

**PARISH OF HEATON-WITH-OXCLIFFE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Grosvenor Park School on**  
**Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7-00 pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr I Clift - Chair  
Councillor Mrs M Baxter  
Councillor Mr S Edmondson  
Councillor Mrs G Kelly  
Councillor Mr P Melling  
Councillor Mr K Percy (joined the meeting at 7:20pm)  
Councillor Mr W Jackson

**1707 APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Councillor Mr K Percy for the early part of the meeting due to another appointment

**1708 MINUTES:** It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be approved.

**1709 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** There were no declarations of interest

**1710 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

- 1) The Clerk and Members reported on issues, activities and actions since the last meeting of the Council, for information only. These included:
  - *Fixmystreet* issues posted by residents being two incidents of fly-tipping on White Lund Industrial Estate - one of which has now been addressed - and another on Roeburn Drive apparently being rubbish thrown from passing vehicles on the roundabout which has been dealt with by the Lengthsman. The Caravan abandoned on Lancaster Road, previously reported has now been removed.
  - Councillor Baxter reported again that an area of Heaton Bottom Road was in need of permanent repair following work to address numerous potholes

***Members noted the matters raised and updates on previously reported problems***
- 2) Members were informed of the programme for the **Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Conference** to be held at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Members were also advised that Lancashire County Training Partnership are holding a **Chairmanship Workshop** to be held at Howick House, Penwortham on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. ***Members noted the events and were asked to inform the Clerk if they wished to attend either or both of these events***
- 3) Members were informed of the **United Utilities Winter Wise campaign**, which aims to prevent problems during the winter by helping householders to 'avoid the misery of a burst or frozen water pipe' by making them 'aware of some simple steps which will make for a carefree winter'. A variety of useful information that could be made available through council websites and newsletter had been provided. ***Members noted the advice and information received and requested the Clerk to post details on the council's website and in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter***
- 4) The Clerk reported that the National Grid had recently issued press releases informing members of the public that it had received around 8,000 responses to its plans to connect the proposed nuclear power station in Moorside in Cumbria and communities along the west coast to the electricity network. A total of twenty-one firms in Cumbria and Lancashire have volunteered their services to deliver the project with more local business being sought. ***Members noted the updates on this major project to which the council has submitted a response and which will, subject to approval by the planning inspectorate, begin construction in 2019***
- 5) The Clerk informed Members that, as requested, he has contacted the Morecambe Bay Partnership expressing the council's interest in the developing **Morecambe Bay Coastal Community team**. The council has been advised that further details of events and the council's involvement will be made available in the coming weeks. ***Members noted the update and asked the Clerk to report back once further information is available***

**The meeting was reconvened**

**1711 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b>16/01626/FUL</b>	Conversion of garage into a habitable room and erection of a two-storey side extension with construction of a dormer extension to the front elevation - Mr & Mrs Bagis, 2 Wyre Close, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA3 3SB
<b>17/00034/AD</b>	Agricultural Determination for the erection of an agricultural livestock building - Mr Edward Thornton, Downlands Farm, Moss Road, Heaton With Oxcliffe, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 3ES
<b>17/00053/FUL</b>	Erection of a cattle housing building - Mr D Wannop, Heaton Hall Farm, Heaton Bottom Road, Heaton With Oxcliffe, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 3EU
<b>LCC/2017/0013 &amp; LCC/2017/0014</b>	Variation of conditions to allow continued use of the Material Recycling Facility until 31 December 2022 with restoration no later than 31 December 2023, scheme and programme for the restoration to be submitted within 3 months of the cessation of the facility – Suez Recycling and Recovery, Salt Ayre Lane, Lancaster

Documents relating to the above applications had been previously circulated in order to give Members sufficient time to consider the details, ask questions and make representations within statutory deadlines (21 days).

No objections or representations were made other than to seek clarification on the conditions relating to the Salt Ayre Recycling Centre (Application No's: LCC/2017/0013 & LCC/2017/0014)

**1712 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

<b>100302</b>	Lancashire County Council – Hire of meeting room 13 /12 / 2016	<b>£45.00</b>
<b>100303</b>	Mr J Fairclough – Grounds Maintenance & Parish Lengthsman duties	<b>£103.66</b>

It was RESOLVED to that the above account(s) be paid.

