

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – Parish Council Meeting 27 September 2023

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update on progress on the project will be provided.

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

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Co-option – Two vacancies remain to be filled by co-option. Any candidates present at the meeting will be invited to make a short address to the Parish Council. All co-opted candidates will be required to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form after the meeting in order to take up their role as Parish Councillor. They must also declare that they meet the relevant eligibility criteria.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Parish Land to the rear of Lower Lane bordering Chinley Playground – An update on the status of the sale of these plots of land to be provided.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Parish Land Licence to Occupy – To consider renewal of licence in respect of parish land to the rear of 33 Lower Lane.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Friends of Chinley Park Budget – Friends of Chinley Park have requested that part of their annual budget allocation be used to pay for the services of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust who attended their recent annual picnic event. Their annual allocation of £600 is unspent to date. An invoice for £180 to be presented.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Tree Survey 2023 – The draft 2023 Tree Survey report including recommendations for work required to be circulated for consideration. Quotes will be provided for carrying out the annual recommended tree works.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Remembrance Sunday 2023 – An update will be given on the latest plans for the parade and War Memorial service. To ratify decision to order 4 wreaths for £80 including VAT under s137 expenditure. To consider an additional donation to Royal British Legion under s137 expenditure.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Christmas 2023 – To consider placing small and large Christmas trees throughout the parish as per previous years, risk assessment to be presented at a future meeting. Quotes will be presented at the meeting for supplying and installing the large Christmas tree in Buxworth, installing the small trees across the parish and for connecting all lights to an electrical supply as per previous years including along the trees on Squirrel Green adjacent to Princes Road. A quote for supplying the small trees is not yet available.

An update will be given on the latest plans for Christmas Lights Switch On events. Provisional dates have been agreed for Chinley on Monday 27 November at 7pm and for Buxworth on Friday 01 December at 6pm. Whaley Bridge Brass Band are confirmed for both dates. The current proposal in Chinley is to congregate on Squirrel Green for switching the lights on before proceeding to St Mary's Church. To confirm to plan the event on this basis. To consider a donation to Whaley Bridge Brass Band. A risk assessment to be presented at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Buxworth Allotments – A local resident has emailed in raising concerns about the deterioration of the Buxworth Allotments site. Cllr Took, the Clerk and a former committee member of Chinley Allotments Association attended the site to carry out an inspection in the first instance. It did appear as if many of the plots had not been looked after this year, if not longer, and this was impacting on some of the maintained plots. In addition, the communal paths required some maintenance work. I have written to Buxworth Allotment Association committee to discuss this with them to see how we move forwards but I have not received a response to date. To consider what action is required.

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Agenda Item 6 (k) – Playground Works – Further to the Annual Playground Inspections, quotes to be provided for some of the tasks identified during this process.