

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017, 7.30pm at Buxworth Primary School, Buxworth

Present: Councillors Cllrs M Walton (Chairman), G Hewitt , A Knox,
Mrs C Rofer, Mrs J Pettitt (from 8.20pm), W Smith and P Wilson.

In Attendance: Clerk Mrs B Wise, DC Cllr Dave Lomax, PCSO Karen Green, Georgina Cooper and one Buxworth resident.

17/02/197 **Apologies for Absence**

Noted apologies from HPBCllr Caroline Howe.

17/02/198 **Registration/Declaration of Members Interests**

Member	Agenda Item	Interest
Cllr G Hewitt	8(a) Accounts for Payment	Married to Rosena Bankole

17/02/199 **Introduction of Georgina Cooper**

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Georgina Cooper, the successful applicant for the Parish Clerk and RFO post on the retirement of the present Clerk.

17/02/200 **Community Police**

PCSO Karen Green reported recent spate of dwelling and non- dwelling burglaries over the whole area. Good results were being achieved regarding high numbers of vehicle crime. Two offenders, one known from within the area and one from outside the area were being processed. It was now quite again for the moment and there had been no antisocial behavior recently. Changes had again taken place regarding personell based at Chapel. She advised that reports such as those related to defibrilator information posted on facebook should be made directly using 101.

17/02/201 **County Councillor**

County Cllr David Lomax reported that transport had been on the agenda for the recent cabinet meeting and the 190 bus servicing Chinley and Buxworth is still running. He had secured £6,500 towards the Community Centre project. The lengthy delays in street light maintenance, which the Parish Council and residents consider unacceptable, are the result of staff shortages, with only one person servicing the whole of the High Peak Area.

17/02/202 **Borough Councillors - None**

17/02/203 **Open Forum – None**

17/02/204 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2017.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26^h January 2017 be approved for signature of the Chair as a true and correct record.

17/02/205 **Chair's Progress Report**

The Chair presented playground and skatepark signage information. Signage for the Buxworth Playground was to be provided by Kompan at a cost of £200. Inclusion acknowledging 70% funding from Rec Rock had been requested and was agreed.

Economically priced signs sturdy enough to service the Chinley playground and cycle facilities until their reorganisation as part of the Community Centre project were being sourced.

17/02/206 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

The meeting noted that no requests for S137 grants and donations had been received in the office and members were asked to ensure that any organisations in the Parish requiring funding submit their requests and most up to date accounts by mid March.

Two Lawsons Cypress trees at Penny's Garden, Buxworth blown down by the high winds of storm Doris had been reported to the Clerk on the afternoon of the meeting. One was obstructing the road, so the Clerk and Chair had instructed Mark Appleby to clear the obstruction to make safe and also subsequently to fell a third larger tree he had found to be dangerously close to being uprooted.

RESOLVED: To approved expenditure of £380 for clearance of the felled trees, including charge for the emergency work done and request that the recommended removal of the two remaining poor specimens of the group be part of the job.

The meeting was also advised that the WI had requested permission to plant two trees to commemorate their 100th Anniversary at Penny's Garden and Squirrel Green.

Council agreed that it would be happy for the one at Penny's Garden, but there is no further capacity for trees at Squirrel Green, but one as part of the new Community Centre landscaping could be considered.

17/02/207 **Playground Inspection Reports**

The weekly playground and cycle facility Inspection Reports were received.

Reports for Buxworth for late January and early February recorded mole hills everywhere needing levelling. The low chippings and poor paintwork deferred for action pending imminent refurbishment of the site were also recorded.

The meeting noted that work to prepare the area for the new equipment had commenced and the playground would now be closed.

It was noted that at Chinley the unidentified red substance has disappeared. Also the cycle facilities were still taped off awaiting suitable ground conditions for Mark Appleby to be able to gain access with his chipper to deal with the felled tree material still on site. Use of the facility at the moment would not be recommended anyway because of the very wet condition of the area.

17/02/208 **Buxworth Park Project**

Cllr Walton reported on the meeting of 22nd February with Kompan, the contractor for the new Buxworth playground supply and installation, and Anna and Jonathan Smith, who would be removing the old equipment and foundations as required, levelling undulating areas with stone, re-instating turf and realigning the fencing. Top-up bark will be required and be provided by the Parish Council.