**1713** Members considered the public consultation on two draft documents forming part of the wider Local Plan for the Lancaster district. Members were informed that the consultation period commenced on 27 January 2017 and will end on 24 March 2017 and be supported by a series of consultation events across the district.

The **Strategic Policies and Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)** sets out a “spatial vision” on how development needs, such as housing, employment and retailing, will be met for at least the next fifteen years. These policies and plans allocate land for development, such as housing and employment, and, identifies land which should be protected because of its environmental, social or economic importance.

An update to the existing **Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD)** is also available for consultation. This document sets out the planning policies which are used to make decisions on planning proposals.

After some discussion, it was RESOLVED that Members would attend one of the planned events and that details of the consultation be posted on the parish council’s website, social media and noticeboards.

**1714** Members considered Lancashire County Council's Cabinet proposed budget savings for 2017/18. This included detailed and lengthy financial and other supporting information and documents that had been previously circulated to Members due to the very short period for comments to be submitted, with the date received (23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017) and date for feedback and opinion (03<sup>rd</sup> February 2017) falling between the scheduled monthly meetings of the Council.

The Clerk outlined that County Council is facing an unprecedented financial challenge as a result of continued cuts in funding by Government, rising demand for services and other pressures such as pay and price inflation. An analysis of spending and forecast demand had shown that by April 2018 the County Council would have insufficient resources to meet its statutory obligations, as they are currently delivered.

The current forecast gap of £153m by 2020/21 reflects the impact of the provisional financial settlement including an additional 2% Adult Social Care Precept for each of the 3 years from 2017/18 to 2019/20 and the non-recurrent Adult Care Support Grant that County Council will receive in 2017/18. The grant and 2017/18 additional precept broadly cover the cost of proposed fee increases to the Adult Social Care providers but will not cover the increasing demand for those services.

In response to the financial challenge the County Council have agreed to over £140m of savings primarily covering the period 2016/17 to 2017/18 which are now at various stages of implementation. The current agreed savings programme now under consideration represents a significant challenge to the County Council, with any significant delay or under-delivery directly increasing the remaining savings requirement of £153m to be achieved by 2020/21.

The Cabinet's budget proposal for 2017/18 total £12.320m and primarily cover efficiency savings or are a continuation of existing savings programmes. Whilst the County Council do not anticipate impacts on service delivery they are seeking the views of parish councils and the public on the proposals.

Members had a number of questions and comments about the proposed budget plans and savings and RESOLVED that the Clerk feedback to the Leader of Lancashire County Council that whilst the Council would like to respond to the proposals it is greatly concerned that insufficient time has been given to assimilate the detailed information and submit a meaningful and worthwhile response.

**1715** Members considered a paper presented by the Clerk setting out possible sources of funding that the Council could submit applications to in order to fund the cost of the redevelopment of the Grosvenor Park Play Area. The Clerk also set out a draft of activities and actions that, working in collaboration with Lancaster City Council, Public Realm and Wicksteed Leisure Limited (Wicksteed's) will provide assurance on the proper management of the project from inception to completion.

The Clerk also reported on a very positive initial meeting that he and Councillor Mrs G Kelly had had with the Adrian Lloyd, Area Manager from Wicksteed's, who advised that the company would take a very flexible approach to any changes to the original specification should the Council consider this to be necessary.

Wicksteed's are keen to have open communication with the Council and to build an effective partnership to successfully deliver the project, including a 'pre-implementation' meeting involving Councillors at a date to be agreed.

The Clerk informed Mr Lloyd of the expected timescales for decisions on available funding to be known.

After some discussion, and questions it was RESOLVED that the information on potential funding be noted and that the Clerk updates the Council on progress at every meeting

**1716** The Clerk informed Members that in commemoration and remembrance of the end of the First World War a chain of 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom at 7pm on Sunday 11th November 2018 – a century after the guns fell silent.

The beacons will symbolise the '*light of hope*' that emerged from the darkness of war with detailed co-ordination of the event beginning in April 2017, when a special *Guide to Taking Part* will be published. Participating councils, organisations and community groups will receive a special certificate as a permanent reminder of their involvement in this special tribute.

The council and local community are being asked if they would like to join in with this important national commemoration and are requested to submit an expression of interest in being involved before the end of March 2017.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the national organisers on behalf of the Council expressing an interest, without obligation at this stage, in the event.

The Clerk advised Members that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Wednesday 08 March 2017** commencing at 7:00pm. The meeting closed at 8:25pm



Clerk of the Council