

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – 24 September 2020 Remote Meeting

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update on issuing the tender for an architect for a new build Community Centre to be presented. This will include a quote from High Peak Borough Council for their support in ensuring the tendering process meets the relevant requirements of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports received since previous meeting to be presented and any matters arising to be discussed. Please note that all works have now been carried out by Kompan at Buxworth Playground further to issues raised by the annual RoSPA inspections. In addition, General Purposes Working Group have completed works required of them (except for a bench repair in Buxworth which is due to be done imminently). In Chinley the unauthorised additions to the land adjacent to the Skatepark have been removed and in addition to this a tree house was discovered that had been erected nearby and has also since been removed. An invoice for these works will be presented for approval. A sign was placed at the site to engage with the persons involved in the unauthorised works to the site to start a conversation on how the land might be developed. Unfortunately this sign was pulled down and although one phone call was received to discuss the area no telephone number was left for a follow up to take place. In addition the main sign for the Skatepark was pulled down in an act of vandalism. It has since been reinstated and an invoice for labour and materials will be presented.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – HPBC Business Grant – Further to the previous meeting a response has since been received from High Peak Borough Council confirming the parish council's eligibility for the grant received. This just requires noting.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Tree Survey 2020 – The 5-yearly tree survey, carried out by forestry consultant Roger Wilson, was completed in August 2020. The survey, including recommendations, has been circulated and requires approval at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Remembrance 2020 – 1st Chinley Scout Group have notified the parish council that they will not be organising the usual parade on Remembrance Sunday this year in light of coronavirus restrictions. As a result they will not be applying for a Road Closure Order. Rev John Hudghton is hoping to organise a small service of worship at the War Memorial including the laying of wreaths, subject to government guidelines. This will most likely require a Road Closure Order and consideration should be given to the parish council being the body to make this application. Representation by the parish council to lay a wreath at such an event can be considered closer to the time. I understand further guidance will be provided from the government/The Royal British Legion shortly. Should the event be permitted then the necessary risk assessments would be completed. The Poppy Appeal Organiser for our area has advised that there will be no face-to-face Poppy Appeal this year. The lamp post poppies will however be going up very soon on lamp posts subject to approval from DCC. Approval to be considered for the parish council's usual donation to Royal British Legion for wreaths as per previous years under s137 expenditure.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Christmas 2020 – Consideration to be given on how the Christmas Lights and events will look like this year to inform planning. Whaley Bridge Brass Band have not started rehearsing yet and at this stage it would seem unlikely, with current restrictions, that an actual Christmas Lights Switch-On event would be permitted. Again, a final decision may need to be taken nearer the time.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Chinley Park Risk Assessment – A response has been received from the insurers, in respect of the proposed fencing and signage at the quarry area, supporting the need for such measures on the basis that the parish council feels competent to carry out such a risk assessment. A final version of the risk assessment will be circulated for approval at the meeting. Further to this a quote will be presented to extend the existing fencing from above the quarry area along to the entrance by the top of the Railway steps. A sign has been purchased and installed on the quarry face. Further signs to be placed on the fencing will be required. Such signs cost between £20 and £30 each. An allocation to be approved for such

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signage. Further, to consider writing to the adjacent landowner with an update on the measures being taken here.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Allotment Provision – Allotment provision has been discussed at various parish council meetings in the last year as a result of a query from a local resident asking whether the parish council would consider expanding the allotment provision in the parish due to the potentially long waits for plots at both existing sites. The local resident has recently asked for an update on the situation. In the meantime a plot has become available in Buxworth and the resident has been offered it but they have declined the plot on the grounds that it is not fit for purpose due to the extremely small size. A report has been circulated with a more detailed summary of the current provision and legislation in order to consider how to best progress this issue.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Parish Newsletter – In general more material is received for the current newsletter than can be included or articles have to be dramatically shortened. As there was no Summer newsletter this year due to Covid restrictions there is some money available within the budget. A new format of newsletter is proposed on a trial basis comprising 3 x A4 sheets stapled to create an A5 booklet, an example of which will be presented at the meeting. From the existing provider this would cost £315 for 1,200 copies compared to the current price of £230 for 1,200 copies of the equivalent of 2 x A4 sheets. Feedback could then be gathered to consider how best to proceed.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Parish Bench Audit – An audit of parish benches will take place next week and a list of recommended works will be presented at the meeting with quotes for consideration as necessary.

Agenda Item 6 (k) – Keith Holford Archive – The parish council received a request to assist in securing the local history archive of the late Keith Holford. Councillors were emailed and a majority responding agreeing this was a matter to be considered. Correspondence with the family has been initiated. As yet I do not know how much material is involved. However there has been an offer of free storage space from a member of the Community Association to assist in storing the materials for the time being. A financial contribution may be required for any storage boxes. A further update will be given at the meeting. Once the material has been received consideration will need to be given on how best to proceed with archiving. There is a member of the Community Association with expertise in this field.

Agenda Item 6 (l) – PDNPA Parish Statement – Last year we provided feedback on a parish statement produced by Peak District National Park Association for their website. They have taken into account our comments and the latest draft version is available here:

https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0021/346242/ChinleyBuxworthBrownsideSep20.pdf

Cllr Wilson and Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group (CBTG) have already provided some feedback but it has been requested that the parish council agree the response for 'Community Aspirations'. Currently the aspirations have been included as follows:

- A new community centre on the site of the existing one on Lower Lane, Chinley which is in a very poor condition
- A fully accessible station
- To resolve the parking issues that exist around Chinley
- Create closer ties between the two villages of Chinley and Buxworth.

CBTG have suggested the following additional points:

- To create a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists, including the creation of safe walking and cycling routes for children attending local Primary and Secondary schools
- to support local businesses
- to continue to seek ways of involving more local residents in decisions about matters of local importance

Other suggestions are welcomed and will be discussed and a response approved at the meeting.

18 September 2020