

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – 25 March 2021 Remote Meeting

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An 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. In Chinley Community Centre, it has been identified that two of the emergency lights don't work when the power to the building is turned off. These should be replaced with the appropriate types. A quote has been received for £125 from RJM Electrical Contractors to replace these lights for consideration at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Grounds Maintenance 2021/22 – A report will be circulated detailing a number of proposed additional items for the Grounds Maintenance programme, further to works carried out this year, as well as quotes and recommendations for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Grant Funding Requests – There is £2,000 in the budget for donations to local groups as well as £52 in reserves unspent. £118 has already been donated to Royal British Legion which leaves a balance of £1,934 to allocate. 10 local groups have submitted an application to request funding. A summary has been circulated for consideration at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2020/21 – The parish council have previously signed up to participate in the 2020/21 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme with Derbyshire County Council up to the value of £565. An invoice for issuing to DCC for £565 will be presented for signing by the Chairman to claim for works carried out on CBB Footpath 20 and a contribution for mowing CBB Footpath 22 in Chinley Park.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Resumption of In-Person Council Meetings – Further to discussion at the February meeting, a letter has been sent to the MP for High Peak requesting support for extension of the legislation to continue with remote meetings. The MP has replied advising he has written to Ministerial colleagues and will update accordingly. As it stands however, the legislation will expire on 7 May 2021. In an update from NALC, other agencies continue to press the government on the matter. An update will be presented at the meeting. As previously noted the first meeting to be affected would be on Thursday 27 May. I have provisionally booked the Community Centre for the May, June and July meetings just in case. If no update from the government is available, a decision on resuming in-person meetings could still legitimately be deferred until the April meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Parish Noticeboard Squirrel Green – A quote will be presented to re-paint the parish noticeboard on Squirrel Green for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Steps Repair Chinley Park – A quote will be presented to repair the steps to the pine wood in Chinley Park that have disintegrated and require attention for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Peak Forest Tramway – At the February meeting Derbyshire County Councillor Ruth George described progress on proposals to open up the Peak Forest Tramway to Buxton. She requested that the Parish Council consider a motion to support the proposals at a subsequent meeting. This is the opportunity to formally state support or otherwise to this proposal.

Agenda Item 6 (k) – Newsletter – Councillors have approved via email additional expenditure to print a longer newsletter than previously agreed (Spring 2021 edition). This decision to spend £495 plus VAT on newsletter printing (as opposed to the previously approved £315 plus VAT) is to be ratified. In the end, less newsletters were printed and the total cost for 1,150 newsletters was £460 plus VAT. As per the email this is still significantly under budget for the year since only two newsletters have been produced during the financial year due to the pandemic.

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Agenda Item 6 (I) – Superfast Broadband – A local resident has written in requesting the Parish Council's help and support to supply premises on upper Maynestone Road with superfast broadband. Further information will be presented at the meeting.

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