

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 02 August 2023 at 7.30pm
in the Community Centre, 21 Lower Lane, Chinley**

Present: Councillors M Walton (Chairman), A Knox, R Drabble, M Travis, C Rofer and P Took.

In Attendance: Clerk G Cooper and Derbyshire County Councillor Ruth George.

23/08/67 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor P Wilson (Vice Chairman) and D Fannon.

Apologies were also noted from High Peak Borough Councillor Angela Benham.

23/08/68 **Declaration of Members Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

23/08/69 **Public Speaking: Community Police**

There were no community police representatives present to speak during Open Forum.

23/08/70 **Public Speaking: Borough/County Councillors/MP**

Derbyshire County Councillor Ruth George gave an update on a number of local matters. In particular, she updated the meeting on the increase in primary school meal costs, described the current consultation on the charging policy for care at home, gave an update on matters related to the recent tramway works and an update on the proposed footpath from the Forge Road development to Buxton Road. She also described recent uniform sales she had held and noted the local groups she had supported with funding recently.

23/08/71 **Public Speaking: Open Forum**

There were no members of the public present to speak during Open Forum.

23/08/72 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 June 2023**

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 be approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

23/08/73 **Chairman's Update**

The Chairman explained that he had attended the recent Chinley Fete as a representative to discuss the Community Centre Project. He also gave an update on a recent meeting of Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group and noted that they had a new website where you can sign up for their newsletter.

23/08/74 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received and noted.

23/08/75 **Chinley Community Centre Project**

An update on the project was given.

It was noted that a joint application from the Parish Council and Community Association had been submitted to the Community Ownership Fund. An update on the wider funding status of the project was given.

It was further noted that discussions were underway with the National Lottery regarding whether funding should go to the Parish Council or Community Association. They want the money to go to the organisation responsible for delivering the terms and conditions of the grant and options are being explored to identify whether this can be included within the proposed lease agreement.

It was also noted that the VAT report had been received with advice as requested.

23/08/76 **Play Area and Parish Land Inspection Reports**

The weekly Play Area and Parish Land Inspection Reports were received. There were no matters arising requiring attention.

23/08/77 **Co-option**

It was noted that two vacancies remain to be filled by co-option. Adverts had been posted locally but no applications had been received.

RESOLVED: To re-advertise the remaining two vacancies in advance of the September meeting.

23/08/78 **Appointment to Advisory Panels, Working Groups and Representatives to Other Bodies**

Gaps in current Advisory Panels, Working Groups and representatives to other bodies were noted.

RESOLVED: The following representatives be elected:

Allotment Associations

Cllr P Took

Friends of Chinley Park

Cllr P Took

23/08/79 **Grant Funding Request**

It was noted that a request had been received from Chinley & Buxworth PCC for funding towards the disabled access element of the current re-ordering of St Mary's Church. A decision had been deferred at the last meeting until advice had been received from DALC as to whether s137 funding can be used for this purpose.

It was further noted that DALC's advice had since been received and that NALC's legal view in respect of granting money to a church is that the specific legislation (the 1894 Act) overrides the general legislation (S137) and as such they advise against making such a payment. However, they added that there is a great deal of controversy

in the sector with regards to grant giving to the church and it has never been tested in court.

RESOLVED: To note the advice from NALC, but to make a £200 donation to Chinley & Buxworth PCC to be included with the August accounts since it is considered that this project will directly benefit inhabitants of the parish.

23/08/80 **Annual Playground Inspections**

It was noted that the annual RoSPA Playsafety Inspection Reports had been received covering both Chinley and Buxworth Playgrounds and Chinley Skatepark/Cycle Facility. Further to site inspections with Cllr Drabble, a summary report including recommendations for action had been circulated and was considered.

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations in full as per the circulated report. Any quotes for work required to be presented at a future meeting.

23/08/81 **Remembrance Sunday 2023**

Consideration was given to applying for a Road Closure Order for a Remembrance Sunday parade in Chinley on Sunday 12 November 2023 to be organised in conjunction with 1st Chinley Scouts and St Mary's Church.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council to apply for a Road Closure Order to enable a parade and service to take place in conjunction with 1st Chinley Scouts and St Mary's Church. Parade and service timings subject to confirmation. A risk assessment to be presented at a future meeting.

23/08/82 **Buxworth Football Club**

A request had been received from Buxworth Football Club for the Parish Council to purchase new nets for the football goals on Buxworth Recreation Ground as they have been using the Rec for training for their new U13 team. They have been using their own nets, and on inspection these were deemed in poor condition, attached to the goalposts with cable ties which were sticking out, and secured with tent pegs which had been found strewn across the playground and Rec. They had also requested a donation towards the start-up costs of this new junior team. Consideration was given to removing the nets, providing new ones and making a financial contribution.

RESOLVED: To remove the existing nets and return to Buxworth Football Club.

RESOLVED: To purchase new nets and net clips for the Buxworth Rec goalposts up to the value of £100, and to make a donation of £100 to Buxworth Football Club towards start-up costs for the new Buxworth U13 team, on the condition that the new nets are put up and used only when playing under supervision during training sessions and that a risk assessment for using the Rec for training and a copy of their insurance is provided.

Three applications were discussed.

