

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report

Agenda Item 4 - Minutes – Besides the minutes from the last meeting (11th August) The minutes of the June meeting are also being brought back to council for approval and signature. The reason being that the minute numbers have had to be changed as they duplicated those of the May meeting. These are the only changes that have been made.

Agenda Item 6(c) - Buxworth Allotments – Three e-mails have been received since the August meeting regarding any discharge of conditions issues and clarification of whether any replacement trees need to be provided.

From Monica Gillespie -I can confirm that High Peak Borough council do not intend to take any further action with regards to the non compliance with the conditions with regards to tree protection attached to the above planning approval.

As less trees were felled than anticipated it is not essential that the tree planting takes place. However all the trees near the new car parking are should be monitored as if any damage occurred to their root systems during the works then its is likely that it will take a while for this to be evident tin the health of the trees.

From Project Manager, Phil Lomas – I would reiterate to her the advice given by S & S Trees that the Horse Chestnut Trees were not in good health before the work started and that they may well be dead in 2 years. Also no roots were damaged, just buried.

From Michael Darling - Good morning Mrs. Wise,

I refer to the attached planning permission HPK/2015/0274 granted to the Parish Council High Peak Borough Councils Arboroculturist Ms Gillespie has confirmed works have commenced on site without compliance with the terms of the planning permission (see condition 4 – condition precedent) therefore the current works are unauthorised.

In such circumstances I request that with 10 days of this mail the Parish Council submit for consideration a discharge of condition application – noting such may or may not be approved

All current planning application forms are available on line at <http://www.highpeak.gov.uk> or an application may be made on line at www.planningportal.gov.uk.

Should further advice or assistance be required on the correct application fee payable, purchase of appropriate site location plans, completion of the required forms or if hard copy forms are required, please contact the Council's Customer services on 01298 28400 who will be pleased to assist.

Please confirm by return receipt of this mail.

Kind regards,

Mr. Michael Darling.

Compliance and Monitoring Officer,

Regulatory Services.

High Peak Borough Council.

I spoke to Michael Darling, following which I sent him an e-mail confirming our conversation - I am now relieved to learn from you that you will speak to Monica Gillespie to confirm that all is well regarding the non compliance and that the Parish Council do not now need to submit for consideration a discharge of condition application unless you make contact again to re-request this.

I will aim to get written confirmation from him before next Thursday that a decision has been reached that any requirement has been waived.

On Monday evening a very successful meeting was held at Buxworth Club to discuss management/administration issues etc. Two representatives from Chinley Allotments Association attended to share their knowledge and experience and a willing volunteer is taking the lead on establishing a Buxworth Allotments Association, with the assistance of the four other allotment tenants in waiting who were able to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 6(e) - Grounds Maintenance Review – In light of the fact that the Grounds Maintenance Contract with DCC, which has served us well for many years, has been so problematic this year, and we now have additional requirements, the time would seem to be right to have a total review of what is needed across all areas.

Agenda Item 6(f) - Snow Warden Scheme 2016/17 – We have received the annual invitation to join the Snow Warden Scheme. Please check what this involves on the DCC website, for discussion and decision.

Agenda Item 6(h) - Memorial Tree – We have now received a direct request for planting of a Memorial tree on Squirrel Green, which I circulated together with some observations. I have since spoken to Ian Foster on site and it would seem that planting another cherry tree in the vicinity of the one we lost should not pose a problem. He suggested it would be best planted between the seating area and the squirrel post, placing it a few feet further away from the remaining cherry tree than its original partner was. The health of the surviving tree appears to have improved, at least for the time being.

Agenda Item 8(e) & (f) - Quotes – quotes for these two items are currently being prepared and are expected this week.

Agenda Item 8(g) – Christmas – As far as dates are concerned, Buxworth School have requested Friday 2nd December at 6.30 for the lights switch on and the first Monday in December would be Monday 5th for Chinley at 7.00pm. No doubt Cllrs Rofer and Bramah will be able to advise what the situation is now that Rev Hilary Edgerton has moved north. With regard to other details these need to be investigated and decided upon.

Agenda Item 8(h) – Newsletter– costs for this need to be approved. Liz has put out the call for items and is working on pages 2 to 4. She may well have them ready before the meeting, despite my advising her that we could delegate approval of the copy to give her more time but still get the printing and distributing done before the October meeting.

Suggestions for the front page please.