

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – 22 October 2020 Remote Meeting

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update to be given on issuing the tender for an architect for a new build Community Centre and the provisional timetable going forward.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports received since previous meeting to be presented and any matters arising to be discussed. A quote to be presented for works necessary to the path edging on the footpath leading to the Skatepark.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Tree Survey 2020 – Further to the Tree Survey 2020, approved at the September meeting, a quote for all the tree works recommended in the report will be presented for consideration. Further quotes will be presented to remove the den in the wooded area beyond Chinley Playing Fields and to re-set the fencing over the watercourse at the eastern end of Buxworth Recreation Ground. An update on the steps in Chinley Park will also be given.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Remembrance 2020 – Further to the September meeting an application has been made for a Road Closure Order at the junction of Stubbins Lane/Maynestone Road/Green Lane to enable a safe, socially distanced service outside the War memorial in Chinley, including the laying of wreaths, to be conducted by Rev John Hudghton. A Risk Assessment has been produced for the event and circulated for consideration. Correspondence has been received from the Licensing Team at High Peak Borough Council who advise that a decision has been taken to prohibit events and gatherings on High Peak Borough Council-owned land for the foreseeable future and asking that plans to hold Remembrance parades across the borough are reconsidered, and where possible, postponed until 2021. However, with a Risk Assessment in place the event proposed in Chinley is within guidelines. A decision on whether to proceed with the event should be considered.

In addition to Chinley, services are also proposed at the War Memorial at St James' Church in Buxworth and at Chinley Chapel. Arrangements for councillors to represent the parish council at these events and at White Knowle, to lay the wreaths and read the Binyon Lines, to be considered.

Further information from The Royal British Legion on Remembrance events this year can be found here <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance>. Government guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-asked-not-to-gather-at-the-cenotaph-for-remembrance-sunday-due-to-coronavirus>.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Christmas 2020 – Quotes will be presented at the meeting for purchasing Christmas trees for the parish, erecting Christmas trees (small and large) and for connecting all lights to an electrical supply as per previous years. In addition an update to be given further to the January meeting regarding the tree on Squirrel Green and an update on options for placing additional lights on the trees at Squirrel Green including quotes for the additional materials and labour required.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Chinley Playing Fields Risk Assessment – A draft risk assessment with recommendations for parish land at Chinley Playing Fields will be circulated for consideration at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Squirrel Green Works – Further to the Parish Bench Audit, approved at the September meeting, quotes will be presented in respect of replacing the one damaged slab on the paved area by the sun dial on Squirrel Green as well as for re-pointing the whole paved surface.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Parish Bench Audit – Further to the Parish Bench Audit, approved at the September meeting, quotes will be presented for the annual maintenance works agreed to the benches (£55 to paint a wood and steel bench, £45 to paint a wood only bench). An option to be considered as part of the annual maintenance will be to replace the wooden slats on 6 of the benches with a plastic alternative as opposed

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to painting them. This work would be carried out by General Purposes Working Group. Although this will cost more money, the benefit being that these will not need to be repainted and/or replaced as regularly and should result in a cost saving over time. Cost would be £495.90 plus VAT versus £270 for just painting these 6 benches i.e. £37.65 extra per bench. (Due to the size of the slats the delivery charge is quite high at £90 per order hence it makes more financial sense to order a reasonable number rather than just a few). In addition quotes to turf the surface under two benches on Chinley Playing Fields will be presented. Finally, High Peak Borough Council have confirmed that the benches on Derwent Square are the responsibility of the parish council. The Audit recommended the far left bench at this site to be removed. Discussion required over whether to simply remove this bench or remove and replace.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Office IT Provision – A report will be circulated for consideration in respect of purchasing a new laptop and docking station for the Clerk and moving towards document storage in the cloud. This will enable more flexible working with improved access to council documents away from the office.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Mower Maintenance – The final cut of the year of Chinley Playing Fields has been carried out and a quote will be presented for end of season maintenance works for the mower before it is stored for next year.

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