

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – February 2020

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update will be given on the progress of the Project Group. This will include an update on recent grants applied for and an update on applying for National Lottery funding.

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) – Buxworth Allotments – an email has been sent to Buxworth Allotments Association advising that the parish council plan to plant a hawthorn hedge along the front and sides of the allotment boundary, further to the original plans, to help screen the allotment site and additionally that the hedges will be trimmed once per year by the parish council to maintain them. Feedback has been requested in advance of the meeting and a final decision can then be made on the planting of the hedge. I am awaiting clarification that there are still some hawthorn trees left that can be used for planting. A plan of action then needs to be agreed.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – 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 (e) – Annual Parish Meeting – a provisional date for the Annual Parish Meeting for 2020 has been set for Wednesday 6 May 2020 at 8pm in Chinley Community Centre. This meeting must legally be held on any date between 1 March and 1 June 2020 and must not commence before 6pm. The date needs to be approved and arrangements for this meeting need to be considered.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Trees – the parish council were advised by a local resident that part of a tree had split off in the recent storm in Chinley Park above the allotments. The Clerk, Cllr Wilson and a member of Friends of Chinley Park have inspected the tree and as it has fallen away from the footpath and appears secure no further action is deemed necessary. Another tree has been brought to the parish council's attention in Chinley Park on the right hand side off the main footpath close to a footpath in front of the centenary tree planted in 2018. It appears to be dying and a quote is being sought to cut this tree down. This will be presented at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Railway Steps adjacent to Chinley Allotments – the condition of the steps adjacent to Chinley Allotments leading to Chinley Park has been brought to the parish council's attention. Over time, and possibly as a result of recent heavy rainfall, the depth of some of the steps is now quite significant as holes have developed in the steps. According to the title deeds the steps do not appear to be part of the parish-owned land. Consideration to be given on how to proceed to resolve this issue.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2019/20 – the surface maintenance works, as previously approved, to CBB Footpath 20 in Buxworth under this scheme have now been carried out. An invoice to DCC for £565 including these works and a contribution for mowing CBB Footpath 22 in Chinley Park will be presented for signature by the Chairman prior to issuing to DCC.