The first stage to clear and prepare the playground area was starting immediately with a planned start date for installation by Komplan of Monday 20th March 2017. Additional costs of £756.03 for safety grass mats and rubber mulch safety surfacing had been identified. However £2,500 had been included in the Kompan quote for removal of equipment, this and provision of Herras safety fencing would now be carried out by Mr Smith at a lower cost. Thus reducing the Kompan quote.

Changes to the line of the fencing and shape of the area to keep the playground a safe distance from the pitch were discussed and agreed. The cost verbally quoted by Mr Smith for the fencing was £1000 (VAT status awaiting confirmation). Equipment layout adjustments would be made to accommodate this.

RESOLVED: To approve expenditure of up to £10,000 towards the cost of the project together with the £18,939.86 provided by Rec Rock.

RESOLVED: To notify the Primary School and ask them to spread the word through their regular newsletter about the closure of the playground with our apologies for the inconvenience and the aim for the new equipment to be in place by Easter. Also place similar notice in Buxworth notice board.

It was agreed to have an official opening. Sunday 23rd April was suggested and Cllr Walton agreed to liaise with Anna Smith.

A pre start of installation meeting when forms will require signing will be held and a full maintenance schedule will be provided. A site specific safety record will also be required.

The facility is designed for children aged 2 years to 12 years.

17/02/209 **Train Information Real-time display monitors**

The meeting received a request from the Chinley & Buxworth Transport group to consider the feasibility of installation in the Parish Room window of a real-time display monitor away from but in addition to the Station Platforms as part of an initiative announced by 'Northern'. It was noted that it would require a good Wifi signal.

RESOLVED: To support this in principle subject to further details.

17/02/210 **Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were received and comments approved:

HPK/2017/0070 - Listed Building Consent for remedial works to Chapel Milton Viaduct (West Span), Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd. The Parish Council fully supports these works which are essential for maintaining the integrity of this hugely important structure.

17/02/211 **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed below be accepted for payment.

Chq no.	Payee	Description	Amount
DD	Fleur Telecom	Broadband (Feb)	22.00
SO	Jackson Carpets Ltd	Rent 3 Lower Lane (Feb)	277.00
DD	Npower	Light/power 3 LL (Feb)	40.00
002619	Mrs B Wise	Clerks Account (Feb)	1,032.30
002620	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI (Feb)	269.21
002621	HPBC	Play surface treatment	36.00
002622	HPBC	Christmas tree work	79.61
002623	Chinley Community Ass	4th Qtr Path lights El'city	35.00
002624	Rosena Bankole	Parish Room Cleaning	15.00
		TOTAL	£ 1,806.12

17/02/212 **Buxworth Allotments**

The meeting received the requested quote for rotivating the plot strips and to address problems of lying water and an open channel with installation of drainage. A report from a meeting of Cllrs Drabble, Smith and Knox with Steve Goddard was received and that he had agreed to rectify the alignment of the access paths at no additional charge was noted.

The order of work to be carried out as path alignment rectification, power harrowing of cultivation strips and finally installation of drains and fencing (including internal post and wire plot demarcation fencing).

RESOLVED: To approve the quote from Jordon Thompson for power harrowing of £250 and agreed drainage work of £300.

RESOLVED: To request a quote from Jordan Thompson for the additional post and wire demarcation fencing for the plots.

RESOLVED: To delegate management of the path alignment, harrowing, drainage and fencing works to Cllr Drabble with the aim for its completion by 1st April 2017 subject to suitable weather conditions.

17/02/213 **Newsletter**

The meeting received information on the increased charge for printing and delivery of the newsletter to every household in the parish.

It was agreed that a review of communication with residents is required with more use to be made of the website. Printing and posting of copies of the newsletter to every household is no longer necessary and not cost effective. With an electronic copy now being made available on the website, more economical distribution would be for fewer printed copies to be made available at pick up points and by post to persons who otherwise would have difficulty getting information requesting to receive a copy by this means. Adoption of this more economical method would introduce the possibility of providing more frequent issues.

Copy for pages 2 to 4 prepared by Liz Stillo was presented. Items for Page 1 were agreed as Buxworth Children's Play Area, Buxworth Allotments, Precept, changes to the Newsletter distribution and Retirement/Appointment of the Parish Clerk. The Chairman had indicated that, as the clerk was unlikely to be able to undertake this in the time available on this occasion, he would handle the copy for page 1 with assistance of members of the council. Cllr Wilson's offer to take on the task was gratefully accepted by everyone.

