

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – January 2019

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – A meeting has been held between the Clerk, Cllr Wilson, Phil Manford and Sally Curley of HPBC to discuss our plans for the s106 monies allocated to Open Space/Indoor & Outdoor Sport & Recreation. A further meeting was then held with a Planning Officer to get her thoughts on the project proposal as it currently stands. We are awaiting some feedback as a result of this and will update accordingly at the meeting. The Clerk and Cllr Wilson are also in the process of preparing a detailed brief for potential architects who would like to provide a price proposal for the necessary works to achieve planning and building regulations approval. An update will be given at the meeting where we will need to consider next steps.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports to be presented at the meeting and any matters arising to be discussed. The playground sign at Buxworth has been damaged and removed. We need to consider whether we fix the existing sign or replace with a new one. A quote will be presented for replacement.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Christmas 2018 – A microphone was purchased to use at the Christmas Lights Switch On event but was ineffective and returned for a full refund. Youth Club may be purchasing an outside sound system that we may be able to use next year. A number of sets of replacement LED lights were required for the small trees. The invoice will be presented for approval. Any feedback on the Christmas lights and events would be welcome to feed into planning for 2019.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Path around Chinley Community Centre – We have now received three quotes to carry out works to remove the concrete flags around the Community Centre building and to replace with tarmac and concrete edging. These will be circulated in advance and a decision needs to be taken on how to proceed.

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

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Tree Survey – The annual Tree Survey 2018 has been circulated via email and requires approval. I am anticipating having a quote for the recommended works to present at the meeting for approval.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement – I have established with DCC that this scheme is still in place although no letters have been sent to parish councils to this effect. Therefore we have up to £575 that we can claim before 31 March 2019 for minor maintenance to upkeep of the local rights of way network. Cllr Smith has reported a footpath in need of some minor maintenance – CBB Footpath 80 in Buxworth. It is particularly muddy at the top and the hedges are overgrown. It is a useful cut-through from New Road to Bugsworth Basin avoiding the road where no pavement exists. I have taken advice from DCC and they agree that although the footpath is fit for purpose it would benefit from scraping down and laying new stone. DCC have written to the neighbouring landowner to request the hedges get cut back prior to any work commencing. A quote will be presented at the meeting from Mark Lomas to carry out these works. There may be some money left over if anyone is aware of any other minor maintenance works required.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Bike Racks Proposal – Isobel Mulligan of DCC has provided a plan of proposed bike rack locations and specifications for installation in Chinley village. These will be presented for approval.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Elections 2019 – HPBC have advised that town and parish elections will take place on 2 May 2019 for all seats. They will give details of a briefing session in due course. In their latest circular,

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DALC have provided details of training sessions on the issue of the elections as well as an elections timetable and publicity materials for councils to use to encourage individuals to stand for election.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group – A request has been received for £250 from the Transport Group as well as a request for a further £250 budget allocation from the parish council in the 2019/20 financial year. Cllr Walton also has an update to provide on behalf of the Transport Group further to their AGM in January.

Agenda Item 6 (k) – Grit bin request – we have received a request for a grit bin on Stubbins Lane at the bottom of the track to Throstle Bank Farm. Consideration needs to be given to this request. Last year we paid DCC £376.94, excluding VAT, to supply and fit a filled grit bin in The Wash.

Agenda Item 6 (l) – Buxworth Car Park – DCC dug the trench in December close to Buxworth Car Park to divert the discharge off the highway away from the car park to hopefully reduce the debris being washed down as previously agreed. As reported in Cllr Smiths' playground inspection in December and further to a visit to Buxworth Rec with Cllr Wilson the car park was covered in mud, leaves and was very slippery and in need of a proper scrape/tidy up. Mark Lomas provided a quote of £90 for the job which was circulated and approved by email. The works have now been carried out and the car park looks much better. We should have the invoice to approve for these works. I also recommend that we include one annual tidy up of the car park going forward as part of the grounds maintenance programme to maintain its condition.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

18 January 2019