

PARISH OF HEATON-WITH-OXCLIFFE
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Grosvenor Park School on
Wednesday 08th November 2017 at 7-00 pm.

Present: Councillor Mr W Jackson - Chair
Councillor Mrs M Baxter
Councillor Mr I Clift
Councillor Mr S Edmondson
Councillor Mrs G Kelly
Councillor Mr P Melling
Councillor Mr K Percy

1790 APOLOGIES: There were no apologies

1791 MINUTES: It was **RESOLVED** that Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th October be approved.

1792 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: There were no declarations of interest

1793 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND TO PROVIDE 'INFORMATION ONLY' UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES IN RECENT WEEKS:

- 1) The Clerk and Members reported on the following issues, activities and actions since the last meeting of the Council, for information only.
 - a) The Clerk presented his report providing an update on activities since the last meeting including:
 - Competitive quotations obtained by Councillor Melling on a replacement sign at the entrance to the Grosvenor Park Estate. Before making a commitment to replace the sign Members asked that the Clerk inspect other areas of the parish with a view to establishing whether any other also needed replacing;
 - Reports submitted on *fixmystreet.com* in relation to: overhanging trees and shrubbery on Ransom Court; mud and weeds along Oxcliffe Road and Mellishaw Lane that a resident claims has not been swept for some time and is now causing difficulties for road users as the debris has narrowed the road significantly, and; overgrown trees and leaves around, and rubbish in, the pond on Cathedral Drive which is causing pavements to be slippery and creating nasty odours coming from the pond;
 - An enquiry from a resident about 24-hour access to a public defibrillator within the parish. The Clerk reported that these defibrillators start at a cost of around £650 and in rural areas where communities are out of reach of emergency care can be the key to survival where someone falls victim to cardiac arrest. Members wished to establish whether Salt Ayre Leisure Centre had a defibrillator but generally did not feel that the parish has enough rural areas to warrant the installation of a public defibrillator;
 - The City Council have been chased up about the part funding of the new fencing around the Culvert on Lune Drive. John Fairclough, the Parish Lengthsman and Councillor Edmondson were thanked for their excellent work in replacing the fencing.
 - The City Council will be providing a team to clear up the Grosvenor Park Pond on Monday 27th November
 - Councillor Melling and the Clerk have completed and returned the Parish Council Settlement Questionnaire as requested by Lancaster City Council as part of the Local Plan development;
 - Members are invited to a 'Loneliness summit' to be held on Wednesday 6th December at Lancaster Town Hall from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, the aim is to raise

awareness of the support and activities available for those, whatever their age, who are feeling lonely and isolated and provide a one stop shop for Ward and Parish Councillors to hear more about the services available in the district

- Lancashire County Council have provided information on what they are planning for over the Winter to keep our roads moving and advice and tips on what on what everyone can do to keep warm and safe; clear snow and ice and look out for the needs of vulnerable people during the Winter

b) Councillors raised matters for attention including, overgrown hedges and low hanging brambles on the cycletrack; speeding traffic on the Bay Gateway in the early hours of the morning, and white lines that need re-painting on Heaton Bottom Road.

Members noted the update on actions reported by the Clerk and requested that the matters raised be followed up. The meeting was then reconvened

1794 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/01037/FUL	Demolition of existing agricultural buildings/farm, erection of food production facility with associated landscaping, alterations to existing access, construction of a new internal road, erection of a detached farm building and creation of a pond - Mrs J C Altham & Sons (Morecambe), Hillside Farm, Lancaster Road, Heaton With Oxcliffe, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 3ET
17/00022/REF	Alterations, refurbishment and extension of existing motor vehicle dealership to form larger vehicle showroom and new bodyshop facilities (pursuant to the removal of conditions 7, 8 and 9 on planning permission 12/01130/FUL to exclude the construction of a footpath) - Lancaster Volkswagen, Vickers Way, Heaton With Oxcliffe, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 3FB
Road Traffic Order	A683 Bay Gateway, Northgate, Hadrian Rd, Morecambe Rd, Caton Rd, Lancaster, No Waiting and Clearway

