

# **Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council**

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## **Clerk's Report – April 2017**

**Agenda Item 6 (a) – Buxworth Playground Project** – Works at the playground are proceeding well and on time. Playbark has been delivered. Additional rubber mulch surfacing has been supplied to cover the stoned areas within the council budget. The opening event is now scheduled for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 1pm. Anna Smith is publicising. Anna Smith is researching options for seating at the playground. The plan for the surface of the old roundabout where the seating may go is still to be discussed and agreed. Information will be provided at the meeting. Cllr Smith has requested that we consider replacing the litter bin at Buxworth Playground due to its current condition not being in keeping with the refurbished playground.

**Agenda Item 6 (b) – Buxworth Allotments Project** - The work to rectify the paths has been completed by Steve Goddard and Cllr Smith has agreed that all of the plots are now 8 metres in length as per the original plan. Cllr Drabble attended a meeting of the Buxworth Allotments Association on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to update them on this. A piece of old play equipment that had been discarded on the allotment site has now been removed. Further to the last parish council meeting I had not been able to get in touch with Jordan Thompson, the contractor who has been approved to complete the remaining works, by telephone or email to instruct him to carry out the remaining works. He has since sent a brief email to say that he hasn't managed to get hold of his sub-contractor to do the power harrowing and drainage and that he is struggling for time. As a result, and subject to councillors approval I have sought to get further quotes for the remaining work on the understanding that the work will be carried out within 3 weeks of quote acceptance. These will be circulated once received prior to the meeting. I have updated Buxworth Allotments Association on our current position and explained that we hope to handover the allotments to them mid-May.

**Agenda Item 6 (c) – Buxworth Allotments Association** - We have received the "Letting Conditions and Agreement for Allotments" document from Buxworth Allotments Association which is the agreement between the association and the tenants. This has been circulated. We are yet to receive the agreement between the association and the parish council. This will be circulated prior to the meeting if it arrives beforehand.

**Agenda Item 6 (d) – Chinley Community Centre Project** – No news has been received relating to the outcome of the National Lottery bid. Any update will be provided at the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6 (e) – Inspection Reports** – Playground Inspection Checklists have been received for Chinley. A problem with the litter bins not having been emptied on the last three inspections was noted. Contact has been made with DCC on a number of occasions who assure me they will all be emptied this week. The cycle track facility in Chinley was still closed up until the latest inspection. However Mark Appleby has cleared the site of branches this week (afternoon of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April) and the facility is now open and usable. The annual inspections with RoSPA for Chinley Playground and Chinley Skatepark/Cycle Facility have been booked in for May. Additionally a Post-Installation Inspection of Buxworth Playground will be undertaken at the same time. The cost for the Post-Installation Inspection will be £225 plus VAT (it would have been £395 plus VAT if it would have been done on a separate date).

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**Agenda Item 6 (f) – Audit Arrangements** – I have arranged with Barrie Woodcock for our internal audit to take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This will not be carried out at the same time as Chapel’s internal audit due to time constraints. The deadline for the external audit with Grant Thornton is 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Agenda Item 6 (g) – Signage at Vinyl Compounds** – I have been in touch with Richard Loynes, the Commercial Director at Vinyl Compounds. He would happily support clear signage to help drivers navigate around the village as he is equally frustrated at drivers passing his site that are not destined there but following satnav systems. He had previously emailed us earlier this year but it does not appear to have arrived successfully. He will look forward to hearing from us again in due course with further information. Cllr Walton to provide further information for discussion at the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6 (h) – Seating/benches in the parish** – Cllr Smith has brought to my attention that some of the seating/benches in the parish are in need of refurbishment/replacement. What is the plan of action for their ongoing maintenance?

**Agenda Item 6 (i) – Chinley Park (Stubbins Lane)** – Edith Longden has emailed to remind us that further drainage work at Chinley Park Stubbins Lane was required after a dry spell of weather. I have been in touch with Tony Wain at Barry Woods Plant Hire who has since arranged for the work to be completed free of charge as previously advised.

**Agenda Item 14 – Human Resource Issues** – up to date information will be provided at the meeting.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

20<sup>th</sup> April 2017