

## Planning Sub Group Meeting

Minutes of meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6pm at Vicars Cross Community Centre

1	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Amanda Miller, Sue Rigby and Keith Scargill, co-opted members Andrew Pannell &amp; Helen Johnson</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Peter Bulmer</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> John Tacon and Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
2	<p><b>Declarations of interest:</b> no declarations were made</p>
3	<p><b>Environmental priorities:</b> John Tacon gave a verbal presentation on the two topics, expanding on information which had been sent out prior to the meeting and sub group members were able to ask questions and discuss the potential issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consider, debate and recommend next steps for the council following the recent declaration of a "Climate Emergency" by Cheshire West and Chester Council.</li> </ol> <p>The sub group notes: That the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.</p> <p>that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council are currently asking for input from local residents and community groups to how the Council can respond to the Climate Emergency in order to support the achievement of carbon neutrality by 2045, or ideally by 2030. Sub Group members felt that Great Boughton Parish Council should respond and encouraged group members to respond as individuals as well.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/the-climate-emergency/the-climate-emergency.aspx?utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=govdelivery">https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/the-climate-emergency/the-climate-emergency.aspx?utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=govdelivery</a></p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b> that Great Boughton Parish Council become the first parish council* in Cheshire West to declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action. The council thereby commits to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030;</li> <li>2. Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030;</li> <li>3. Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;</li> <li>4. Task the Planning Sub Group to understand and plan for the implications, risks and new opportunities for the parish presented by climate change and report back to council on a</li> </ol>

regular basis.

\*[https://www.campaigncc.org/councils\\_climate\\_emergency](https://www.campaigncc.org/councils_climate_emergency)

2. To review the Statement of Effect made by the council in January 2018 and consider if it needs to be strengthened.

The following statement was adopted by the parish council in January 2018;

**STATEMENT OF EFFECT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR UNCONVENTIONAL GAS EXTRACTION**

*Great Boughton Parish Council recognises that sufficient legislation exists and appears to be sufficient to meet the technical needs of any applications for permission to frack in the area. However, the Council has the following concerns about the process:*

- a) *We note that there are uncertainties about the environmental impact of this type of extraction and would seek reassurance when considering individual schemes*
- b) *We further note that our parish area is largely residential and green belt and would be reluctant to allow any industrial developments in or nearby with the associated traffic and pollution.*
- c) *If and when the Council receives notice of an application to extract gas, a full public consultation will be carried out with local residents in order to ensure that their views are comprehensively represented by the Parish Council.*

**PROPOSED:** that the statement be amended as follows and adopted by the full council on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:

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*Great Boughton Parish Council recognises that sufficient legislation exists and appears to be sufficient to meet the technical needs of any applications for permission to frack in the area. However, the Council has the following concerns about the process:*

- d) *We note that there are **proven concerns** about the environmental impact of this type of extraction and would seek reassurance when considering individual schemes*
- e) *We further note that our parish area is largely residential and green belt and would be reluctant to allow any industrial developments in or nearby with the associated traffic and pollution.*
- f) *If and when the Council receives notice of an application to extract gas, a full public consultation will be carried out with local residents in order to ensure that their views are comprehensively represented by the Parish Council.*

<b>4</b>	<b>Planning Applications:</b>  <b>19/03260/FUL</b> Oldfield Playgroup, Green Lane, Vicars Cross – replacement of existing mobile classroom with modern equivalent <b>NO COMMENT FROM PC</b>  <b>19/03264/FUL</b> Grove House, Marlborough Crt, Vicars Cross Road – change of use to health clinic <b>NO COMMENT FROM PC</b>  The meeting also re-considered 19/02833/FUL – Land to rear of 69A, 69B & 69C Dee Banks <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to register concerns re: out of date biodiversity report, the environmental impact on the area which is currently a natural habitat for wildlife and the increased traffic and parking issues. <b>OBJECTION REGISTERED</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Planning Decisions:</b>  19/03067/FUL 7 Elgin Close – replacement dwelling – APPROVED (No comment from PC)
<b>6</b>	<b>Date and time of future meetings:</b> Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November at 6pm
<b>7</b>	<b>Information exchange:</b> any items for consideration at future meetings