

# **Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council**

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## **Clerk's Report – 29 April 2021 Remote Meeting**

**Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project** – An update on progress on the project will be provided at the meeting. A monthly invoice schedule has been prepared and the first invoice will be presented for approval from architects d3 Associates Ltd.

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

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

**Agenda Item 6 (d) – Parish Land Licence to Occupy** – The current licences issued in respect of parish land to the rear of 33 and 39 Lower Lane came to an end on 31 March 2021 and the licence in respect of the field off the B6062 comes to an end on 23 May 2021. Renewal of these licences and costs (currently £10 for 33 and 39 Lower Lane and £300 for the field off the B6062) to be considered.

**Agenda Item 6 (e) – DALC Membership** – Consideration to be given to renewing the annual membership to Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) for 2021/22 and the level of subscription to be agreed and invoice approved.

**Agenda Item 6 (f) – Chinley Playing Fields Annual Maintenance** – The quote from Bancroft to carry out the annual maintenance of the Chinley Playing Fields to be considered.

**Agenda Item 6 (g) – Resumption of In-Person Council Meetings** – Further to discussion at the March meeting, DALC forwarded a letter from the Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government dated 25 March 2021 advising that exclusively remote meetings cannot continue beyond 07 May. However, it is possible to hold an in-person meeting whilst also providing remote access for the public. The Community Centre has been booked for the May, June & July meetings to allow a larger meeting space. A risk assessment, to minimise the risk of face-to-face meetings, will be drafted and circulated in advance of the meeting for consideration. More recently, DALC have advised that a Judicial Review is taking place on 21 April, brought by Lawyers in Local Government and the Association of Democratic Services Officers, to challenge the LGA 1972 as to whether the Act requires meetings to be held in person. NALC are supporting this case with their legal team and it is hoped there will be a ruling before the end of April. An update will be presented at the meeting and a decision will need to be made regarding the Annual Parish Council Meeting due to be held on Thursday 28 May.

**Agenda Item 6 (h) – Rewilding Project** – A local resident has written to the Parish Council requesting support for a local rewilding project, supported by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT), which aims to bring landowners together who own or manage parcels of land from Chinley to Whaley Bridge and who are interested in promoting wildlife on that land. Currently, they have 130 acres on two sites already rewilding and committed. One of these is the 120 acre Sunart rewilding project where over 30 local volunteers (many from Buxworth) have already planted 9000 trees this year. They are seeking support from other organisations who manage land in the area including the Parish Council. Consideration to be given to the Parish Council formally supporting this project and assigning the land at Buxworth Rec to the project.

Each landowner would be required to have a plan to manage the site for the benefit of wildlife. A survey and management plan developed by DWT for Buxworth Rec would be sufficient. This would aim to meet the needs of the project and maintain the amenity value of the site for users such as the football pitch, playground and paths. It will recommend a cutting regime for the meadow areas and areas to be set aside for wildlife. It may be that more bird boxes are installed etc. Users of the site would notice little difference other than more wildlife over time. A quote received from DWT to produce a management plan at a cost of £325 + VAT to be considered.

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**Agenda Item 6 (i) – Dog Fouling Buxworth Rec** – Further to complaints of dog fouling at Buxworth Rec, the dog warden at High Peak Borough Council will carry out a number of spot checks. Quotes will be presented at the meeting for new signage to be placed.

**Agenda Item 6 (j) – Boulders in Buxworth** – Buxworth Preschool have requested the Parish Council's permission to site a number of large boulders on the banking at the corner of the football field on Buxworth Rec to create an outdoor bouldering area for the pre-school children. There would be no cost to the Parish Council.

**Agenda Item 6 (k) – 20s Plenty for Derbyshire** – A second letter has been emailed to the Parish Council from the 20s Plenty for Derbyshire campaign requesting support for their initiative. They suggest that speeding is one of the issues raised most by people in communities but that until recently there has been very little Parish Councils could practically do about it. The letter has been circulated to all councillors.

**Agenda Item 6 (l) – Chinley Allotments** – Chinley Allotments Associations have requested permission in principle to cut down three trees at the far end of the allotment site which are shading a couple of the allotment plots.

**Agenda Item 6 (m) – Woodlands Barn Stubbins Lane Chinley** – A local resident has asked the Parish Council to consider whether they would support in principle a change of use for Woodlands Barn, Stubbins Lane, Chinley from class B1 to class C3, a holiday let for a maximum of four people.

**Agenda Item 6 (n) – Grounds Maintenance** – Quotes will be presented for two jobs required at Buxworth Rec for consideration. One to clear the vegetation at the mouth of the culvert before the bridge on Footpath 20 and one to extend the path over the bridge in the middle of the Rec to the brow of the slope.

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