

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Minutes of the 127th Annual Parish Meeting
held in the Community Centre, 21 Lower Lane, Chinley, SK23 6BE
on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 7:30pm

Present – Cllr Richard Drabble, Cllr Alastair Knox, Cllr Bill Smith, Cllr Caroline Rofer, Cllr Penny Took, Derbyshire County Cllr Ruth George, Georgina Cooper (Parish Clerk) and six members of the public.

Welcome – In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Richard Drabble was appointed as Chairman for the meeting. He welcomed all present to the meeting.

1. Appointment of Clerk to the meeting

Georgina Cooper was appointed as Clerk to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Martin Walton (Chairman), Cllr Patrick Wilson (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mike Travis, Cllr Caroline Howe, High Peak Borough Cllr Eve Burton, a representative from Chinley & Buxworth Women's Institute, a representative from Buxworth Preschool, a representative from Friends of Chinley Park, a representative from Chinley Co-op and the headteacher at Buxworth Primary School.

3. Minutes of the 126th Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15 April 2021 via Zoom

The minutes of the 126th Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15 April 2021 via Zoom were approved for signature by the Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Richard Drabble, as a true and correct record.

4. Precept & Budget 2022/23

The meeting noted that the 2022/23 precept had been set at £57,414.96, which was equivalent to a 5.0% increase on a Band D charge compared to 2021/22. This corresponds to a Band D property being charged £54.01 for the year. The precept, together with a Council Tax Support Grant of £1,801.00, a Parish Support Grant of £6,098 (both from High Peak Borough Council), as well as a Minor Maintenance Scheme grant from Derbyshire County Council and a small amount of land rental provides the total budget for 2022/23 of £66,450.00. Reserves of £247.04 would provide the shortfall.

It was further noted that the Council Tax Support Grant was being phased out with this payment to cease with effect from the financial year 2025/26.

5. Member attendances at Parish Council meetings

The meeting received details of the attendance of members at Parish Council meetings. In 2021/22 the average attendance per meeting had been 7.7 out of a possible 10. It was noted that this was slightly down on the previous year when meetings were held online during the pandemic.

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6. Annual Report by Chairman of Parish Council

In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, his annual report was read out by the Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Richard Drabble. The Chairman's Report is attached to the minutes. A vote of thanks was offered to the former Chairman, Graham Hewitt, who had resigned from the Parish Council during the previous year, for his efforts as Chairman.

7. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Derbyshire County Councillor Ruth George, covering the division of Whaley Bridge, gave an update on the key matters she has supported within the parish in the last year. In particular, she gave an update on school uniform sales she had held, she explained the results and outcomes of the evaluation of the walking route from Chinley to Chapel-en-le-Frith High School, she described the problems with some of the local road resurfacing that had been resolved, she offered her continued support for the Access for All bid for Chinley Station in conjunction with Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group, she gave an update on a number of public footpaths in the parish, as well as described progress on a number of flooding issues and mentioned the progress on a number of fibre cabinets for the area. She also gave an update on Alderbrook Centre and described the financial grants that she had made to support local organisations and groups in the past year.

8. Reports from Community Groups –

The Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Richard Drabble, offered his thanks to everyone involved in the various community groups across the parish. Representatives were invited to present a report.

- a. Representatives on behalf of Chinley & Buxworth Community Association described progress in resuming activities post pandemic and gave a brief update on their financial security. They gave an update on the project to progress the new community centre building. They advised that a new website would be online soon and described the volunteer help that they require as a committee. They offered their thanks to the borough and county councillors that have supported them and enabled them to run certain initiatives in the last year.
- b. The Chairman of Chinley Allotments Association gave an update on the site at Chinley. He described how they had been relatively unaffected by the pandemic and as a result the site was in a very good condition. He explained they have a waiting list of 12 people which continues to increase and that they offer support to current plot holders where necessary but have had to evict some plot holders in the last two years to be fair to people on the waiting list.
- c. A representative from Buxworth Cricket Club thanked the Parish Council and county councillor for the grant funding received which has been used to renovate the clubhouse. He explained it had been a difficult year for the Club with the loss of two key members but described how they are moving forward and growing the club and recently were successful in applying for a premises licence. They have a strong junior section and two senior teams in the local league with cricket being played most days from April through to August. He advised that the clubhouse was now available to hire in return for a donation to cover costs.
- d. A representative on behalf of Chapel Mobile Physiotherapy offered thanks to the Parish Council for the recent grant received towards their ongoing services. They gave a brief

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update on their service, including that they had recently recruited the services of a new physiotherapist.

