

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – Parish Council Meeting 26 March 2025

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update on progress on the project will be provided. An invoice from the contractor will be presented for consideration in respect of Cost Certificate 10 for works related to the project. An invoice will be presented for works carried out to paint the store room floor, as approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. A quote will be presented to purchase two thank you boards to be displayed in the new Community Centre, as approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Chinley Hard Court – To consider quotes for cleaning the hard court surface and removing overgrown shrubbery around the edges of the court which is currently unusable due to build up of moss as a result of non-use during the construction of the adjacent Community Centre.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Squirrel Green Arches – To receive an update on correspondence sent to the landowner adjacent to Squirrel Green regarding their registered title and ownership and responsibility for the three stone arches here. To consider an updated quote for a structural engineer to carry out a visual survey of the arches.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Grounds Maintenance 2025/26 – To consider continuation of existing grounds maintenance contract with Mark Lomas with the prices held at the same price as last year. To consider continuation of existing contract for sweeping the Hard Court, footpaths and playground in Chinley and removing the moss from the Hard Court by Phil Manford.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Planters/Baskets Maintenance 2025/26 – To consider renewing the contract with Ian Foster for maintaining planters and baskets across the parish.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Minor Maintenance Scheme 2024/25 – Works are due to be completed in advance of the meeting to resurface a section of Footpath 20 through Buxworth Recreation Ground as previously agreed. An invoice to issue to DCC for £565 along with a form certifying that the works have been carried out in accordance with the Minor Maintenance Agreement, that the costs were fair and reasonable and that the works have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Council will be presented for signing by the Chairman, in order to claim a refund for these works.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Chinley Playing Fields Annual Maintenance – A quote will be presented for the annual maintenance works of Chinley Playing Fields for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Parish Land Risk Assessments – Updated risk assessments for parish land at Chinley Playing Fields, Chinley Park, Squirrel Green and Buxworth Recreation Ground will be circulated for consideration at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Grant Funding Requests – There is £2,000 in the budget for donations to local groups under s137 powers for projects that will directly benefit the parish area, or part of its area, or all or some of its inhabitants. £1,933.33 is available to allocate. The deadline for requests for funding has now passed and a number of applications have been received. The Grant Funding Working Group has met to discuss the applications and a summary of recommendations will be circulated for consideration at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (k) – Friends of Chinley Park meetings – When the Parish Council office moves to the Community Centre, it will not be possible for some of the local groups, that are effectively working on behalf of, or in conjunction with, the Parish Council, to meet free of charge, like they could do previously in the

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Parish Room. Instead, they will be charged for the hire of the meeting room at the Community Centre by the Community Association. Consideration to be given to paying the room hire cost for up to six two-hour meetings of Friends of Chinley Park per year at a cost of up to £120.

Agenda Item 6 (l) – Friends of Chinley Park – The dog poo bag dispenser in Chinley Park unfortunately does not work how it is intended with many bags being pulled out in one go. The supplier has been contacted who advised that due to this issue a different type of bag is now used. However, a trial of a free sample of this new bag was also unsuccessful and therefore Friends of Chinley Park has requested the dispenser now be removed. They have also requested that the bench at the entrance to the smaller meadow be moved as they are concerned it is impacting access for the meadow to be mowed and baled each year. These requests to be considered.

Agenda Item 6 (m) – Community Association Request – To consider a request from the Community Association for £100 being the balance of their annual budgeted allowance to be used towards funding replacement defibrillator batteries for 5 of their 7 defibrillators.