

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – 30 July 2020 Remote Meeting

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update on the tender for an architect for a new build Community Centre to be presented.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Reopening July 2020 – The Government published guidance regarding the safe reopening of playgrounds on Friday 26 June, the day after the previous council meeting. The legislation allowed playgrounds to be reopened from Saturday 4 July. An email was sent to all councillors advising that the parish council has discretion over when they consider it safe to reopen their playgrounds. A risk assessment was circulated with a recommendation to reopen the playground once appropriate signage was in place and once confirmation had been received from our insurers. There was a majority approval from councillors via email to proceed on this basis and this decision should now be ratified at the meeting. The playgrounds were duly reopened and durable signs have been created and erected. Invoices for the signs now need approval.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Annual Playground Inspections – At the previous meeting the recommendations in respect of the Annual Playground Inspections were presented and approved. Since then Kompan have replaced one of the posts free of charge on the swing in Buxworth that had been agreed. In addition further repairs of the wooden posts have been agreed by Kompan free of charge to be carried out in August. Whilst on site Kompan carried out repairs to the safety surface under the flat seat at a cost of £200 plus VAT. This was done at short notice due to the cost savings (of over £800) as the contractor was already on site. This was approved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and must now be ratified. Other parts that were required from Kompan and HAGS have been ordered as the value fell under £25 each. Once these parts have arrived General Purposes Working Group have a schedule of jobs for completion. Quotes will be presented for the additional jobs highlighted at the previous meeting.

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

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Chinley Park Nature Reserve Risk Assessment – We have received correspondence advising that cyclists and mountain bikers are riding through Chinley Park and have designed a bike track with humps made from tools within the quarry area. The humps in the quarry area have since been flattened/removed by FOCP. Signs have been placed to say no cycling/mountain biking in the park which have subsequently been damaged/removed by visitors. In addition significant litter has been found in the quarry area which has since been removed by councillors and FOCP, a number of uprooted trees have been discovered, a tent has been sighted and evidence of a den within the walls of the quarry have been seen. The wire fence on the boundary of parish land above the quarry is also in poor condition. As a result a more formal risk assessment has been carried out and a draft has been circulated with recommendations for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Buxworth Flailing – A quote will be presented from Steve Goddard to carry out the annual flailing at Buxworth Recreation Ground at the same price as last year (£360 plus VAT). The work would be carried out from mid-August onwards as per the plans and schedule drawn up in 2017.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – HPBC Business Grant – The parish council has received a £10,000 grant from High Peak Borough Council, this was after we had been advised that we were not eligible for the Business Grants that were available in respect of the coronavirus crisis. The Clerk has written to HPBC to confirm the parish council's eligibility and to clarify whether there are any restrictions on how this money may be spent. An update will be given at the meeting and consideration can then be given on how this money is used.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Chinley Playing Fields Shed – Chinley Football Clubs are considering replacing the existing wooden shed adjacent to the tennis courts on Chinley Playing Fields. They are proposing a metal shed on a slightly larger footprint (approximately 10 x 8 foot) on a paved area on the same site. They would

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include a tidy up of the area at the same time. The project is subject to permission and sourcing the necessary funding. Consideration to be given to granting permission for this proposal.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Local Electricity Bill – A campaigning organisation called Power for People have written to the parish council asking for their support for the Local Electricity Bill. In particular they would wish the council to note that the Local Electricity Bill aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so. If made law, it would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations. They ask that the parish council considers supporting the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 187 MPs; and further resolves to write to the local MP asking them to support the Bill in Parliament and to write to Power for People, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing their support. Further details may be found here <https://powerforpeople.org.uk/the-local-electricity-bill/>

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