

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – Parish Council Meeting 26 February 2025

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update on progress on the project will be provided. An overview of the funding status of the project to be given. Any action relating to this to be considered. An invoice from the contractor will be presented for consideration in respect of Cost Certificate 10 for works related to the project. A quote will be presented to reinstate the gravel track from the car park to the field further to site works here. An update and quote to be presented for a thank you board to be displayed in the new Community Centre.

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

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Grit Bin Policy – To consider adopting a draft Grit Bin Policy as circulated.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Chinley Allotments Association Lettings Agreement – Chinley Allotments Association have requested to make a number of changes to the Lettings Agreement in place with their tenants. These include additional rules to be followed as well as a new condition to apply when tenants move away from the immediate area. The updated Agreement has been circulated. To consider this request.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Community Centre Broadband – It was necessary to urgently set up a contract for broadband at the new Community Centre to allow commissioning of various items to take place prior to handover, for which we had not previously been advised. A summary of the options including pros/cons had been presented to councillors via email, which comprised Voneus who could offer full fibre broadband versus BT who could offer only Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC). Approval was received from a majority of councillors to proceed to set up a two-year contract with Voneus. Council to formally ratify this decision.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Squirrel Green Arches – To receive an update on correspondence sent to the landowner adjacent to Squirrel Green regarding ownership and responsibility for the arches.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Buxworth Recreation Ground Local Wildlife Site Designation – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has recently assessed the land at Buxworth Recreation Ground and concluded that it qualifies to be designated as a Local Wildlife Site (LWS) in recognition of its conservation value. Further to the January 2025 meeting, where it was noted that the Parish Council were supportive and minded to approve the designation subject to advertising the opportunity to local residents in Buxworth, an update to be given on feedback received and consideration to be given to approving the designation or otherwise.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Minor Maintenance Scheme 2024/25 – A quote for work on Footpath 20 at Buxworth Recreation Ground under this scheme will be presented for consideration. The allowance is £565 in total.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Annual Parish Meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting must be held any time between 1st March and 1st June in any given year and must not commence before 6pm. The Annual Parish Council Meeting has already been scheduled for Wednesday 28 May 2024. Therefore, it is proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Wednesday 14 May at 7:30pm, two weeks before the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Community Centre should have opened by then and so the meeting can be held there.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Community Litter Pick – To consider organising Community Litter Picks in Chinley and Buxworth, on separate weekends as per last year, in March or April. Event organiser to be decided.

Agenda Item 6 (k) – Emptying Litter Bins 2025/26 – To consider continuation of existing contract for emptying parish litter bins by Alliance Environmental Services at a total cost of £2,268.19 plus VAT for the year, an increase of £76.70 or 3.5%.