

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report

Agenda Item 6(b) – Community Centre – Cllrs Wilson & Walton will update on progress. The Draft Lease Surrender document has been received from Derbyshire County Council and passed to the legal department at National Association of Local Councils via Derbyshire ALC for procedural checking. We hope to have their comments and assessment of the document for the meeting. The document will need to be approved for signing.

Agenda Item 6(c) – Winter Maintenance – The County Council's Winter maintenance Scheme is in operation again this year. We have not participated in previous years but should review whether we wish to and to what extent. I will send the information again by e-mail (or enclose as applicable) for you to consider before the meeting.

Agenda Item 6(d) – Station Road, Chinley – With reference to the e-mail correspondence with Isobel Mulligan regarding footpath and road obstruction on Station Road and station drop-off bay issues, we need to consider any further action to take.

Agenda Item 6(e) – DCC Budget – With reference to the e-mail consider comments to 'Have your say'.

Agenda Item 7 – Planning – Please find the Planning Applications list and report with the meeting documents on the website (enclosed for Bill and Jackie).

Agenda Item 8(b) – Accounts for first half of the year – I have now brought the accounts up to date and have placed the bank reconciliation for September and year to end of September cash book information on the website (enclosed for Bill & Jackie)

Agenda Item 8(c) – Budget 2016/17 – The budget for 2016/17 will need to be approved at the next meeting, in January. Preparation and recommendations for this will be presented to that meeting by the Responsible Financial Officer (Clerk) and the Finance Group. Please bring all your ideas and priorities for next year's budget requirements to the meeting to assist with this process.

Agenda Item 8(d) – Allotments – We have received a quote for the levelling work which I will present to the meeting for consideration/approval.

Agenda Item 8(e) – Tree Survey Work – We have received two quotes for the Tree work recommended by the Tree Survey. I will bring these to the meeting. A decision on the schedule and contractor for this work needs to be made. I have sought advice from HPBC Planning Officer, Faye Plant and Arboriculture Officer, Monica Gillespie whether any of the recommended work requires approval, but have not received a response from either of them. I will chase this up before the meeting.

Agenda Item 8(f) – Gritting and Grit Bins – I have gathered some information on costs for filling grit bins which I will bring to the meeting for approval. Only one of the bins is completely empty and most of the others are at least ½ full. We have had a couple of almost ice free winters with no new grit required. I recommend that no new grit is placed on top of the old grit, but that this is loosened (hopefully by General Purposes Group members with a garden fork or other suitable implement) and only the empty bin at the top of Stubbins Lane is filled at this stage. Bins to be monitored and await use of most of the old grit before being topped up. I do not believe we will get away without having to refill them at least once before the end of this winter if the pundits are correct. We do however need to decide which system for refilling to use and I will bring my recommendation to the meeting.

Agenda Item 8(g) – Christmas – I will bring costs to the meeting for approval.

Agenda Item 8(h) – Litter Bin – I contacted High Peak Borough Council’s Robin Cummings regarding whether the location for this bin could be serviced by the Street Cleaning Team and at what cost to the Parish Council, as follows: I received

At the October meeting of Chinley Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council the presence of an unofficial bin full of litter on Western Lane was brought to our attention together with a request for an official bin. A resident has agreed to deal with clearance of the unofficial one if necessary and I have been asked to investigate the possibility of replacement with an official bin. We would however require provision for emptying the bin. The location for the bin would be adjacent to the public footpath 77 at Buxworth next to the football field on Western Lane.

Would you give approval for a bin to be placed at this location?
Would you be able to provide your emptying service for a bin at this location?
What would be the cost of the emptying service to the Parish Council?
Would you be able to install the bin? And at what cost?

If you could provide answers to these questions, my council can then consider whether to purchase/install/and fund emptying of such a bin.

I received this response from him:

Thanks for this. I’ll ask the area supervisor to monitor the site initially , if it meets the Borough’s criteria we will install and service a bin without charge . I’ll let you know the outcome and then we discuss costs if it turns out the Borough’s criteria aren’t met.

We can therefore review the situation when we receive further communication from him.

Agenda Item 8(i) – Buxworth Gala 2016 – The following e-mail request has been sent be Patricia Kirk, secretary of the Buxworth Gala Committee, who are currently in the process of organising the Gala for Easter 2016.

Mark Lomas, our Chairman and Gary McIlvenny, our Publicity Officer would very much like to attend the public section of the next meeting of the Parish Council on **Thursday 26 November** in order to update the Parish Council on arrangements for the Gala in 2016 and to tell them more about the Buxworth Volunteer Team. They would also like to ask if the Parish Council would be prepared to make a donation again to help towards the cost of putting the event on.

I have responded as follows:

Perfect timing!

Members of the public can attend for this session without any prior notice. However I am preparing the agenda to send out later today and will now add an item about the Gala, so that members can have a discussion about it. They are quite likely to vote to bring the item forward in the order of business, so that your representatives can hear the discussion and any decision without having to stay longer than they might wish to and listen to business in which they may not have an interest. The budget for next year will be being considered over the next few weeks for decision at the January 2016 meeting, so an opportune time to remind council of your activities.

Agenda Item 8(j) – Parish Room Cleaning – We have received a request through Cllr Rofer for the Parish Room to be cleaned, preferably on Tuesday prior to use by the Bridge Club. I have approached the Community Centre Cleaner, who would not be interested in additional work. I am now awaiting information about two other possible interested parties from Linda Page. Any further suggestions would be welcomed.

Brenda Wise - Parish Clerk

18th November 2015