

# **Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council**

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## **Clerk's Report – 26 November 2020 Remote Meeting**

**Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project** – The tender for architect services for a new build Community Centre is currently live with a deadline of Thursday 26 November at midday. An update will be presented at the meeting on the number of bids received and the process of evaluation going forward.

**Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports** – Weekly inspection reports received since previous meeting to be presented and any matters arising to be discussed.

**Agenda Item 6 (c) – Chinley Playground Equipment Update (Toddler Unit)** – Further to the witnessed accident reported at the October meeting, the response from the equipment supplier to be considered.

**Agenda Item 6 (d) – Christmas 2020** – The trees should all have been installed by the end of this week and the lights attached next week prior to the meeting. A Risk Assessment has been circulated which has been approved over email and requires formal ratification.

**Agenda Item 6 (e) – Chinley Playing Fields Risk Assessment** – A draft risk assessment with recommendations for parish land at Chinley Playing Fields will be circulated for consideration at the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6 (f) – Potholes Chinley Car Park** – An update on potholes in Chinley Car Park will be presented for consideration.

**Agenda Item 6 (g) – Minor Maintenance Scheme 2020/21** – At the 14 May 2020 Parish Council meeting, it was resolved to participate in this scheme. At that time consideration was given to making repairs to the "Railway Steps" on Footpath 22 leading up to Chinley Park Nature Reserve under this scheme. In June it was noted that DCC had confirmed that maintenance on this public footpath would meet the criteria for works under this scheme. Communication has since been established with Network Rail to discuss the proposed works, and in particular how to resolve the drainage issues that appear to be contributing to the deterioration of these steps. I am now awaiting a date to meet with a Network Rail representative on site to discuss improvement works here. However in the meantime it has to come to attention that Footpath 20 through Buxworth Recreation Ground requires some maintenance works. In particular on the slope coming down from the B6062 the vegetation has overgrown the footpath creating a slip hazard and is forcing pedestrians to create an alternative route. Consideration to be given to how to proceed in respect of these two projects. A quote will be presented to remove vegetation on Footpath 20 and lay additional stone.

**Agenda Item 6 (h) – Buxworth Recreation Ground Maintenance Works** – It has come to attention that a culvert previously installed at Buxworth Recreation Ground on the boundary with the licensed land and close to Footpath 20 is blocked and causing water to back up. Quotes will be presented for two options to feed into the work carried out here earlier this year. In addition the ditching works that were carried out here at the start of the year require doing again. It is proposed that this task be added to the annual maintenance programme. A quote will be presented to carry this out this financial year.

**Agenda Item 6 (i) – Buxworth Recreation Ground Pipeline Works** – At the October meeting it was noted under Correspondence that Fisher German had written to the parish council with a Notice of Completion in respect of works carried out on a section of pipeline running through Buxworth Recreation Ground with details of how to make a claim for compensation if required. A claim was duly made in respect of the spoiled track surface immediately off the car park. Fisher German have approved the request for compensation and the parish council will be credited with £385 in December in respect of this damage. A quote will be presented for consideration to carry out the remedial works necessary here.

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**Agenda Item 6 (j) – Grit Bins** – Cllr Drabble has carried out an audit of the grit bins in the parish. All grit bins are still suitably full of grit. However it is noted that one grit bin on Dolly Lane is missing a lid. An update on how best to proceed will be presented at the meeting.

19 November 2020