

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report

Agenda Item 5 – Co-option – As per my e-mail, we received notification that the appropriate procedure and time has elapsed to enable us to fill the Casual Vacancy, created by Cllr Ian Westall's resignation, by Co-option and I have therefore put co-option on the agenda for the September meeting. Any interested person needs to meet the eligibility criteria, be proposed by a member, seconded by another member and receive a majority vote of the meeting. Please ensure that anyone you may wish to propose, wants to serve on the Parish Council.

There is currently one co-option proposal for presentation to the meeting from Cllr Rofer for Mrs Jackie Pettitt, who I am informed wishes to re-join council.

Agenda Item 8(b) – Community Centre – Cllrs Wilson & Walton will update the meeting regarding the Community Centre Lease and advise any action required. The architects brief for the layout of the Community Association's proposals for a new community centre and the surrounding facilities is being brought to the meeting as it involves Parish Council land and a possible new office space for the Parish Clerk. Associated documents, Chinley Centre Architects Brief and Centre Site Map are available as meeting documents on the website (enclosed for Bill)

Agenda Item 6(c) – Tree Survey – Five documents, Tree Survey and 4 maps are available as meeting documents on the website (enclosed for Bill). The survey has been carried out by Roger D Wilson, a Forestry Commission Forester trained in Tree Safety Management, Tree Survey and Inspection. Members need to consider the report and recommendations to assess the priority of work, mainly non-urgent, required so that we can obtain quotes and follow up on other issues raised.

Agenda Item 6(d) – Website – The website is scheduled to go live on Monday 21st September. It now has most of the basic information required sorted out plus some more advanced items. It will continue to evolve and improve after launch, but its real usefulness should emerge once it is accessible to anyone on the web.

Agenda Item 6(e) – HGV's through Chinley – This item is included at the request of Cllr Phillips.

Her background information for this is:

I met one of Chinley's long standing residents ,who lives on Lower Lane, on Thursday morning and whilst chatting 2 huge HGVs went passed. This led us to discuss our perception that the volume of HGVs through the village has increased. Jean's husband is a semi invalid so she is asking him to sit and monitor vehicles going in & out of the village to give us an idea of numbers. She wants to set up a petition but I suggested we start by raising it at PC with a view to approaching DCC re the need for a slip road from PVC.

I have since mentioned this during contact with Isabel Mulligan, DCC Highways, to see if anyone has raised this issue with her recently. No one has. She also advised that a slip road from PVC is highly unlikely as it would have to be funded by PVC and not DCC.

Agenda Item 6(f) – Chinley Reunion Day – We have received a request from Chris Hughes for use of Chinley Playing Fields for a proposed Chinley Reunion Day on Saturday 14th May 2016. His letter and poster are available as meeting documents on the website (enclosed for Bill)

Agenda Item 9 – Planning – Please find the Planning Applications list and report with the meeting documents on the website (enclosed for Bill).

Agenda Item 10 – Finance – Please note that I have been concentrating on the website since the last meeting, so Cllr Walton and I have still to investigate use of a financial package, therefore the 1st Quarter of the year is still not available for approval as yet. However payments for each month are listed in the appropriate minutes, giving an overall feel for the total expenditure. This being to date £21703.62 (April £1537.38, May £6257.53, June £4375.94, July £3646.92, August £1797.26 & September £4088.59). Unfortunately, breakdown of expenditure into budget headings is not available.

Agenda Item 10(a) – Grounds Maintenance Invoice from DCC – This needs to be checked before payment.

Agenda Item 10(c) – Buxworth Allotments – We have now received approval of the Planning Application for Car Park Relocation and need to consider Project Management arrangements and costs and Plot Fencing tenders.

Agenda Item 10(d) – WI Windows – We have received a quote from MT Ashton for WI Hall windows. This will be clarified and discussed at the meeting.

Agenda Item 10(e) – Newsletter – pages 2-4 have been prepared by Liz Stillo and are available as meeting document on the website (enclosed for Bill). We need to approve the distribution method and costs and also determine what we wish to include on the front page.

Agenda Items 12 – Correspondence – Please take note of e-mail from Cllr Bramah regarding intended disabled bay request for Station Road.

It had been brought to my attention that the 'markings' for the existing Bus Stop on Station Rd have been recently extended... Mr. Donnie Foster residing at No 2, Station Rd needs to request a Disabled Bay outside his house (For his disabled wife). He feels this new marking will prevent and hinder him from receiving this.? Can we intervene in this matter.? Regards, Audrey.

I have spoken to Isobel at DCC about this and just to put you in the picture.

A disabled driver wishing to have a bay marked outside their house would need to have proof of need from their GP/Occupational Therapist and then apply with this to DCC, who would then look into the situation and assess if a bay is possible and where. It will not always be immediately outside the driver's house and may indeed not be possible at all. Also it is not an enforceable marking, just a courtesy one.

ie it is not possible to stop any vehicle parking in a disabled bay!!

However if Donnie is the driver and not his disabled wife, it is a non starter.