

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – September 2019

Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project – A cost estimate from Estimator's Online has been received for the project works, roughly in line with what was expected. The project group have postponed a meeting as they await further advice from the National Lottery on how best to proceed. The CCTV survey of drains at Chinley Playing Fields and Car Park has been carried out and the report from this is expected prior to the meeting. An update will be given at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (b) – Playground Inspection Reports – Weekly inspection reports to be presented at the meeting and any matters arising to be discussed. Kompan have been contacted regarding the cracks in the wood on the swing at Buxworth Playground as identified in the annual inspection. The wood is covered under a 15 year guarantee and since the playground has only recently been installed they have agreed to replace the swing post for free and make good the surface. They are also carrying out repairs to the seesaw post and replacing some missing caps. This work should take place in October all free of charge. Cllr Knox has reported a very overgrown bramble patch adjacent to Chinley Skatepark which is encroaching on to the playing fields. I have requested a quote to cut them back which I hope to present at the meeting for consideration.

Agenda Item 6 (c) – Buxworth Recreation Ground – The Walkabout around Buxworth Recreation Ground took place in September with a number of residents attending. Cllrs Hewitt and Smith will provide an update. The 'No vehicles beyond this point' sign has now been installed at the top of the track to the allotments. We have received correspondence from a local resident asking whether there is scope to extend the allotment provision in Buxworth due to long waiting lists at Chinley and a waiting list now in place at Buxworth.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – PDNPA Parish Statement – Further to a meeting with Cllr Wilson and a brief discussion at the June meeting I have circulated a suggested response to Peak District National Park Association on the draft parish statements they have consulted us on. I have only received responses from two councillors and request approval to now send it.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – VE Day 75 (8 May 2020) – An article was included in the Autumn newsletter inviting anyone interested in helping to organise an event to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day to come forward. To date there has been no response to this. The WI have advised us of their plans and request any financial support that we can offer. I am meeting Mark Lomas from Buxworth next week to discuss any options further and will give an update at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 (f) – Newsletter Distribution – The Autumn newsletter was hand-delivered by Phil in September as previously agreed. However he does not wish to do it again so we need to consider other options.

Agenda Item 6 (g) – Minor Maintenance Scheme 2019/20 – Friends of Chinley Park would like to know whether some repairs could be carried out on Footpath 22 that runs through Chinley Park where material and/or labour costs can be covered by this scheme. The footpath from the top of the railway steps to the gap in the stone wall where the noticeboard is can become extremely muddy and slippery and they are considering a pink quartzite gravel path maintained in place by logs.

Agenda Item 6 (h) – Christmas 2019 – Dates for the Christmas Lights Switch On events have been agreed with the headteachers of Chinley and Buxworth Primary Schools and with the local churches. The Chinley date is Monday 2 December at 7pm and the Buxworth date is Friday 6 December at 6pm. Whaley Bridge Brass Band are confirmed for both dates. We need to confirm that we wish for the same arrangements as previous years and I will then get quotes for the October meeting for approval.

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Agenda Item 6 (i) – Financial Regulations 2019 – NALC have published revised Model Financial Regulations as per DALC Circular 10/2019. In light of this an updated version of our Financial Regulations will be circulated in advance of the meeting for approval.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

20 September 2019