RESOLVED: To ratify the following comments already submitted:

- (a) **NP/HPK/0523/0566** - Erection of detached stone building with slate roof to provide stables and barn. Rose Cot, Unnamed Road from Rose Cottage to Sheffield Road, The Wash, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council has no objections to this application. However, they do support the points raised by Derbyshire County Council Highways to ensure some control over future use of this building.

- (b) **HPK/2023/0240** - Single storey side extension to replace existing. 49 Lower Lane, Chinley, SK23 6DB.

Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council has no objections to this application.

RESOLVED: To approve the following comment for submission:

- (c) **HPK/2023/0280** - Erection of dormer windows to the front and rear of a dwellinghouse and new side window. (to be read in conjunction with HPK/2019/0435). 32A, Lower Lane, Chinley, SK23 6BD.

Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council has no objections to this application.

23/08/84 **Accounts for Payment August 2023**

The Accounts for Payment in August 2023 and invoices for verification were presented. A transfer proposed within the Parish Council's existing banking arrangements was presented.

RESOLVED: To approve the following transfer within the Parish Council's existing banking arrangements.

From	To	Amount
Unity Trust - Instant Access Account	Unity Trust - Current Account T2	£10,000.00

RESOLVED: To approve the following for payment in August 2023 by the method detailed. Online payments set up by the Clerk and released by Councillor Walton.

Payee	Description	Amount
ONLINE – DD/SO		
Fleur Telecom	Broadband (Monthly)	£ 33.14
Jackson Carpets Ltd	Rent 3 Lower Lane (Monthly)	£ 277.00
WaterPlus	Water 3 Lower Lane (Monthly)	£ 39.28
Trusted IT	Managed IT Services (Monthly)	£ 22.55
Information Commissioner's Office	Data Protection Fee	£ 35.00
BT	Telephony services	TBC
ONLINE – BACS		
Various	Salary Costs & Expenses	£ 2,046.48
Chinley & Buxworth Community Association	Meeting Hall Hire (June)	£ 22.00
Alliance Environmental Services	Emptying parish council litter bins 2023/24	£ 2,523.79
M Lomas	Grounds Maintenance 2023/24 Part Payment	£ 2,679.00
I Foster	Planters and wall baskets and maintenance Part Payment 2023/24	£ 982.50
P Manford	Cleaning Parish Room	£ 12.00
Trusted IT	IT Support	£ 36.00
Chinley & Buxworth PCC	Donation	£ 200.00
AUGUST 2023 TOTAL		£ 8,908.74

23/08/85 **Income Received**

RESOLVED: To note the following income received:

Received From	Amount	Reason
Derbyshire County Council	£ 565	Minor Maintenance Scheme 2022/23

23/08/86 **Additional Expenditure July 2023**

RESOLVED: To note the following additional payment made in July 2023:

Payee	Description	Amount
ONLINE – DD		
E-on	Electricity Squirrel Green	£31.95
	JULY 2023 ADDITIONAL	£ 31.95

23/08/87 **Bank Reconciliations**

The bank reconciliations and bank statements for Q1 2023/24 were presented for verification.

RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliations as presented for signature by Councillor Took.

23/08/88 **Q1 2023/24 Accounts**

The Q1 2023/24 Budget Monitoring Report and Reserves Adjustment Report had been circulated and were considered.

RESOLVED: To approve the Q1 2023/24 Budget Monitoring Report as presented.

RESOLVED: To approve the Reserves Adjustment Report which includes the following expenditure from Earmarked Reserves during Q1 totalling £1,000.00:

Reserves Expenditure	Earmarked Reserve	Reason
£750	Grounds Maintenance	Works to resurface informal paths in Buxworth Rec (agreed April 2023)
£250	Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group	Ongoing costs (no budget in 23/24 FY due to funds held in Reserves)

23/08/89 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been circulated with the meeting papers and were noted:

- 1.) Furness Vale Local Historical Society – advising that they have completed the organisation and scanning of Keith Holford's archive. A local resident is investigating whether it can be hosted on the Internet Archive website which would ensure it is freely accessible to the public. A selection of material will be presented at the Furness Vale History Society meeting on 5th December. A hard copy of all digitised material has been received.
- 2.) Roger Taylor Wellers Hedleys – summary of legal advice in respect of new community centre project.
- 3.) DALC – advising that NALC's legal view in respect of granting money to a church is that the specific legislation (the 1894 Act) overrides the general legislation (S137) and as such they advise against making such a payment. They further add that there is a great deal of controversy in the sector with regards to

grant giving to the church and it has never been tested in court. NALC provide the advice but there is no requirement for the council to follow the advice - however, neither NALC nor DALC would be liable if the council were challenged, having advised against a course of action.

- 4.) High Peak Borough Councillor Angela Benham – details of a proposed plan to help reduce dog-fouling in Chinley. (Circulated)

The following items were received after the Correspondence had been issued with the meeting papers and were duly noted:

- 5.) Parkinson Partnership – VAT advice report in relation to Community Centre Project.
- 6.) Buxworth AFC – seeking funding to set up new under 13s mixed football team to run alongside their current adult team.

23/08/90 **Reports from Working Groups**

No reports were received from Working Groups.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8:48pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Chairman

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