

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – July 2019

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – To date one builder has met with us and taken a look at the Community Centre plans and we are awaiting their quote. I am meeting with two further builders next week. An update will be provided at the meeting. At the last meeting we discussed getting a quote to repair the rotten floor at the exterior entrance to the changing rooms. Phil Manford was concerned that this posed a health and safety risk at the Summer Fete and proceeded with the necessary works on those grounds. An invoice will be presented for these works that were carried out.

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 Recreation Ground – a number of matters to be considered relating to Buxworth Recreation Ground:

- Proposed 'Friends' group – a meeting has been arranged on Wednesday 24 July at 7:30pm at Buxworth Memorial Club to investigate whether there is sufficient interest in setting up a 'Friends' group to manage Buxworth Recreation Ground going forward. A number of people have been invited and there has been a good response to the invitation. An update will be provided at the meeting and consideration can be given on how to move forward.
- Buxworth Preschool – the Preschool have asked us to confirm that there are no restrictions in the deeds that would impact the Rotunda project. Cllr Travis has looked at the deeds and will provide an update. In addition the Preschool reported a wasps nest close to where children play under the tree. This was removed by Rural Pest Control and an invoice will be presented for approval. The Preschool have a sign that can be used for the Community Orchard if the council can arrange for it to be sited.
- Giant Hogweed – a further resident reported sighting this and that the flower heads were now present. To stop the spread of this Mark Lomas removed it as a matter of urgency. An invoice will be presented for approval.
- Wedding Ceremony License – an update on the process involved in applying for a wedding ceremony license for Buxworth Recreation Ground will be presented for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Parish Room Electricity Supply – Updated quotes from Utility Aid and nPower will be presented to supply electricity to the Parish Room from January 2020.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Parish Seating/Benches – Cllrs Drabble and Smith have carried out the annual audit of seating and benches in the parish. A list of recommended works will be presented at the meeting with quotes for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – VE Day 75 (8 May 2020) – There is some interest from Buxworth in combining forces and holding a parish-wide event at Chinley Community Centre and Playing Fields. The WI are also interested in being involved and they are looking back in old minute books to see what events took place in 1945. I am also awaiting confirmation from the Community Association as to whether they wish to be involved too. We need to agree how we move forward with this and whether we contribute any funding towards it.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Newsletter Distribution – A proposal for an alternative means of distributing the parish newsletter will be presented for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Parking at Chinley Community Centre – At the June meeting High Peak Borough Cllr Eve Burton raised concerns about disabled parking at the Community Centre in Chinley. A quote will be presented for improved marking out of the disabled bays as well as for increased signage. Consideration can be given to any alternative ways to ensure the disabled parking bays are used for the correct purpose.

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Agenda Item 6 (i) – Buxworth Path to Playground – Cllr Drabble has raised concerns over the safety of the footpath from Buxworth Car Park down to the Playground and would like the council to consider options for improving this.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Budget 2019/20 – A list of training courses to be attended by the Clerk and Councillors in 2019/20 will be presented. The cost for these courses is beyond the budgeted amount of £300 so approval is required to transfer the shortfall from the 'Admin' earmarked reserve.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

19 July 2019