

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – Parish Council Meeting 28 September 2022

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update on progress on the project will be provided at the meeting. The August invoice will be presented for approval from architects d3 Associates Ltd (£4,380 plus VAT). To consider approval in principle for an application to Public Works Loan Board in the region of £200,000 over 25 years for monies towards the new building to be included as part of the bid submission to the National Lottery. Consultation carried out with the community in July 2021 demonstrated support for a loan. Loan repayments likely to be paid through repurposing existing budgets. Loan application subject to final approval only once other project funding secured and exact borrowing costs and repayments have been confirmed. In addition, to consider approval in principle for a funding contribution from parish council earmarked reserves towards the new building. As per the Q1 2022/23 Reserves Analysis report, the relevant earmarked reserves as of 30 June 2022 to consider, totalling £83,691.31, were as follows:

- Chinley Community Centre Project (DCC fund) £23,335.50
- Chinley Community Centre Project (PC fund) £ 24,850.26
- Sinking Fund £35,505.55

It is proposed that these three earmarked reserves be allocated to the project should the balance of funding be secured and that this funding be included as part of the bid submission to the National Lottery.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Parish Council and Community Association has been circulated for consideration which formalises the partnership. Draft Heads of Terms for the proposed lease arrangement for the new building have also been circulated for consideration.

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

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Remembrance 2022 – An update will be given on the latest plans for the parade and War Memorial service. To consider a donation to Royal British Legion for wreaths under s137 expenditure.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Christmas 2022 – 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 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 and placing 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 with the headteachers of Chinley and Buxworth Primary Schools and with the local church leaders. The proposed Chinley date is Monday 28 November at 7pm and the Buxworth date is Friday 2 December at 6pm. Whaley Bridge Brass Band are confirmed for both dates. The current proposal in Chinley is to return to the format of previous years including going into St Mary's Church for the second half of the event. 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 (e) – Tree Survey 2022 – The draft 2022 Tree Survey report including recommendations for work required has been circulated for consideration. Quotes will be provided for carrying out the recommended tree works. One tree at Chinley Allotments is included on the list of recommended works. Chinley Allotments Association has asked the council to consider sharing the cost for this work (total cost for works quoted at £600).

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Trees in Chinley Community Centre Car Park – Chinley Bar & Lounge have advised that they are going to apply to High Peak Borough Council for permission to cut down the cherry tree in the car park at Chinley Playing Fields along with 2 self-seeded trees to the back of their property at 25 Lower Lane as they want to erect a fence and the trees are in the way. HPBC permission is required as the trees are in the conservation area. These trees are on parish council land so they are also requesting

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permission from the Parish Council to remove them, subject to receiving the necessary authorisation from High Peak Borough Council. It should be noted that if the project to rebuild the Community Centre does proceed as anticipated then removal of the cherry tree has already been agreed as part of that planning application. That permission is only in place as part of the planning application and can't go ahead without the approval of HPBC prior to, or separate to, that work commencing.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – 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 Celebrate Nature event. They have £280 unspent of their £300 allocation. An invoice to be presented for £250.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Forge Road to Buxton Road Footpath – Two emails have been received from local residents in support of the proposed footpath from Forge Road to Buxton Road further to a communication recently sent out from Chapel-en-le-Frith parish councillor Chris Sizeland. An update to be provided on correspondence related to this matter.