

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report

Agenda Item 6(b) - Community Centre – With regard to Community Right to Build, our application for Neighbourhood Area designation has now been approved by HPBC and PDNPA. Consultation on the proposed plans for the centre rebuild is now underway. Cllrs Walton and Wilson will report on other progress.

Agenda Item 6(c) - Buxworth Allotments – We are still awaiting confirmation regarding any discharge of conditions issues and clarification of whether any replacement trees need to be provided. Project Manager, Phil Lomas, has e-mailed HPBC officer Monica Gillespie requesting this information with no success to date. I am trying a direct approach for a response to enable us to settle our account with Darren Hague. Cllr Drabble has reported that Steve Goddard has done a good job levelling the allotment site and the final perimeter fencing and gates can now be installed. I have written to all the people on the waiting list for confirmation of their continued interest and contact details. We need to decide on arrangements and date to meet them and discuss management/administration issues etc.

Agenda Item 6(d) - Electricity – I have been contacted by Christopher Conway of Utilitywise offering help with managing energy accounts and lowering consumption. Is this something the Council would like to accept?

Agenda Item 6(e) - Buxworth Sign – I have included this item in the hope that I might be able to bring information to the meeting.

Agenda Item 6(f) - Chinley Post Office– I do not have any details but understand that closure of the Post Office in its present location is likely.

Agenda Item 6(g) - Chinley Car Park – Phil Manford reported loose material from on the surface from waring area being a slip hazard, especially on the access slope and requested clearance of this in time for the Summer Fete. We need to approve the cost of this and also for future similar action as required. Phil also advised that there is a leak in the centre of the car park and the water is creating dampness to the banking and football pitch.

Agenda Item 6(h) - Buxworth Park Project– I have included this item to identify and prioritise management and development issues.

Agenda Item 6(i) - Memorial Tree – I responded through Phil Manford to the request for planting of a Memorial tree on Squirrel Green. We need to formalise the council decision to agree to the planting subject to further agreement with council regarding the exact location and type of tree to be planted. Phil has been in contact again and I hope we may have more information for the meeting.

Agenda Item 6(j) - Buxworth Steam Weekend – We have received a request for use of the Recreation Area at Buxworth for vintage cars motor bikes and tractors as additional attractions for the steam weekend this year.

Agenda Item 8(a) – DALC Subscription – The DALC subscription for 2016/17 is now overdue. Do we wish to stick with the lower fee of £619.88 for this year or the higher fee of £749.88

The second and higher fee, is optional, but includes an increase on your basic subscription fee to cover group 1 training. We will be operating two suites of training – group 1 and group 2. All the courses in group 1 will be “free” to any council paying the extra training fee. The extra fee will enable your councillors and clerk/rfo to book onto as many courses as they wish, (with a max number at any one course of 3 delegates from your council). All bookings will be on a first come first served basis, but we aim to provide ample opportunities for your council to take advantage of this flat-fee rate.

Group 1 courses will include (April 2016-March 2017):

Clerk induction/refresher – 4 sessions; Councillor induction/refresher – at least 4 sessions; Chair Skills; Code of Conduct; The Role of the RFO; Finance for Councillors; Minutes and Procedures; Data Protection and Freedom of Information.

Agenda Item 8(c) – Trees overhanging drive of 1 Princes Road – We have received a service request regarding trees on Squirrel Green overhanging the drive of 1 Princes Road. I will investigate this further and contact the occupier for more information.

Brenda Wise - Parish Clerk

4th August 2016