

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – 25 February 2021 Remote Meeting

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An application has been submitted to the National Lottery for the development costs necessary to complete the fully funded proposal for the second stage of the main National Lottery application to pay for the new community centre building. It may take up to three months to hear the outcome. Any further update will be provided at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Play Area Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports to be presented and any matters arising to be discussed.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Parish Land Inspection Reports – Monthly inspection reports to be presented and any matters arising to be discussed.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Squirrel Green Risk Assessment – A draft risk assessment with recommendations for parish land at Squirrel Green will be circulated for consideration at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – New Bench Chinley Playground – £300 was allocated in the budget for an additional bench to be sited in Chinley Playground as there are only two benches here currently. Three quotes have been requested for a bench similar in size and style to the existing, also in recycled material. These will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Resumption of In-Person Council Meetings – Correspondence from DALC advises that the Coronavirus legislation allowing the use of virtual meetings is due to expire on 7 May 2021. Various agencies are lobbying government to extend the legislation but to date there has been no change. DALC suggest parish councils lobby their local MP if they support an extension to the legislation. Consideration to be given to planning the reinstatement of in-person meetings should the legislation not be extended. The first parish council meeting affected would be Thursday 27 May. Matters to consider include: councillors' willingness to attend in-person meetings, venue, managing social distancing, mask wearing, public access, changing the meeting schedule i.e. more up front meetings and less from May onwards, implementing a scheme of delegation in case the council were unable to hold meetings due to Covid-19 risks as well as anything else relevant. The parish council also to consider whether they would choose to continue with remote meetings for the time being should the government extend the legislation. A risk assessment will need to be compiled for approval at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Annual Parish Meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting must be held any time between the 1st March and the 1st June in any given year. We have typically held the meeting in mid-May, however it may be more sensible to hold this virtually before 7 May to avoid an additional in-person meeting in May with the related safety risks.

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