Members made general comments/observations on the planning applications received and it was then **RESOLVED** that no representations be made

1795 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

100326	Tech Hub Ltd – G-Suite annual user files and back up	£48.00
100327	Bay Typesetters – Parish Newsletters and distribution	£450.00
100328	Tony Holmes – Supply, inscribe and fix Black Granite tablet in memory of White Lund Explosions	£560.40
100329	Mr J Fairclough, Grounds Maintenance October	£100.00
100330	Bay Typesetters – Parish Newsletters and distribution	£270.00

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

1796 Members discussed the White Lund Explosions commemoration held on Sunday 29th October 2017 which had been reasonably well attended. The event and the unveiling of the commemorative black granite tablet had been a poignant and fitting tribute to those who had lost their lives at the National Filling Factory 13 at White Lund on 01 – 03 October 1917.

Councillors Percy commented that details of the disaster had now been updated on the website and that the whole event had received good publicity, generated a lot of local interest and created some positive spin offs for the Parish Council.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that Planning Application 17/00868/FUL regarding the proposed demolition of the factory building by Bay Scaffolding had been deferred by Lancaster City Council's Planning Committee subject to a site visit and that a

final decision on whether to demolish the building or preserve it as a heritage site was on 13th November.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Percy again be thanked for his efforts in researching the disaster and planning the event which had been a great success and that the update on Planning Application 17/00868/FUL be noted.

1797 Members were informed that the start date of the project had been delayed slightly and work will now commence on Monday 27th November, some two weeks later than originally planned. Completion of the works is still expected to be before Christmas, subject to the weather and any other unforeseen circumstances. The Clerk informed Members that work will be carried out Monday to Friday between the hours of 08:00 and 17:30 and where reminded that in the first two weeks there will be movement of plant and machinery and some noise and dust generated, although all health and safety precautions will be in place to reduce any risks and disruption.

It was **RESOLVED** that the revised starting date for the Grosvenor Park Play Area project be noted and that Clerk drafts and distributes a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to residents around the play area informing them of the start date and the possibility of some disruption.

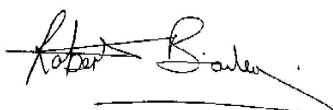
1798 As requested, the Clerk presented an update on progress against the Parish Plan 2014 – 2017. Whilst it was clear that the Plan had been ambitious Members were pleased to see that good progress had been made towards the delivery of many of the stated outcomes and actions and plans in place to deal with others. Many planned consultations had not yet taken place, although community engagement generally has improved through the new Website and the Parish Newsletter. Throughout the three years of the Plan, the Parish Council has worked closely with both Lancaster City and Lancashire County Council's and the Police on some major local issues and with Grosvenor Park School and local business to improve and maintain community facilities and the local environment and to respond to important issues such as the needs of vulnerable residents; tackle the fly-tipping; reduce the risk of floods and the development of the Heysham M6 link and its impact on the local area.

Members asked a number of questions but were generally pleased with the progress that had been made, although it was agreed that the Plan had too many objectives and outcomes and that future plans need to take more account of the Parish Council's capacity to deliver. Members also noted that some actions would carry over and continue in a revised plan and agreed that there is a need to consider and report against progress against the Plan every six months.

Looking ahead to a new three-year plan it was suggested that, initially, Councillor Percy and the Clerk work together to come up with some proposed objectives for further discussion by the Council in the New Year.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the generally good progress against the 2014 – 2017 Parish Plan be noted and that the Council receives a report in early 2018 on plans for a 2018 – 2021 Parish Plan.

1799 The Clerk advised Members that the next meeting of the council will be held on **Wednesday 13th December 2017 commencing at 7:00pm**. The meeting closed at 8:30pm



Clerk of the Council