

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – February 2019

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – it is now necessary to inspect the frame holding the existing cladding on the Community Centre to ascertain whether it is structurally sufficient before proceeding with the project any further. The surveyor has agreed to look at this for us free of charge if we can arrange for sections of the frame to be revealed. Further to emailing all councillors we need to ratify the decision to approve the quote from Callum Ironmonger for £180 to carry out the necessary works to enable this. We have received confirmation that neither a toilet nor heating are required in the proposed changing room/store on Chinley Playing Fields further to a request for this information from HPBC. A sample of the proposed uPVC cladding has been sent to HPBC for their perusal and we await their comments. A meeting has been held between the Project Group and the National Lottery. Cllrs Walton and Wilson to update the meeting further.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports to be presented at the meeting and any matters arising to be discussed.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Twinning – Cllr Walton to provide an update and agree next steps.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Path around Chinley Community Centre – These works should be underway by the time of the meeting and an update will be given. Some minor changes to the specification of works has been made as per previous email correspondence. Approval for this additional expenditure is required formally at the meeting. It is worth considering building in a contingency fund on similar projects in future.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Grounds Maintenance 2019/20 – a number of minor changes to the Grounds Maintenance programme are proposed. Quotes for Grounds Maintenance works will be presented with a view to agreeing the programme for 2019/20. A report will be circulated prior to the meeting once all quotes have been received.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Litter Picking Event – The Great British Spring Clean 2019 is a national campaign organised by Keep Britain Tidy. To get involved we could host our own clean-up/litter pick between 22 March and 23 April. This would involve agreeing a date/time/location for a litter pick and advertising it. I am awaiting to hear from HPBC how much equipment they can donate or lend to us (high-viz vests, litter pickers and refuse sacks). They have previously agreed to collect any waste after such an event. I am proposing we carry out litter picks in Chinley and/or Buxworth on the weekend of 30/31 March if there is sufficient councillor support. There has been some interest in such an event already.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Annual Parish Meeting – We need to set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting for 2019 which must be held on any date between 1 March and 1 June 2019 and must not commence before 6pm. My initial suggestion is Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 7:30pm. In addition we need to consider the arrangements for this meeting and whether we hold it at the Community Centre again as per last year.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – s137 Funding Requests – A number of requests have been made from local groups for funding. Prior to the meeting I will circulate a summary of all requests with suggested donations for discussion and approval at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Buxworth Recreation Ground – As per Cllr Smith's request at the last meeting we will consider proposals from Buxworth Preschool for Buxworth Recreation Ground. We have since received a written request from the Preschool to apply for some free trees from the Woodland Trust to be planted at Buxworth Recreation Ground later this year. They have indicated they may attend Open Forum to discuss their plans in more detail and if I receive any information in advance this will be circulated prior to the meeting. We can also consider how we move forward plans for the Recreation Ground as a whole. We

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have had two items of correspondence relating to Himalayan Balsam, issues of litter and dog fouling and a request for some brambles to be cut back by volunteers.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

22 February 2019