existing traffic issues in the area. Therefore, the working party recommends that the traffic issue needs to be a priority for the parish council before any sale of the land can be considered."</i></p> <p>There was a lengthy debate raising the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Salt observed that the consultation failed to capture the postcodes of those who responded • It was noted that the council had obligations to local community settings and centres and that a future sale to a less controversial vendor should not be ruled out • The parish council has limited powers over the traffic and highway issues and although it can influence other agencies, the constraints should be recognised • There are a number of issues that the parish council feel that Cheshire West and Chester Council have failed to address eg. the potential for traffic lights on Gorse Way however, the parish council have also failed to exert sufficient pressure on the principle authority to date • It was also noted that although the 20mph speed limits have been implemented in parts of the parish, areas of Boughton Heath are not scheduled to be included until later in the year • It was noted that the majority of those who responded had been against the sale of the land and that the parish council should therefore listen to this response and agree not to dispose of the land at this stage. • Cllr Salt stated that he felt that the parish council should send a clear message to future parish councils about the future of the land <p>A number of alternative recommendations were discussed, including the option of splitting the recommendation into two parts, one addressing the traffic issues and the other addressing the future of the land.</p> <p>Cllr Salt proposed the recommendation from the Working Party: <i>that the traffic issue needs to be a priority for the parish council before any sale of the land can be considered</i> and it was seconded by Cllr Pauline Cox. The motion was voted on: For the recommendation: 3 Against the recommendation: 4 There were 2 abstentions</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Working Party reconvene to consider the points raised and report back to the February Council meeting.</p>
	<p>Minutes and matters arising: The minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2018 were agreed as accurate and there were no matters arising.</p>

<p>399</p>	<p>Minutes and Recommendations from Sub Groups: the minutes from the following sub group meetings, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as accurate:</p> <p>Open Spaces Sub Group: 14th January 2019 Cllr Bulmer gave an overview of the minutes which had been circulated prior to the meeting. APPROVED: that the Maintenance Officer complete the RP11 Level 2 qualification provided by RoSPA (the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) at a cost of £680 + VAT. NOTE: following the meeting, the Clerk discussed the training with the Maintenance Officer and agreed that the RP11 Level 1 training would be sufficient at a cost of £370.</p> <p>Vicars Cross Community Centre: 15th January 2019 Cllr Jones gave an overview of the minutes which had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Communications and Events Sub Group: 16th January 2019 Cllr Cox gave an overview of the minutes which had been circulated prior to the meeting and described planned changes to the structure of Great Boughton in Bloom in order to engage the wider community. Cllr Salt suggested that winners be invited to be the following year's judges and that maybe there could be different categories for Spring/Summer gardens.</p> <p>Finance: Thursday 17th January 2019 Cllr Bulmer gave an overview of the minutes which had been circulated prior to the meeting. APPROVED: that the Vicars Cross Community Centre pays the invoice for £2,657.21 from the newly combined PRS/PPL to allow music to be played in the centre.</p> <p>Planning Sub Group: No applications received in January.</p>
<p>400</p>	<p>Setting of the precept for 2019 - 2020: Cllr Bulmer reported that the sub group had considered the options and the 3 year budget plan and the Precept Briefing Paper circulated to council at the December 2018 parish council meeting. It was noted that the £5,500 held in reserves to meet the costs of an election would be used next year and need to be replenished. APPROVED: that the parish council request a precept of £72,000 for the year 2019/20 passed by 8 votes for and 1 against.</p>
<p>401</p>	<p>Clerks Report: The council accepted Appendix A, circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
<p>402</p>	<p>Planning Applications: A recent planning decision was available for inspection.</p>
<p>403</p>	<p>Information Exchange: the Open Spaces Sub Group are developing a policy for the use of Drones over parish council land which will be presented to council at the next meeting.</p>

PART TWO CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Part Two items are confidential and are defined by the Information Commissioner's Office as containing personal information, information obtained in confidence and/or sensitive commercial interests). More information is contained in the Good Clerk's Handbook NALC 2017.

