

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – April 2018

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – Chairman to provide an update from the project group. Decision to be made as to whether the Community Payback Team paint the outside of the centre building for us as per their conditions.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports to be presented at the meeting and an update given.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Chinley Playground Project – We are awaiting a report from High Peak Borough Council that will officially guarantee us the Phase 1 and 2 monies. As it stands currently the monies have been agreed in principle only and Sally Curley recommended we await the report, with formal sign off from High Peak Borough Council members, before ordering the playground. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Buxworth Car Park – I have written to Derbyshire County Council in response to their email, further to discussions at the March meeting. I am awaiting their response and will provide an update at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Twinning – I have been in contact with Whaley Bridge Town Council regarding the twinning that Whaley Bridge are involved in. They advised that Whaley Bridge is twinned with Tymbark in Poland and that the Town Council has very little input. There is a separate Twinning Association supported by the Town Council and the Chairman is usually invited to an annual celebration in Poland. Further, we have received correspondence from Juergen Klose in Engelstadt to update us on where they are up to in the process and both the Parish Clerk and Chairman have responded to him. We now need to consider next steps.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Buxworth Allotments – I have emailed Buxworth Allotment Association to request a specification/quote for the shed that the allotment holders would like but have not received a response as yet. An update will be provided at the meeting. The boulder on the allotment site has been investigated and we may need some help to get it moved. I am hoping to present a quote for drainage works at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Standing Orders – DALC advised in their recent circular 06/2018 that NALC have updated the model standing orders, incorporating or referencing new legislation introduced since the last standing orders were published in 2013. They have requested that Councils review their standing orders and update to incorporate the changes specified. Our current standing orders were based on model standing orders from 2010 so I have adapted the 2018 version in line with our current standing orders. These will be circulated prior to the meeting for approval and adoption.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – First World War Centenary – I have met with Sue Stockdale of Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council to discuss the grant fund for a beacon event from HPBC to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. They are holding a beacon event on Eccles Pike and have a ready-made brazier in place already. They make a donation to Mountain Rescue to put the brazier in place and to secure and make it safe. They also take out public liability insurance. We discussed whether we could put refreshments on via a mobile food unit in the layby (although this would reduce parking availability) and/or music from a local brass band/choir. We can discuss any further ideas at our meeting. They are also hoping to use the grant fund to support an exhibition and performance by Chapel Male Voice Choir. Further they are hoping to donate some of the money to The Royal British Legion for a 'silent soldier'. I have forwarded details of the grant to Friends of Chinley Park and Chinley Community Association. FOCP have suggested a memorial tree be planted in Stubbins Park (more details to follow). I have also spoken to Mark Lomas of Buxworth who is putting on an event at Buxworth Memorial Club to mark the centenary and he will be writing to us more formally soon. They are hoping to place a plaque on Buxworth Memorial Club and are looking for financial support for this. An update will be provided at the meeting.

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Agenda Item 6 (i) – Katie Toft – Councillor Bramah would like the opportunity to discuss how we may help support Katie Toft's fundraising to get to the World Cup.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Tree on Chinley Playing Fields – We have taken advice from HPBC Arboricultural Officer Monica Gillespie with regards the remains of the uprooted tree on Chinley Playing Fields that is now resting in a ditch further to works carried out to remove it and make safe. She has advised us to tidy up the ivy and small growths on the side of the trunk and to knock off as much mud as possible around the roots to allow the water to flow. She also suggested removal of two dead stumps in the vicinity, clearance of the ditch and to plant some new small trees for wildlife and to provide coverage. I will update further at the meeting regarding costs.

Agenda Item 6 (k) – Forge Road Footpath – High Peak Borough Councillor Howe has emailed about the need for a footpath between the new Forge Road development and Buxton Road. She has spoken to the HPBC Planning Operations Manager, who is broaching the subject with the developer. Derbyshire County Councillor Fox has likewise consulted DCC Highways and a meeting has been arranged to discuss further. She would like to keep us in the loop in developments. It would seem that DCC together with HPBC and the Parish Council will need to drive this initiative forward, if it proves to be viable. This can be discussed further at the meeting.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

20 April 2018