

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report

Agenda Item 6(c) - Stubbins Park – Reference - e-mail received from Edith Longden on 17/01/2017 and my reply cc'ed to council (copy attached for Bill).

Drainage Work - I will share any further information from FOCP about the drainage issue as and when I receive it. We need to determine why there is still lying water, if the problem is because of the work done being unsatisfactory or the amount of precipitation being excessive. The invoice (dated 12/09/2016) was paid at the September meeting. Further information with photographs has been e-mailed to Cllrs and the contractors who will visit the site and report back to us, hopefully in time for the meeting.

Park Gate – Council agreed the best option would be to fit one full sized field gate rather than installing a small gate with the existing gate as being requested by Edith. I have asked Edith to provide details of FOCP proposal and costs. Does council wish to reconsider this decision?

Agenda Item 6(d) - Buxworth Culvert Bridge Surface Improvement – Council may wish to consider an upgrade to the specification for the work agreed for this job. It has been suggested that the intended meter wide strip of MOT placed along the centre of the access to act as a walkway between two undressed tracks for vehicle wheels would result in two muddy channels into which the walkway would erode and be incorporated. Water draining into the track nearest the railway would not be able to drain any further and collect there. It has been suggested that these problems could be avoided by firstly dressing the full width with a base layer of larger clean stone to allow free flow of water across the area enabling it to drain away more readily and then cap the top with a meter wide strip of MOT in the centre to form a less stony walkway. Further improvement to the drainage of any water could be gained by inclusion of land drain pipes within the base layer under the walkway strip. Although more costly initially this should be more economical over time.

Agenda Item 6(e) - Footpath No 39 Consultation – The information about amendments to the proposed diversion of this path were circulated when received on 20th December. I am surprised that we have not received any input from Tony Brackenbury.

Agenda Item 6(f) - Buxworth Park Project/Playground – Cllr Walton will bring information to the meeting about playground proposals.

Agenda Item 6(g) - Scrutiny Review of Broadband Access – Information about this consultation was circulated when received on 19th December.

Agenda Item 8(b) - Budget & Precept 2017/18 – The bulk of the work on this should have been carried out at the Finance Meeting on 19th January 2017 but needs acceptance and approval at the full council meeting.

Agenda Item 8(c) – Buxworth Allotments – A quote for completion of the fencing has been received and one for drainage work requested following the meeting with the contractor who has taken over from Fletchers, Cllrs Smith, Knox & Drabble and myself. At this meeting issues with the site potentially affecting the layout and sizes of plots and paths were identified and action to rectify these needs to be agreed.

Agenda Item 8(d) – Buxworth Entry Sign – Cllr Howe has continued her quest for replacement of the lost Buxworth Entry sign. Costs for supply and fitting of a replacement have been provided by her for consideration of the council

Agenda Item 13 – Human Resource Issues – Cllrs Walton, Wilson and Pettitt will report on the outcome of the interviews for the Job Vacancy held on 18th January 2017. The next stages in appointment of a new clerk, hand over arrangements and termination of my contract need to be determined.

Brenda Wise - Parish Clerk

19th January 2017