

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – October 2017

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Seating/benches in the parish – I have done a walk along the tramway with local Walking for Health Leader Pat Kirk to identify possible locations for benches. The next step is to identify the landowners and get their permission in principle. Cllr Drabble to update us on the bench at New Smithy and any costs associated with repairing it.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Tree Survey – All recommended works have now been completed from the 2016 tree survey. Cllr Pat Wilson, Parish Clerk Georgina Cooper and qualified local tree surgeon Mark Appleby have now carried out the 2017 annual tree survey. The report from this will be circulated before the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Grounds Maintenance – Whilst carrying out the annual tree survey it was noted that there are a lot of leaves on the Skatepark that could do with clearing away once the majority of leaves have dropped. Mark Appleby has quoted £60 to do this. We need to discuss if this is something we agree needs carrying out and if so approve the quoted price.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Parish newsletter – High Peak Review have confirmed that they will deliver our newsletters in conjunction with their newspaper four times per year. The cost is £35 per 1,000 copies. They have suggested they will require 1,200 copies per edition. This would therefore cost £42 per quarter. The whole parish is not covered by their distribution but the majority is. Additional copies could still be located in the Post Office and Community Centre and we could still post any out to households that request it. I suggest we print 1,300 copies to cover the additional which would cost £245. Both costs to be approved at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Christmas 2017 – Christmas trees are available from United Utilities at a slightly increased price compared to last year. 3-4 feet trees cost £15.00, 5-6 feet trees cost £23.33, 6-7 feet trees cost £27.50 and 10-12 feet trees cost £50.83. All prices are exclusive of VAT. Last year we ordered 1 x 10-12 feet, 3 x 6-7 feet and 14 x 3-4 feet. It has been suggested by the electrician that the 3 trees to be used on the parade in Chinley be slightly reduced in size compared to last year. Andy Thompson Tree Care have quoted £260 to help put the Christmas trees up alongside the electrician and later take them down and dispose of them. This is the same price we paid last year. We are still awaiting a cost from the electrician to carry out the necessary lighting works. We are also awaiting a cost from HPBC to erect the tree at Buxworth. These costs will be available at the meeting for approval.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2017/18 – Tony Brackenbury has recommended a local footpath suitable for improvement works that is well used by local people. It is Footpath 30 that runs from the bottom of Maynestone Road and goes up towards Cracken Edge. The work suggested is some work to the steps and the drainage. When Tony is available I will meet with him and a contractor with a view to getting a quote for the works in order to claim the £565 available before the end of March 2018.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – Snow Warden Scheme – Cllrs Drabble and Travis have agreed to be snow wardens this year on a trial basis. We have also had one expression of interest from a local resident. DCC have provided a sample risk assessment form. I have proposed paths that we would attempt to clear and can discuss this further at the meeting. All snow wardens need to

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complete a 'Fit to Participate' form. I will advise our insurance company that we have signed up to the scheme. I have ordered half a tonne of grit which will come in 25kg bags.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Remembrance Sunday – We have received the invoice for four wreaths at a total cost of £68. We need to approve this expenditure. The additional donation of £50 we previously approved at the July 2017 meeting. I am awaiting to hear from St. Mary's Church whether any councillors are required at the war memorial after the Remembrance Sunday service.

Agenda Item 6 (k) – Village Clock – Cllr Smith would like to raise the issue of reinstating the village clock.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

20th October 2017