- e. A representative on behalf of Chinley Juniors Football Club offered thanks to the Parish Council for their support and investment in the playing fields. He gave an update on the past season and teams going forward.
- f. A report was read out on behalf of Friends of Chinley Park who were unable to attend. They gave an update on the work carried out in the Park at monthly working parties and thanked all of the volunteers that had helped to play their part. They offered thanks to the Parish Council for their help, advice and financial support.
- g. A report was read out on behalf of Buxworth Preschool who were unable to attend. They offered thanks to the Parish Council for the recent grant received which has been used towards speech and language training.
- h. A report was read out on behalf of Chinley & Buxworth Women's Institute who were unable to attend. They advised that they had carried out some necessary repair and decoration work to their Hall during the pandemic. They are keen to work more in partnership with other organisations in the community in order to pool resources and share ideas and held a successful coffee morning recently to raise funds for the Ukrainian families hosted in Chinley. They offered thanks to the Parish Council for their past support.

9. Any other matters of interest affecting the parish

No matters affecting the parish were raised by those present at the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report - 18th May 2022

I am once again honoured to be making this report on behalf of the Parish Council although slightly disappointed that the reason I am now back as Chairman was the decision of former Chairman, Graham Hewitt, to move to the wrong side of the Pennines which has cost us an excellent councillor and a fine Chairman.

I would like to minute thanks to Graham Hewitt for his efforts as Chairman.

I started my last Chairman's report in 2018 with a strong vote of thanks to our clerk Georgina which makes it more difficult for me to praise her even more highly in this report for the outstanding effort she has put in this year.

Not only has she guided the Council through many of the events I've mentioned below but has also effectively taken on the job of project coordinator for the reconstruction of the Community Centre building and the application for the National Lottery grant.

The Community Centre project has had its ups and downs this year. We have received significant funding to allow us to obtain planning permission for a new building, but we only received one response when we went out to tender recently. We are out to tender again currently and hope that more tangible progress will be made toward our ultimate goal of a new building during this coming year.

We started this year by leaving Zoom (no Jackie Weaver jokes will be made in this report). This has meant moving our meeting day to a Wednesday, but we have been made welcome in the Community Centre and the larger room has allowed us to stay safely distanced from each other during the year.

Our subgroups have all been active.

In spite of not meeting in person for some time, Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group are still working hard on step free access for the station as you will all probably know given the recent letter from our MP circulated to residents.

The Friends of Chinley Park group seems to be growing in both numbers and enthusiasm and we are also making progress on a rewilding project for our parish land in Buxworth.

You will all hopefully have seen the newly renovated sign on Green Lane, paid for from funding secured by High Peak Borough Council and repairs to the paving at both the War Memorial and at Squirrel Green in Chinley paid for through the Welcome Back fund.

We have awarded grants of almost £2000 to local groups including to 1st Chinley Scouts, Buxworth Cricket Club, Buxworth Football Club, Buxworth Preschool, Buxworth PTA, Chapel Mobile Physiotherapy, Chinley & Buxworth PCC, Chinley School PTA, Chinley Table Tennis Club, 1st Chinley Guides and the new Chinley Co-op shop in the village.

We've carried out work to maintain the footpath through Chinley Park and are working with Derbyshire County Council to get the railway steps close to the allotments improved.

We have broadly supported 'No Mo May', although I may need some evidence to show my wife why I have not used the lawnmower in the back garden this month.

Graham Hewitt's departure from the Council has allowed us to co-opt Penny Took as a new councillor. I would like to welcome her to our very friendly Parish Council and thank her and all of the other councillors for their work, not only in attending various meetings, but in performing duties such as playground inspections, minor maintenance work and flagpole maintenance.

I've not covered everything we have done this year in this report as it is intended as a brief overview of the year and not a cure for insomnia.

There will be many challenges in 2023 but I'm very confident that our team of councillors, aided by our superb clerk, will meet these challenges on behalf of the parish and hopefully next year I will be reporting from temporary accommodation whilst the Community Centre is being rebuilt.

Martin Walton

Chairman

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