

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – November 2019

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update will be given on the progress of the Project Group.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports to be presented at the meeting and any matters arising to be discussed. Further to the approval last month to replace the top boards around the wooden enclosure in Buxworth playground, consideration to be given to two options to making the boards non-slip. Kompan have been to replace the missing parts and repair the wooden upright on the seesaw in Buxworth but were unable to replace the swing post due to difficulties accessing the site due to ground conditions. They will return when we advise the site conditions are improved.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Buxworth Recreation Ground – The Clerk and Cllr Wilson have met with Buxworth Preschool to agree locations for planting the saplings from the Woodland Trust. Planting is due to take place on Saturday 23 November 2019. An update to be given at the meeting. A meeting to be arranged in early January with persons interested in forming a 'Friends of Buxworth Rec' group.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Allotment Provision – Further to the October meeting I have written to Chinley Allotments Association to gauge their opinion on expanding the Chinley site. They have responded to say that the waiting list does justify an expansion and that it may be possible to open up the area to the north of the present site to gain an additional 5 or 6 plots but that there would be some cost involved in clearing the land, fencing it off and creating new infrastructure (paths, drainage, water supply, etc). Consideration to be given to if and how to proceed. Friends of Chinley Park would also need consulting since this may impact upon their work.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Christmas 2019 – Everything is in place for the Christmas trees and lights to be put up w.c. 25 November with the Lights Switch On events to take place the following week as previously detailed. A number of councillors will be required as volunteer marshalls at the Chinley event.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Grit Bins – Cllr Drabble carried out an audit of the level of fill of our parish council-owned grit bins. Six out of nine bins required some filling. Chapel DIY Centre Ltd have filled the grit bins further to this audit. Approval of the invoice for £140 plus VAT now required.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – FOCP Payment request – a request has been received from Friends of Chinley Park for a one-off reimbursement payment of £144.30 out of their agreed budget in respect of seeds, rhizomes and ink cartridges. In addition they have requested approval for the purchase of one bulk bag of pink gravel for paths from Drinkwaters at a cost of £55.20 to be invoiced directly to the parish council. These requests require consideration and approval.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Newsletter Distribution – an invoice has been received from E Roberts in respect of distribution of the Winter 2019 newsletter. Consideration needs to be given to whether the total paid can be increased in line with the actual hours taken to carry out this job as it took 12 hours rather than the anticipated 10 hours.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Tree Survey 2019 – The draft report further to the 2019 Tree Survey has been emailed to all councillors. It includes recommendations, including in response to the letter received last month from the residents of Lea End Farm. Approval for this report and the associated recommendations will be considered. Quotes will be provided for carrying out tree works should the recommendations be approved.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Code of Conduct – High Peak Borough Council have issued a revised Code of Conduct for Councillors. This has been circulated to councillors by email. Consideration to be given to our parish council adopting this revised Code of Conduct.

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Agenda Item 6 (k) – Chinley Park Gate – Friends of Chinley Park have raised concerns regarding the condition of the Stubbins Lane wooden entrance gate to Chinley Park and issues with its locking mechanism. They have requested we consider replacing or repairing it. The General Purposes Working group have been advised and taken a look at it and their proposal will be presented for consideration. Friends of Chinley Park to be consulted on the design, should it be agreed to investigate replacement.

Agenda Item 6 (l) – Whitehough Flooding – an update from Cllr Hewitt on measures being taken to alleviate the risk of flooding in Whitehough will be given. Consideration to be given to any action to be taken further to this.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

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