<http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/801-good-councillors-guide/file>

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405	<p>Declarations of interest: None declared</p>
406	<p>Items from Sub Groups: James Town from James Richard Circus has contacted the council about the potential of holding the circus on the Thackeray Drive field from 16th – 23rd June 2019. On Monday 7th Jan, Cllr Bulmer and Jones and the Clerk met with James Town and a colleague on site to discuss the idea in detail. The circus has a low ticket price and try to visit smaller towns or boroughs away from the areas that the larger circus' would normally go to. The council has been supplied with a reference from Catterall Parish Council which is a small parish next to Garstang in Lancashire. APPROVED: that the council work with the circus, local residents and other local groups to enable the hosting of the circus.</p> <p>NOTE: this item was recorded as Part Two so that discussions could take place with residents, the Scout Group and VX Dynamos before it becomes public knowledge. It will be reported publicly at the next council meeting.</p>
407	<p>Correspondence: none received</p>

APPENDIX A 21st January 2019

1. Summary of Actions from Parish Council meeting 17th December 2018

Item no.	Action	Progress made
	No outstanding actions	

2. Report from Clerk

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	<p>National Savings Account £ 35659.74 Bank balance £5,972.58</p> <p>The following payments and receipts of over £100 have been made since 17th December 2018 (Bank statements are available on request from the Clerk)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="395 360 1453 801"> <tr> <td>21 Dec 2018</td> <td>CHQ</td> <td>003794</td> <td>-</td> <td>110.02</td> <td>£37,129.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 Jan 2019</td> <td>OTR</td> <td>SHIRES ACCOUNTANCY, JAN PAYROLL</td> <td>-</td> <td>3,073.09</td> <td>£33,874.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 Jan 2019</td> <td>OTR</td> <td>SARAH TYSON , GBPC JAN19 , VIA ONLINE - PYMT</td> <td>-</td> <td>168.00</td> <td>£33,699.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 Jan 2019</td> <td>OTR</td> <td>FRANK AUTY</td> <td>-</td> <td>238.75</td> <td>£33,319.20</td> </tr> </table>	21 Dec 2018	CHQ	003794	-	110.02	£37,129.95	9 Jan 2019	OTR	SHIRES ACCOUNTANCY, JAN PAYROLL	-	3,073.09	£33,874.67	14 Jan 2019	OTR	SARAH TYSON , GBPC JAN19 , VIA ONLINE - PYMT	-	168.00	£33,699.67	18 Jan 2019	OTR	FRANK AUTY	-	238.75	£33,319.20
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3. Planning Decisions	18/04514/FUL 134 Oldfield Drive External alteration - to provide a first floor window in the side elevation of the dwelling APPROVED																								
4. Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint received from a resident in Whites Meadow about the amount of litter along Whites Meadow and Caldly Valley Road. Reported and meeting CWsC Officer on site 22/1/19 • Complaint received from a resident in Whites Meadow about an outstanding advertising billboard – Maintenance Officer removed it. • Email request from new Clerk at Guilden Sutton for information on defibrillators • Email request from member of JMC for the purchase of fencing to replace burnt fence adjacent to play area. Maintenance Officer to purchase and deliver, community payback team to erect. • Complaint received about unsafe tree in Whites Meadow. Reported and CWaC Tree Officer is attending. • Complaint received from a resident of Cawdor Drive about vans parking inconsiderately – contacted the manager at Tweedsmuir who reports that they are having a complete refurbishment hence the number of vans. She will speak to contractors and I have responded to resident. 																								
6.Operational information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The carol singing event at Old Laundry Corner went well and the hot drinks proved particularly popular on the coldest night of the year. Thanks to all parish councillors who attended. • Toni Abram has offered more sunflower seeds to raise awareness of Centronuclear and Myotubular Myopathy • The outstanding public defibrillator has been accepted by the Premier Inn on Caldly Valley Road who are arranging installation. The NW Ambulance Service has been informed and are liaising to offer free training to staff and a photo and press release will follow installation. 																								

