

# Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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## Clerk's Report

**Agenda Item 6(b) – Community Centre** – We need to formally approve the asbestos report expenditure. Cllr Walton will update on progress and advise on revised deal with DCC and details of the agreement with the Community Association for approval.

**Agenda Item 6(c) – Community Association Budget** – We need to formally approve the recommendation of members at the Finance Group meeting (as circulated previously) that the invoice for the electrical inspection be paid from the £1000 Community Association budget and the balance of £470 be paid to the Community Association to help to cover the outlay for the insurance.

**Agenda Item 6(d) – Allotment Surrender** – We have received a letter from Mrs Mellor with a cheque for the rent and letting us know they no longer wish to use the land at Buxworth for chickens. I have sent a reply acknowledging receipt. We need to decide how we wish to proceed, especially regarding clearance of the site. I have also requested an update from BBHT on their position, but they have as yet to meet with the Canal and River Trust (possibly in February)

**Agenda Item 6(e) – Land adjacent to 33 Lower Lane** – We need to be sure we don't need this land. As per the Chairman's report, the final decision may need to wait for the proposed masterplan for the area to be drawn up to determine if the land is going to be needed for community purposes. If we do resolve to sell the land we will need to go through a process to ensure we get best consideration. Martin will draft a reply for Mr Barnes for approval at the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6(f) – Buxworth Grazing Land** – We have received a second half year rental payment from Wagtails for this and I have checked the license agreement which ought to have been revisited before now, as the licence only applies up to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015, for which they had paid on taking occupancy of the land in April/May. I do not envisage any problem with granting them continued use as no issues with their occupancy have been raised. I have consulted with Martin and he will confirm his proposal on how to proceed for approval.

**Agenda Item 6(i) – High Peak local Plan Modifications Consultation** – Cllr Wilson is seeking clarification on an issue and will circulate information and advice regarding potential comments for submission.

**Agenda Item 6(j) – Clean for the Queen** – Details about this initiative have been circulated previously and any further information will be made available as it arrives.

**Agenda Item 8(b) – Accounts 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter** – These will be made available for the meeting.

**Agenda Item 8(c) – Budget & Precept 2016/17** – The recommendations from the Finance Group Meeting will be presented to the meeting for approval.

**Agenda Item 8(d) – Sycamore Tree Stubbins park** – With his quote for the work recommended by the tree survey, Mark Appleby indicated that this tree (not included with the survey recommendations) should be felled and quoted to do it. Cllr Wilson has had a look at it and can see that some work is required but is concerned about the cost, particularly as the policy of Friends of Chinley Park is specifically to leave any dead trees/branches on site for the wildlife and not to take any away. He has suggested approval in principle for this quote (in case we do have to act on this advice quickly) but only act on it after further discussions with Mark Appleby and consultation with FOCP.

**Agenda Item 8(e) – Footpath 20** – Cllr Smith wishes to raise dressing the central section of Footpath 20 at Buxworth. The northern and southern ends were dressed twelve months ago as they were extremely boggy and dangerous. He has reported that the central section is now very wet and would be greatly improved with similar treatment

**Agenda Item 8(f) – Laser Printer** – I would like to replace the Samsung Mono Laser printer in the office. It has been extremely valuable and well used since 2004 but its paper feed is now very temperamental rendering it no longer efficient. I have continued to use it in this state in order to make full use of the toner, which has now run out. I will provide further information to the meeting for consideration.

**Agenda Item 8(g) – Christmas Events** – We need to approve any contributions we wish to make for Music and refreshment provision for the two tree lighting events.

Brenda Wise - Parish Clerk

21<sup>st</sup> January 2016