

# **Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council**

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## **Clerk's Report – 28 January 2021 Remote Meeting**

**Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project** – A new application is to be made to the National Lottery to pay for the development costs necessary to complete the fully funded proposal for the second stage of the main National Lottery application to pay for the new community centre building. The meeting to consider and approve the new application. In addition to consider the contribution the parish council will put towards the development costs. The Community Association have confirmed a contribution of £8,000. High Peak Borough Council have confirmed that £8,000 of s106 monies could be allocated towards this.

**Agenda Item 6 (b) – Chinley Community Centre Repairs** – An inspection was carried out on the fabric of the community centre building by the caretaker, Clerk and Vice Chairman. A number of repairs will be required prior to opening the Community Centre again. A quote for these repairs will be presented for consideration. The cost of these repairs could be met from the earmarked reserve from DCC for the building.

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

**Agenda Item 6 (d) – Parish Land Inspection Reports** – Monthly inspection reports to be presented and any matters arising to be discussed.

**Agenda Item 6 (e) – Christmas 2020** – Three of the small Christmas trees came out of their wall-mounted holders in very high winds throughout the festive period. The electrician was required to come out on one occasion and an additional £70 call-out charge has been added to his invoice for approval. It has been suggested that the trees are cable-tied to the wall-mounted holders once the lights have been connected next year and this should be included on the Risk Assessment. It is recommended that money be included in the 2021/22 budget for an additional four strings of white lights for the big Christmas trees as well as additional works to replace a number of the external junction boxes for the 2021 Christmas Lights displays. Any further feedback on the Christmas lights in 2020 would be welcomed to feed into planning for 2021.

**Agenda Item 6 (f) – Lower Lane Access Route to Chinley Park** – The Clerk and Cllr Drabble met on site with a Network Rail representative to discuss the condition of the “Railway Steps” leading up to Chinley Park from Lower Lane and how to resolve the drainage issues that appear to be contributing to the deterioration of these steps. The Network Rail representative suggested that we should not be knowingly diverting any drainage onto the railway embankment but rather it should be diverted across parish land before it reaches the top of the steps. This will be confirmed in writing. The representative will also investigate whether Network Rail would consider making any repairs to the condition of the access steps. A response will be received in writing in due course.

**Agenda Item 6 (g) – Grit Bins** – After the wintery episode in December, the parish council were alerted to a grit bin in Buxworth in January that was almost empty. The previous audit in November had shown that all bins were sufficiently full. A further audit was carried out by the Clerk and three bins required topping up. An email was also received from DCC alerting us to one of these bins requiring filling. A quote was sought from Mark Lomas to collect one tonne of grit from Chapel DIY and to fill up the bins as required. This was done as a matter of urgency to ensure the bins were filled before any further wintery outbreaks. The grit was collected but on attending to fill the grit bins they were found to have already been recently filled. It is assumed that DCCs operators have done this in error and DCC have been notified. However, we are now left with a one tonne bag of grit and invoices for both the grit and Mark Lomas' time for approval. He will hold on to the grit for the time being until it is required.

In addition, a request has been received to replace the grit bin on Maybank Close at New Smithy. The bin is in a very poor condition and not particularly safe to use. I understand it was placed by local residents a number of years ago and its location is not shown on the DCC website. DCC offer a free grit bin scheme

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(filled) to parish and town councils if the parish councils agree to take on the future maintenance of the new bin (including filling). I have emailed DCC to see whether this bin would qualify for this scheme since it would appear that the existing bin may have been placed on the highway without DCCs knowledge. If not then the parish council to consider purchasing a new bin for this location which would cost up to £400 approximately for a new bin filled with grit.

**Agenda Item 6 (h) – Supply of Summer and Winter Planters** – to consider quotes for the supply of summer and winter planters.

**Agenda Item 6 (i) – Tree Preservation Order 299 Britannia Mill Buxworth** – this TPO was issued, taking into accounts comments in relation to TPO No 293 which expired on 20 January 2021. The meeting to consider submitting any comments in respect of this new TPO.

22 January 2021