

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – May 2017

Agenda Item 16 (a) – Buxworth Playground Project – Work at the playground is now complete. Anna and Jonathan Smith hosted a very successful opening event on Saturday 29th April. The litter bin that had been agreed at the last parish council meeting has now been ordered (same type as previously ordered by the council – a Glasdon 'Topsy Royale') and HPBC have been contracted to fit it and remove the old one. This will be completed in the next couple of weeks. We are still awaiting invoices for the remaining works that have been carried out.

Agenda Item 16 (b) – Buxworth Allotments Project - The work to rotivate the allotments and all fencing has now been completed. The work on the drainage is still outstanding but due for completion imminently. All work should have been completed before the annual parish council meeting.

Agenda Item 16 (c) – Buxworth Allotments Association – The Buxworth Allotment Agreement to be signed by the Parish Council and Buxworth Allotments Association including tenancy agreements with plot holders and rules has been circulated for approval. Minor changes have been suggested. A final version will be circulated prior to the meeting for approval at the parish council meeting. At this point in time I have not heard back from Clare Mahoney of Buxworth Allotments Association to get their feedback on the draft agreement. A further update will be given at the meeting.

Agenda Item 16 (d) – Chinley Community Centre Project – Unfortunately, as reported at the Annual Parish meeting, the bid to Big Lottery Fund for the new community centre has been turned down. Notice of this can now be seen on the Community Association website including plans going forward.

Agenda Item 16 (e) – Inspection Reports – Playground Inspection Checklists have been received for Chinley and Buxworth. A swing seat at Chinley has been removed and repaired. There still seem to be problems with litter bins in Chinley not appearing to be recently emptied (please see item below). No problems have been found at the Buxworth playground. The annual inspections with RoSPA for Chinley Playground and Chinley Skatepark/Cycle Facility have been booked in for the end of May. Additionally a Post-Installation Inspection of Buxworth Playground will be undertaken at the same time. The report will not be back in time for the May meeting.

Agenda Item 16 (f) - Emptying litter bin services – I have been investigating the contracts we have with both DCC and HPBC for emptying our litter bins. I now have the contact details for the person who empties our litter bins on behalf of DCC and am hoping to arrange to meet with him to confirm details of which bins he empties and when to help us better monitor our DCC contract. HPBC empty the 'new' litter bins installed in April 2013 on the roadside at Buxworth and Chinley (6 bins) as well as the bin outside Stubbins Park. Over the next month I will pull together a register of all our bins and a clearer picture of who empties which ones, when and at what cost to provide a clearer picture to identify whether any cost savings/improvements can be made.

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Agenda Item 16 (g) – Signage at Vinyl Compounds – Cllr Smith and I will provide some images at the meeting of possible signs that could be used to help drivers navigate their way around the parish near the Vinyl Compounds site.

Agenda Item 16 (h) – Seating/benches in the parish – Cllr Walton to report back on this issue.

Agenda Item 16 (i) – WI tree – I am waiting to hear back from Ian Foster with his advice on the location suggested by the WI to plant a tree on Squirrel Green.

Agenda Item 16 (j) – Parking and access issues Belle Vue Chinley – I have emailed DCC regarding the issue brought to our attention by some residents of Belle Vue, Chinley at the April meeting. Further to DCC advice I have advised the aforementioned residents of who to contact should an obstruction be taking place (DCC enforcement officers during the enforcement period and outside of these times the local Safer Neighbourhood Team). I have also advised them of who to write to at DCC themselves which they have now advised me they have done. I am awaiting email confirmation with full details but to pursue this further DCC would like some evidence to demonstrate there is support for double yellow lines at this location from all affected residents. They certainly support the idea in principle but this will take time to move forward. Our local PCSO has been informed and will now keep an eye out for offenders. They have also made suggestions on how to improve the situation which can be considered further at the meeting.

Agenda Item 16 (k) – Licences for parish land at various locations – consideration to be given to grant a licence to occupy parish land at the rear of 39 Lower Lane, Chinley to the future owner of this property. Consideration to be given to renew expired licences for land to the rear of 33 Lower Lane, Chinley and grazing land at Buxworth to current licence holders.

Agenda Item 18 (b) – Internal Audit – The internal audit for the year ended 31st March 2017 took place on 9th May 2017 by Barrie Woodcock. It was reported that there are no matters arising from the internal audit which necessitate bringing to the attention of members. No action is recommended to be taken by the Council/Clerk. The report will be presented at the meeting for consideration. The deadline for the external audit with Grant Thornton is 12th June 2017.

Agenda Item 18 (f) – Hole in Chinley playing fields – It was brought to our attention that a hole had appeared underneath the senior football pitch at Chinley playing fields. An unknown concrete lid below the surface of the pitch had given way and collapsed into a bricked chamber which is evidently a surface water manhole. The hole was fenced off and emergency work was carried out by County Drains to rectify the situation and put right the issue to safeguard against any risk to the public. This work has now been completed satisfactorily and we are awaiting the invoice for approval.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

19th May 2017