

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – October 2019

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – An update will be given on the progress of the Project Group including on sourcing funding. An estimate of the cost that may be anticipated should the parish council decide to proceed down the route of obtaining a Public Works Loan Board loan will be presented for information purposes only at this stage. Cllr Hewitt has requested that some time be given over to discussing whether there is support from members in principle to increase the precept in order to fund repayment of such a loan.

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 Buxworth flooding (agenda item 6d) the wooden enclosure housing the playpark and a number of the playground items requires repairing. It is difficult to ascertain whether this is as a direct result of the flooding. A quote will be presented for these repairs.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Buxworth Recreation Ground – An update on the meeting proposed at the September meeting further to the Walkabout will be given. Buxworth Preschool have advised that the trees from the Woodland Trust will be delivered in November and some consideration to be given over where to plant them and whether more are required.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Buxworth Flooding – I emailed all councillors on Monday 30 September advising that I had been contacted by a Buxworth resident who shared with me a video of flooding taking place on Buxworth Recreation Ground on the afternoon of Sunday 29 September 2019. I shared the video with you all and a number of photographs of the damage seen on Monday 30 September 2019. I have since written to DCC to report the flooding and have asked to speak to one of their representatives to ascertain whether there had been a failure of the drainage systems on Dolly Lane that may have contributed to the flooding. I also reported serious damage to the pavement on Station Road. To date I have not had a response from DCC and the pavement on highways land has not yet been repaired. Once we have had a response from DCC we may need to consider whether measures are required to prevent the impact on parish land in the future and also we will need to consider whether we make a claim on DCC for the damage to parish land. In the meantime Mark Lomas has cleared up the playground, removing all the debris so that the area is safe and swept the Car Park and two footpaths down to the playground. His invoice will be presented for approval at the meeting. In addition a quote will be presented for 4 new bags of playpark which requires topping up as a result. I have made the insurance company aware of the incident but not progressed a claim to date. The excess for any claim is £250.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Allotment Provision – Further to the September meeting when a member of the public raised the issue of increased allotment provision in the parish, an update will be given on the status of waiting lists at Buxworth and consideration can be given on how best to proceed.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – VE Day 75 (8 May 2020) – Mark Lomas has advised he no longer intends to organise an event in respect of VE Day 75 next year. Further dialogue has taken place with the WI and they have given a suggested amount required as a donation towards their 1940's dance for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Remembrance 2019 – The lamp post poppies will be going up very soon on lamp posts approved by DCC. Consideration will need to be given towards a donation to Royal British Legion for wreaths and any additional donation as per previous years under s137 expenditure. Regarding the morning events on Remembrance Sunday we need to confirm which councillors will represent the parish council and lay the wreaths and read the Binyon Lines at each of the four War Memorial locations.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Christmas 2019 – Quotes will be presented at the meeting for purchasing Christmas trees, erecting Christmas trees (small and large) and for connecting all lights to an electrical supply. We

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should also agree donations in respect of Whaley Bridge Band as well as St Mary's Church and Buxworth School in respect of refreshments at the Christmas Lights Switch-On events as per previous years.

Agenda Item 6 (i) – FOCP Shed – FOCP have written to the parish council requesting permission to site a shed in Chinley Park Nature Reserve. Consideration needs to be given as to whether to grant permission.

Agenda Item 6 (j) – Metal Detection Request – a request has been received from a New Mills resident to metal detect on parish land. Consideration to this request to be given.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

18 October 2019