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MINUTES OF THE GREAT BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT CALDY VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, CALDY VALLEY ROAD CH3 5PR

PART ONE

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| 473 | <p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Steve Collings, Pauline Cox, Sara Evans, John Griffiths, Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, Krissie Myler, Mark Pearson, Sue Rigby, John Salt, Keith Scargill, Martin Whitley</p> <p>Apologies: Received from Cllrs Rick Nieto and Jo Evans (work commitments)</p> <p>In attendance: PCSO Beth George, CWaC Ward Cllr Keith Board and Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p> |
| 474 | <p>Declarations of Interest: None declared</p> |
| 475 | <p>PCSO George Report: PCSO Beth George gave a verbal overview of her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting and copies made available for the public. A member of the public asked for response times of the 101 Police non-emergency phone number and PCSO George met with him outside the meeting to discuss. There was also a question about more potential bike marking sessions which PCSO George will provide if funding is available and there is sufficient demand.</p> |
| 476 | <p>Minutes and matters arising: The minutes of the last parish council meeting on 22nd July 2019 were approved as a true record and matters arising were addressed in the Clerk's Report – Item 10.</p> |
| 477 | <p>Open Forum: Three local residents attended and raised the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the PCSO clarify the response times when a resident contacts the 101 service? <i>PCSO George and the resident left the meeting to discuss this privately.</i> 2. Will there be more bike marking events in the area? <i>PCSO George stated that as soon as funding becomes available, she hopes to hold more bike marking sessions.</i> 3. Are the parish council considering declaring a Climate Emergency, in line with Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council? <i>The item was referred to the Planning Sub Group for a response.</i> 4. Although the parish council issued a Statement of Effect in January 2018 (Min.288), will the council consider adopting a Frack Free Policy in line with neighbouring parish councils? <i>The item was referred to the Planning Sub Group for a response.</i> 5. Can the parish council do something about the overgrown trees and hedges which are making cycle paths dangerous to use? <i>If the Clerk is sent specific roads/overgrown areas, she will report it to CWaC.</i> 6. The grassed area at Tushingam Ave is very overgrown and is shrinking as each year, the grass cutters cut a smaller area and allow the borders to become overgrown. <i>The Clerk will visit and take photos to report the concerns to CWaC.</i> 7. Can the parish council clarify why some roads have been designated as 20mph zones and not |

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| | <p>others? CWaC are implementing the 20mph zones according to speed assessments that have been carried out. The parish council shares local residents' frustrations and will continue to work with the police and CWaC to limit speeds in built up areas.</p> <p>8. The motorway signs on Vicars Cross Road, just before the traffic lights are partially covered by overgrown trees. The Clerk will report to CWaC and Cllr Collings also promised to follow it up.</p> |
| 478 | <p>Minutes and matters arising: The minutes of the last parish council meeting on 22nd July 2019 were approved as accurate and there were no matters arising.</p> |
| 479 | <p>Council Sub-Groups: the minutes of the following sub group meetings (circulated prior to the meeting) were approved as accurate and the following points were highlighted:</p> <p>Vicars Cross Community Centre on Tuesday 15th July: Cllr Myler gave a verbal overview and highlighted the following: Lottery Funding – This has been applied for to fund the upgrade of the heating system to a value of £9,800. The Lottery have confirmed receipt of application and said they will provide an answer within 10 weeks. Jodie shared one of the quotes she had received for this work and it was agreed that if we were successful in securing the funding we shall review the other quotes at this stage.</p> <p>Rural Energy Fund – An expression of interest has been submitted for this to upgrade insulation of the roof and installation of a solar panel system to the value of £15,600. They have confirmed receipt and said they will respond Sept / Oct. Cllr Cox also reported on the Honesty Café where takings have been down for the last 4 weeks, however the last week was only down by 80p which was a lot better than previous weeks. It was agreed to continue the scheme as it is and gain some more information on if it is working as we still have stock left to sell.</p> <p>Planning Sub Group on Monday 2nd Sept: Cllr Scargill highlighted a discussion about Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) and noted that changing a house to be a HMO does not require planning permission, only building regulations so the Parish Council will not be informed of such a change. The Sub Group has reviewed the Parish Plan and will be circulating it to all other Sub Groups for comments and action planning.</p> <p>Traffic & Transport on Wed 4th Sept: Cllr Salt raised the following points from the meeting which had included Kay Parry, Principal Engineer - Place Operations, Cheshire West and Chester Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planned traffic lights at Gorse Way are still in the scheme and will be installed in due course • The parish council can request a speed assessment on the A41 dual carriageway following the installation of the new Toucan crossing • Kay Parry will share the most recent road traffic accident and speeds at the Vicars Cross traffic lights – she felt that it would not be likely that yellow hash markings would be painted on such a large crossing • Although Pearl Lane is not currently included in the 20mph zone, further monitoring though the PCSO and the parish council mobile speed device could influence a future assessment • Cllr Salt and Cllr Miller are meeting with Huntington parish councillors on 23rd Sept to discuss the proposed Huntington – Christleton footpath and will report to the next parish council meeting <p>Open Spaces on Tuesday 10th Sept: Cllr Rigby gave an overview of the site visit to the Pearl Lane allotments. Cllr Evans has been successful in a National Lottery bid for £10,000 towards the cost of replacement and new play equipment at Vaughans Lane play area. The sub group proposed that approval be given to spend upto £15,000 on the new equipment, the additional £5,000 being within the budget for play areas. RESOLVED: Cllr Bulmer proposed the motion and Cllr Huffer seconded and it was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Communications & Events on Wed 11th Sept: Cllr Miller highlighted the following:</p> |

