

## Open Spaces Sub Group Meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Vicars Cross Community Centre

### MINUTES

#### PART ONE

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Sara Evans, Sue Rigby, Keith Scargill and co-opted member Frank Auty  <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Jo Evans  <b>In attendance:</b> Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Declarations of interest:</b> Cllr Rigby has joined the Boughton Heath Allotments Association and will add this to her DOI.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:</b> the minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept were agreed as accurate and the Clerk gave a verbal update on recent communications with allotment holders.  The Clerk has met with the allotment holder who had asked for the willow at the bottom of his plot to be reduced and explained that permission would be needed from the Canal &amp; River Trust.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to write to the Canal &amp; River Trust</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Parish Plan:</b> priorities were discussed and an action plan produced (see attached)</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Caldy Valley Planning:</b> The Clerk has received seven responses from her email to the local community group (around 180 email addresses) asking for ideas and members for a Friends of Caldly Valley Meadow. Six of these are positive and a meeting date will be arranged in the near future. In the meantime, the Vivio Green Team from CWaC have met with Cllr Bulmer and are starting to clear the blackthorn at the site and Countrywide (parish council grounds maintenance contractors) are going to send a quote to install a footpath. <b>RESOLVED:</b> a bulb planting session will be held at Caldly Valley Meadow on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec between 10 – 12noon, Cllr Bulmer will purchase the bulbs and the Clerk will publicise.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Play areas:</b> to receive a verbal report on the improvements at Vaughans Lane and consider recent inspections and any resulting actions taken/needed.  The Clerk shared the quotes that have been received from contractors to carry out the improvement works at Vaughans Lane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Groundworks NW £13,858 + VAT</li> <li>- Play &amp; Leisure £16,840 + VAT</li> <li>- Playquest £16,472 + VAT</li> </ul> <p>The parish council on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept authorised a spend of upto £15,000 meaning that Groundworks NW will be given the contract. In addition, Groundworks NW are keen to dismantle the roundabout and fit new bearings which would mean an additional piece of play equipment, however, it would mean siting the new cantilever swing in a different place to planned. The Sub Group agreed that they would prefer to keep the roundabout if it can be repaired. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to discuss new position of cantilever swing with Cllr Jo Evans</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> the Clerk continues to receive a number of complaints about overgrown trees/hedges and weeds but only one this month regarding parish council property. A local resident complained that her son had hurt his hands on the monkey bars at Vaughans Lane, the Clerk responded and the Maintenance Officer removed the play equipment the same day. The resident has complemented the parish council on the speed that action was taken and the case is now closed.
<b>8</b>	<b>Date and Time of next meeting:</b> Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm
<b>9</b>	<b>Information exchange:</b> there have been reports of an unauthorised traveller camp at the Boughton Heath Park and Ride and on the car park at the Caldys Valley retain park (outside B & M). The Clerk has asked the Traveller Team from CWaC for advice on how to prevent/address any similar issues on parish council land.

<b>Theme: Thriving Communities</b>				
	<b>What will success look like?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>How?</b>	<b>When?</b>
C	1.A wide range of social activities that meet the needs of the community	1.6 Maintain and improve the quality and availability of the Pearl Lane allotments for the use of local residents and the promotion of healthy eating campaigns		
	2.A pleasant and sustainable environment for all	2.1 Identify 'beauty spots' 2.2 Organise community impact days to improve biodiversity – i.e. wildflower meadow planting 2.3 Undertake a land ownership mapping exercise (CWAC, Highways Agency England and other) 2.4 Produce ideas for environmental enhancements 2.5 Developing and supporting Friends of Groups Eg. Queens Road, Caldy Valley Meadow and others. 2.6 Introduce "mile markers" to encourage local residents to walk or cycle 2.7 Work with the library service to support the regular provision of history walks in the parish	SE & Clerk to run social media promotions to identify beauty spots and areas that need impact days  Andrew Redfern CWaC is undertaking mapping exercise  First meeting to be called of Caldy Valley Meadow Friends group  PB & Clerk to meet with Elizabeth Bentley from library to tie in mile markers with history walks	Before end of 2019
<b>Theme: Thriving Residents</b>				
E	1.Great Boughton will be a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for vulnerable adults and young children to live	1.5 Ensure good quality and varied play & recreational facilities for all ages	Rolling programme of inspection, repair and improvement of play areas:  Thackeray Drive – June 2018  Vaughans Lane – Nov 2019  Queens Rd Field – July 2020  Caldy Valley – new swings installed	Routine inspections on monthly basis.  Statutory RoSPA Annual inspection Sept each year

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