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Clerk's Report – January 2018

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – Chair to provide an update.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Inspection Reports – Update to be provided at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Chinley Playground Project – Sally Curley from HPBC has written to advise that if the Parish Council wanted to go ahead with the playground project before the Phase 2 monies from the Forge Road development have been received then they could use some of their own money and the balance could be transferred when received by HPBC. However the Parish Council would have to consider the risks of the monies not arriving. The Clerk, Chair and other members have met with two companies now (Kompan and Wicksteed) to provide information to allow designs and quotes to be given for the new playground on a one or a two phased approach. A further appointment has been scheduled to meet HAGS next week. To date we have not received any designs/quotes back but these are due shortly and an update will be provided at the meeting. It is expected that we will consult with the public at the end of January and into February with a view to selecting a chosen contractor at the February meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Grounds Maintenance – I have now received an updated quote from DCC for the grounds maintenance works we require. I have met with representatives from Burleys, a grounds maintenance services provider, and await their quote to carry out the works. Mark Lomas is also expected to quote for some of the items. Once all the information is received I will meet with the General Purposes Working Group to discuss how we move forward with a view to approving our recommendations at the February meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Christmas 2017 – Everything went to plan regarding the Christmas lights in the parish. There are a number of issues that make sense to discuss now ready for next year. Firstly, the conduit housing the cable that powers the Christmas tree on Squirrel Green has come loose between the meter cupboard and the grass. I am awaiting a quote from ProSafe Electrical Services to rectify this which should be available at the meeting. Ideally this work would be carried out during a dryer spell in the summer prior to next Christmas. Secondly we now require 2 new sets of flashing lights (warm white) to replace one set that is defunct and another set that does not flash. These could be purchased now or closer to Christmas 2018. Thirdly we need to consider whether we install a new tree holder above Rollies pizza shop in keeping with other businesses in the village. This would result in us requiring an additional small tree. Fourthly, we need to consider whether we wish to site two trees above Café Bombay. As there was one spare tree this year it was placed there but the tree holder is not at an angle and may in fact be an old flag pole. In addition there was a charge of £82.90 made to relocate the tree holder and connection box at the Conservative Club. ProSafe have invoiced us and we need to confirm we are happy to take responsibility for this payment? ProSafe suggested that if we wanted to next year they could place white only lights at Chinley and blue only lights at Buxworth. What are Councillor's thoughts? Were people happy with how the trees looked this year? Lastly a Christmas tree is sited outside the Community Centre and Phil Manford has questioned whether that should form part of our lights display or the Community Association's.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Grit bins – We were notified by Derbyshire Police that they had caught offenders in the act of blowing up our grit bin on Stubbins Lane with a firework. Under a restorative

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justice scheme the offenders have given us £345 in cash and I have ordered a new grit bin from DCC at a cost of £361.49 ready-filled with grit to be installed shortly. Thanks to Cllr Knox for removing the remnants of the old bin. As per the November meeting I have written to DCC asking whether they would consider filling a grit bin rather than leaving a salt heap on the unnamed road between The Wash and New Smithy if we were to pay for the grit bin to be supplied and installed. DCC are looking into this and I will update at the meeting. For information a grit bin supplied and installed by DCC unfilled would cost £342.74, to supply and install the grit bin ready-filled with grit would cost £361.49. Phil Manford has uncovered a small grit bin in the car park at the Community Centre. I have ordered 6 x 25kg bags to fill this although Chapel DIY are currently out of stock. I will add it to the list of grit bins that we are responsible for.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – s137 Funding Requests – Further requests have come in from the new group aiming to reinstate the Youth Club provision at the Community Centre, from Linda Page to contribute towards hiring the small room at the Community Centre for the Citizen's Advice Bureau monthly sessions and from Buxworth Football Club for paving around the perimeter of the new changing facilities. Any further requests will be provided at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – TRO's and parking issues – Isobel Mulligan has forwarded amendments to the Chinley TRO that is currently at pre-consultation stage including double yellow line parking restrictions in Whitehough. It is understood that the full public consultation will begin at the end of January. In addition a letter has been received from Moira Hardy raising concerns over parking on the bridge leading to Stubbins Lane and Maynestone Road.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Road signs on B6062 – Mr Arnfield came in to see me to discuss his continued frustration with the ongoing problem of high vehicles ignoring signs on B6062 towards Buxworth and having to reverse near the bridge. He reported the grass verges have been driven over and damaged again. His understanding is that it is lorries bound for Glossop and beyond that turn off at the A6 rather than drivers visiting the PVC factory. He requests that we install further signs to advise drivers but in particular a flashing lights sign at Leaden Knowle which is the last point at which lorries can realistically turn. I have spoken to Isobel Mulligan at DCC who says there are sufficient signs from the A6 to Leaden Knowle that have been installed in the last few years in both metric and imperial heights. She said residents should advise the Police of a "Moving Traffic Offence" since if vehicles have reached the B6062 they are already committing the offence "driving without due care and attention" by ignoring the signs thus far and should be prosecuted as such. Further she advises the Freight Transport Commission could be advised if the company name and registration plates of vehicles involved are known. She further described the overweight detection system on the Hayfield Road towards Chinley at New Mills costing approximately £60k is still ignored by drivers. She advises that no signs can go on the highway unless approved by DCC that conform to regulations. Vehicle Activated Signs are only applicable under certain criteria on speed and collisions. Any sign we wish to install on our land or private land must conform to HPBC planning requirements. She would prefer us not to sort our own sign as in general there is a move to reduce the clutter of signs. However she says that if the council wish to pursue the option of further signs then she suggests we find 3 possible locations for a further sign and she will meet us to see whether we can take it forward. Another alternative would be to apply for a licence to place an object on the highway road verge (e.g. boulder/planter) to deter drivers from turning here or cultivate the verges as a deterrent.