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| | <p>The Christmas Carol Singalong has been agreed for Friday 13th Dec from 6.30pm. The sub group discussed the issue of lighting and agreed that hot drinks be provided, ideally by the vintage horse box as last year and that the event be advertised as "by torchlight" to encourage residents to bring their own torches and lanterns. A "Best Lantern" competition for under 12's be included.</p> <p>Cllrs Miller and Evans are keen to develop the newsletter and Cllr Miller has found some potential free downloadable templates. Cllr Miller and Evans will work with the Clerk to promote the "new look" newsletter through the library, community centres, dentists, doctors etc.</p> <p>Finance on Thursday 12th Sept: Cllr Scargill reported that the finances are on track and the council are still awaiting the external auditors report (pkf-littlejohn). The sub group discussed some of the potential opportunities and challenges presented by the CWaC Consultation on Enforcement Services http://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations/enforcement_policy_consultation Councillors were asked to consider the consultation and feedback views to the Clerk.</p> |
| 480 | <p>Councillor Expenses Policy: the Councillor Expenses Policy 2019 was approved.</p> |
| 481 | <p>Report from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors: Cllr Collings gave a written report which was circulated at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged for verges to be trimmed in Heath Lane, should be this week should the weather permit (designated an environmental border), requested road signage made visible (cutting of overgrown bushes covering signs) ,trees surrounding Vicars cross to Oldfield road pedestrian access • Burger junction /tele tubby roundabout finally trimmed, after much badgering by both the Clerk and Cllr Board. • I attended the Police and Crime Commissioner meeting in Winsford, as parish councillor. Essentially taken up by speeding and enforcement, potential to allow residents and parish Cllrs to speed check with right training and equipment, some anti-social behaviour discussed mostly kids on bikes dressed in black. The aim of the police and Crime Commissioner was to get a PCSO for every ward in Cheshire 122 we now actually have 200 and now have 122 localised centres for the pcso to use for holding surgeries with the public and a force of 2000 police officers. A new response team of inspector and 4 specialist officers to be deployed for each area of Cheshire who will be mobilised to the area in need • New toucan crossing is almost complete on A41 dual carriage way |
| 482 | <p>Clerk's report: the Clerk's Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting, was accepted.</p> |
| 483 | <p>Planning Applications: The following planning applications were available for the public:</p> <p>19/03122/FUL 8 Deva Heights Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension</p> <p>19/02833/FUL Land To The Rear of 69A 69B and 69C Dee Banks Great Boughton Chester CH3 5UX Removal of garages and erection of two storey dwelling and detached double garage</p> <p>19/03264/FUL Grove House Marlborough Court Vicars Cross Road Change of use from B1 to D1 Health Clinic (offering physiotherapy and rehabilitation</p> <p>19/03350/TPO 7 Vaughans Lane Great Boughton T1 to T9 (Pine & Alder) - Fell and replace due to damage to driveway</p> <p>19/03067/FUL 7 Elgin Close Great Boughton Replacement dwelling</p> |

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| 484 | Information exchange: Cllr Sara Evans reported that she was attending a Makaton Awareness Session – there is a campaign to make Chester a “Makaton Friendly” city and Oldfield Primary School is already designated as Makaton Friendly. Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. https://www.makaton.org/aboutMakaton/makatonFriendly/ |
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