

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – March 2019

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – A brief has been issued to three architects with a view to getting their quotes for carrying out the necessary works to obtain planning permission and building regulations approval for the refurbishment project of the Community Centre and its associated facilities. The deadline for submission is 5pm on Tuesday 26 March 2019 and a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 27 March 2019 to discuss the submissions with the view to making a recommendation at the parish council meeting on which architect to appoint. We also need to agree the source of money for this expenditure.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports to be presented at the meeting and any matters arising to be discussed. An update on the Annual Inspections will be given.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – s137 Funding Requests – Further to the February meeting I have advertised locally that there is still a small pot of money for local groups to apply for. To date we have received requests from Chinley Youth Club, 1st Chinley Guides and Buxworth Preschool. Prior to the meeting, once all anticipated requests have been received, I will circulate a summary of all requests with suggested donations for discussion and approval at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Buxworth Recreation Ground – A group of four councillors met with the representatives of Buxworth Preschool on site to consider the possibility of siting a rotunda here. Consideration needs to be given to licensing some of the Recreation Ground, possibly including the space for a community orchard, to Buxworth Preschool. Any update from Buxworth Preschool will be given at the meeting. As per the February meeting I have not instigated, to date, a meeting regarding the possibility of a "Friends" group for Buxworth Recreation Ground but will update accordingly at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Parish land licences – The current licences issued in respect of parish land to the rear of 33 and 39 Lower Lane come to an end on 31 March 2019 and the licence in respect of the field off the B6062 comes to an end on 23 May 2019. Renewal of these licences needs to be considered.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Litter bin outside Community Centre – The bin immediately outside the Community Centre is in a very poor condition and potentially dangerous with the wires on it broken and sticking out. Consideration to be given to replacing it with a new bin and if agreed the source of funding. The bin recently purchased for Chinley Playground cost £171.09 plus VAT and this style would have an increased capacity compared with the existing one.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Buxworth Car Park – Further to the trench being dug close to Buxworth Car Park and the subsequent clean-up of the Car Park we now need to consider tidying up the track down to the allotments, material of which has been washed down hill and onto the football field. I am awaiting a quote which I hope to present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Trees near Buxworth Playground – Our tree contractors recently alerted us to a tree close to Buxworth Playground that may require some attention. Cllr Wilson has inspected it and is of the opinion it should be cut down and the stump ground out. Further, it has been suggested that we plant two new trees to replace one previously cut down and this one in its vicinity. I will present a quote for these works and for purchasing two new trees at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Light in Community Centre Car Park – It has been reported that the light in the Community Centre Car Park is not always on in the evenings. Further investigation has identified that it may have an intermittent fault. The source of electricity for this light is unknown. I am awaiting further information from DCC and will present at the meeting on how to proceed with this.