



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 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JULY 2019 AT UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, GREEN LANE, VICARS CROSS, CHESTER

PART ONE

459	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Steve Collings, Pauline Cox, Jo Evans, Amanda Miller, Krissie Myler, Rick Nieto, Mark Pearson, Sue Rigby, John Salt, Keith Scargill</p> <p>Apologies: Received from Cllrs John Griffiths (family commitments) Ian Huffer (work commitments) and Martin Whiteley (family commitments) were accepted. PCSO Beth George also sent apologies due to shift patterns and CWaC Ward Cllr Keith Board sent apologies due to Ward commitments. In attendance: Jodie Ronan, Vicars Cross Community Centre Manager and Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
460	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Scargill updated his Declaration of Interest record to show membership of the Joint Management Committee of Caldly Valley Neighbourhood Centre. No other interests were declared.</p>
461	<p>PCSO George Report: The report from PCSO Beth George had been previously circulated and was accepted. Cllr Pearson noted that he has reported an incident of fly tipping in Shed Lane to CWaC recently.</p>
462	<p>Minutes and matters arising: The minutes of the last parish council meeting on 17th June 2019 were approved as a true record and matters arising were addressed in the Clerk's Report – Item 10.</p>
463	<p>Vicars Cross Community Centre: Jodie Ronan, Vicars Cross Community Centre Manager, gave a presentation, giving a snapshot of the activities, building improvements over the last year and looking forward to the next year. The council thanked Jodie and she left the meeting at this point.</p>  <p>VXCC - Update July 2019 v1 (1).pptx</p>
464	<p>Traffic & Transport: Cllr Salt gave a verbal summary of the action plan created by the sub group, which had been circulated prior to the meeting and reported that the planned meeting with Huntington Parish Council will now take place on 23rd Sept. Cllr Salt urged councillors who had not yet responded to the action plan, to let the Clerk have their comments as soon as possible. Kay Parry, Senior Engineer CWaC, has been invited to the Traffic Sub Group meeting on 4th Sept and the group is keen to share concerns with her.</p>

465	<p>James Richard Circus: the council received and noted a report on the James Richard Circus which had been circulate prior to the meeting. RESOLVED: to accept the proposal that the parish council actively encourage negotiations with James Richard Circus with a view to hosting the event on an annual basis.</p>  <p>Final Report - Circus 2019.doc</p>
466	<p>Council Sub-Groups: the minutes of the following sub group meetings, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were discussed:</p> <p>Open Spaces – Cllr Rigby highlighted that the sub group are investigating new signage around the parish, including some history signs. The group has been asked to consider bio-diversity and the incredible edibles initiative https://www.incredibleedible.org.uk/ by a local resident who will attend the next meeting on 19th Aug to discuss.</p> <p>Vicars Cross Community Centre – Cllr Myler observed that the community centre is busier than ever and is providing a wide range of services.</p> <p>Finance – Cllr Scargill gave a verbal summary and an overview of the accounts at the end of the financial year 2018/19. It was proposed that there be a review of the historical allowances paid to councillors and it was agreed that a policy be brought to the next meeting for adoption.</p>

467	<p>Report from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors: Cllr Collings gave a verbal report, including items from Cllr Board –</p> <p>Caldy Valley Nature Park car park, to be resurfaced, week starting 5th Aug, duration 3 days.</p> <p>A51 highway improvements around Stamford Bridge junction, to take place over the summer.</p> <p>Beechgrove Nursery Planning, the appeal has been upheld on the basis that the need for this type of specialist accommodation and the lack of similar sites suitable for this development, outweighs the harm to the Green Belt even though there is no requirement for this service, at this time i.e. it is not in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Dee House Amphitheatre Working Group - update, They have made their presentation on the facts surrounding this project, which can be seen on a CWAC video link. They are now working on their report titled 'Future ways of using the site'.</p> <p>As a special treat this summer, the Council and Debenhams Chester have joined together to offer customers a whopping 20% off their food and drink bills when they travel into the city using Park and Ride. All you have to do is show your P&P ticket.</p> <p>20mph update – Cllr Collings will email to the Clerk to circulate</p> <p>Cllr Collings recommended that all councillors visit the Cheshire Association of Local Council's website</p>
	<p>https://www.chalc.org.uk/ and the Clerk was asked to circulate the log in details.</p>
468	<p>Clerk's report: the Clerk's Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting, was accepted.</p>
469	<p>Vacancy for Parish Councillor: this item was deferred to Part Two until the applicants had been informed the day after the meeting. The Finance Sub Group had considered three 100 word applications and recommended that the council co-opt Sara Evans to become a councillor.</p> <p>RESOLVED (proposed by Cllr Bulmer, seconded by Cllr Scargill) that the council approve the appointment of Sara Evans, who has extensive experience of multi-agency working, and working within the voluntary sector in outcome driven, not for profit activities.</p> <p>RESOLVED (proposed by Cllr Bulmer, seconded by Cllr Cox) it was also agreed that due to the exceptionally strong applications, the Chair and Vice Chair would ask to meet with the other two applicants and encourage them to be involved in other ways.</p>
470	<p>Open Forum: It was noted that the Open Forum item had moved to be near the end of the meeting and a resident asked for it to be tabled earlier in the meeting in the future. Q: The play area in Melrose Park is full of nettles and overgrown.</p> <p>A: Clerk will report to CWaC</p> <p>Q: What are the small black boxes on some lamp posts that have appeared recently? A: Traffic monitoring placed by CWaC to monitor the speed and volume of traffic</p>

471	<p>Planning Applications: The following planning applications were available for the public and will be considered for responses at the Planning Sub Group on Monday 29th July.</p> <p>19/02244/FUL 4 Law Gardens - single storey extension 19/02306/FUL 9 Manor Drive – Two storey side and rear extension 19/02251/FUL 12 Melrose Ave – Loft conversion and two new dormer windows 19/02609/FUL 13 Moorcroft Ave – Single storey side and rear extension 19/02655/FUL 7 Kirkwood Close – single storey rear and two storey side extension</p> <p>The following planning decisions have been made: 19/01718/FUL 9 Norley Drive – proposed rear extension APPROVED</p>
472	<p>Information exchange:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Person reported that he had started working on a wild flower border at the vehicular access to Queens Road Field. • Cllr Collings is visiting Caldly Valley Neighbourhood Centre to assist them to promote their community garden • Cllr Cox is now on the Governing Body of Oldfield Primary School in Green Lane

Signed.....CHAIR

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