17/02/214 **DALC – February 2017**

Circular 02/2017: General - Subscription charges 2017 18;
Transparency Code for Smaller Councils;
Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA)
2017 18 - 2021 22 returns;
NALC New Year Message;
HR Matters;
Grants;
How elected Members can improve the health of
their communities 7th February 2017 (**Circulated**)

Circular 03/2017: General - State of Rural Services;
NALC Spotlight Council;
Bradwell PC:
Introduction of Discretionary business rate relief;

Tree Charter;
Keep Britain Tidy;
Broadband Subsidy Scheme;
Legal Topic Note updates (**Circulated**)

DALC Training for the new Clerk

The Clerk reported advice from DALC that it would not be appropriate for the new clerk to join the current CiLCA training which had started in February. It needs to be undertaken from the beginning of the course and is actually more beneficial once some experience in post has been acquired. Further courses will be arranged before too long.

The Essential Clerk Training would be of much more benefit and would also provide establishment of networking with other clerks and meeting the DALC staff, as would the Spring Seminar.

RESOLVED: To approve expenditure for the new Clerk to attend Essential Clerk Training on 4th April 2017 (Course cost £30) and the Spring Seminar on 27th April 2017 (Course cost £45)

17/02/215 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were received:

1. Peak District NPA – press release – Trail resurfacing set to improve access in PDNP.
2. C&B Transport Group – request for consideration of installation of Real-time display monitor in the Parish Window.
3. Rehab4addiction – request for link to PC website.
4. Robert Cross – wishing to bring issues with the number of street lights needing attention in Chinley that have been reported three times since October. His phone contact with DCC in the first week of this year resulted in the information that there is a backlog.
5. Peak District NPA – press release - exciting business opportunity to establish a new café at Castleton visitor centre.
6. Derbyshire Police – Crime Commissioner pledge to visit all 383 towns and villages in Derbyshire seeking information on events in 2017 appropriate for attending.
7. Peak District NPA – press release -Medieval monuments offer glimpse into Peak District past.
8. HPBC & Staffs Moorlands DC – County Council Candidates and Agents briefing event information for Tuesday 7th March 2017 at Pavilion Gardens Café, Buxton at 6.pm
9. ofenews – National Safeguarding Children Conference 2017 information.
10. FOCP – Edith Longden reporting withdrawing idea of preferred option for a small gate at the top of the park following discussions with Frank that hinges to both sides could compromise the width of the access.
11. Civic Voice – extension of Design Awards 2017 deadline for nominations to 28/02/2017.
12. Peak District NPA – press release - Tandem cycle will help more people enjoy the PDNP.

13. HPBC – Development Control meeting papers link for 20th February 2017.
14. HPBC & SMDC – Council’s Executive meeting link.
15. Claire Dyson – copy of e-mail to Wain Homes complaining about mud on the road from the Forge Mill development site and suggesting a wheel wash or hosing down of wheels before leaving the site.
16. Norris & Fisher Insurance Brokers - offering no obligation quote.
17. Sport England –Active Places Data Platform information.
18. Chinley & Buxworth WI – request to plant two trees to commemorate its 100th Anniversary (**This had been raised and addressed in the Clerk’s report in connection with storm damage at Penny’s Garden**)

17/02/216 **Reports from Council Representatives**

Cllr Rofer reported that Buxworth School had been inspected by Ofsted on the Tuesday prior to the meeting.

17/02/217 **Reports from Working Groups – None**

PART II

17/02/218 **Human Resource Issues**

A meeting between Cllr Walton, Cllr Wilson, the Parish Clerk and the incoming Parish Clerk to discuss hand over arrangements would be organised following the Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That incoming clerk Georgina Cooper be added to the bank mandate signatories in readiness for taking up the post.

17/02/219 **Sale of Parish Land**

Cllr Walton reported on the results of putting the sale of land at Buxworth out to tender by sealed bids and outlined possible ways to proceed

RESOLVED: To write to the two parties that had indicated their interest inviting them to make one best and final bid to the Council at the Parish Office, by a deadline, so that the decision on sale can be taken at the Parish meeting on 23 March 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 9.45pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Chairman

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