

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017, 7.30pm at the Parish Office, 3 Lower Lane, Chinley

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, HPBCllrs Caroline Howe and John Kappes..

17/01/171 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Bramah, R Drabble,
Mrs J Pettitt (late arrival) and M Travis .
Also noted apologies from DC Cllr Dave Lomax and PCSO Karen Green.

17/01/172 Registration/Declaration of Members Interests

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

17/01/173 Community Police

It was noted that PCSO Karen Green had not managed to attend the meeting on this occasion, the new priority had been set as Crime and thefts of bicycles had taken place in Chinley.

17/01/174 County Councillor - None

17/01/175 Borough Councillors

HPB Cllr Caroline Howe updated the council regarding the Buxworth Village Entry Sign – Agenda Item 8(d). Following her efforts to secure this replacement through liaison with all three councils, information and costings gathering, High Peak Borough Council would now be using a new funding source to allocate to replacement of the sign which had originally been provided through a HPBC Chief Executive initiative, thus eliminating the need for the Parish Council to consider this. The council thanked her for achieving this welcome outcome.

It was noted that there was no further news regarding the Forge Mill (Dorma) S106 variation or release of same. Also noted were issues of concern regarding non-compliance with the planning approval conditions. Insufficient action had been taken to keep Green Lane and Whithough Lane clear of mud and the highways conditions of changes to the junction and provision for pedestrians on Green Lane before commencement of building had not been adhered to.

It was agreed to raise these issues with the Borough Council and the Borough

Councillors asked to be cc'ed in to any Parish Council contact with the Borough Council's Ben Haywood.

17/01/176 **Open Forum – None**

17/01/177 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2016.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2016 be approved for signature of the Chair as a true and correct record.

17/01/178 **Chair's Progress Report**

The Chair reported on signage indicating that he would go ahead with the Cycle facility signage, but had not secured wording information for the playground signs. It was noted that the Clerk had not received any further information in the office about Chapel playground signs or an e-mail from the Chairman about his proposals to PVC about HGV signage.

17/01/179 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

17/01/180 **Playground Inspection Reports**

The weekly playground and cycle facility Inspection Reports were received.

It was noted that the safety surface at Buxworth had been cleaned and the roundabout which Borough Council had reported as requiring repair rather than oiling to solve the seizure problem posed no safety issues. The bark chippings level is low and a single mole hill, which could only be dealt with by levelling, had appeared within the fenced area. Resurgence of mole activity, creating hills outside the fenced area is continuing to be dealt with by pest control contractor.

RESOLVED: To leave the roundabout out of action pending removal for the proposed replacement of all equipment as soon as possible and in time for Easter.

RESOLVED: That the bark level will suffice for the few weeks to the replacement work.

It was noted that at Chinley one of the skate ramps had been sprayed with an unidentified red substance, which may wash off, and there is a split in the outer rubber surface of the third swing from the gate end.

RESOLVED: Weekly inspection to monitor the red substance and Mark Appleby be asked to clean this off if necessary.

RESOLVED: To ask HPBC to check the swing and carry out any necessary H&S action.

17/01/181 **Community Centre**

There was nothing new to report about the Community Center.

17/01/182 **Stubbins Park**

The council had received information that lying water and mud are again evident in the park despite drainage work having been carried out to deal with this in August 2016.

The meeting received a report from the contractor, following his visit to investigate, indicating the likely cause to be surface water from above the installed drain passing over the drain with the surface being clay. He reports the two drains installed appear to have addressed the two wet areas at either side of the recreational area and is hopeful that installation of a further small connecting drain will catch the surface water that looks to be the cause of the wetness on the bank side. He proposes to call back to undertake this work free of charge when it is dry or frosty to avoid making a mess of the upper slope.

Council agreed to the contractor's proposals.

Discussion of proposals from The Friends of Chinley Park relating to the vehicular access gate(s) to the park were deferred pending receipt of detailed information.

17/01/183 **Buxworth Culvert Bridge Surface Improvement**

The meeting received a suggested upgrade to the specification of work to improve the surface of the Culvert Bridge at Buxwoth Recreation Park

RESOLVED: Not to upgrade the specification as suggested and continue with the previously agreed plan.

17/01/184 **Footpath No39(Part) Bradshaw House Farm**

The meeting received information from Derbyshire County Council for an amendment to the proposed diversion of Chinley Buxworth & Brownside Public Footpath No 39(part) for comment from the Parish Council prior to consideration of wider consultation. No new input was available from Mr Brackenbury.

As the amendment reduces the distance between the proposed and existing emergence onto the A624, the Parish Council agreed that in this respect it was an improvement to the original proposal.

17/01/185 **Buxworth Park Project**

The meeting received the three £25,000 playground layout submissions from the providers requested to tender.

RESOLVED: To select the submission from Kompan as the Parish Council's favoured design for recommendation and display to Buxworth Residents.

The meeting noted a pro rata cost for distribution of a Buxworth only newsletter as £172.30.

RESOLVED: To issue a Newsletter, with information about the playground and allotments and advertising the meeting to be held in Buxworth, to be posted to residents of Buxworth.

17/01/186 **Scrutiny Review of Broadband Access**

The meeting received the Scrutiny Review of Broadband Access Consultation from Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED: To respond that Council would like to see the problems being experienced at Buxworth addressed to bring provision there in line with Chinley and faster speed be rolled out to the whole parish.

17/01/187 **Planning Applications**

HPK/2016/0639 – Lawful Development Application for proposed construction of a single-storey side/rear extension, single-storey rear extension, basement extension, rear dormer window, front porch, roof lights, detached outbuilding and associated hardstanding areas, Fern Lea, Buxton Road, Chinley for Mr R Spicer & Mr A Bains. The Parish Council is unable to comment on whether the proposals are lawful development. However, the resultant development would be an unsightly hotchpotch of extensions, additions and alterations of no architectural merit. We urge the Borough Council to negotiate either a more appropriate design solution or demolition and re-build to ensure a design in keeping with the area is developed from the outset.

NP/HPK/1216/1223 – Two storey rear elevation extension, including raised patio area, Newstead, Maynestone Road, Chinley for Dr James Freeth. No objections.

HPK/2016/0313 – Reserved matters application with details of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Phase 2 of the residential development comprising 91 no. dwellings and associated works pursuant to planning appeal reference APP/H1033/A/13/2189819, Forge Works, Forge Road, Chinley for Innovation Forge Ltd. The Parish Council is very disappointed at the bland layout and appearance of the proposed dwellings for Phase 2. Surely something more imaginative could be negotiated? At the very least we suggest there should be a greater variety of dwelling types and styles and the dwellings should include chimneys to give more vertical emphasis and provide interest to the rooflines.

There is a great deal of concern within the village about the complete lack of enforcement of conditions requiring the junction improvement works and provision for pedestrians on Green Lane to be installed prior to building operations on the site starting, and the mud on the roads through the village left

by the construction traffic.

NP/HPK/1216/1280 - Rebuilding of existing stables in form and in permanent materials, modification of outbuilding roof from mono-pitch to duo-pitch, re-roofing of barn structure in permanent material, Bradshaw House Farm, Hayfield Road, Chinley for Miss Jayne Sharp. The Parish Council supports this application as the proposed development will result in a significant improvement to the appearance of the buildings.

17/01/188 **Accounts for Payment**

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

December payments

| Chq no. | Payee | Description | Amount |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| DD | Fleur Telecom | Broadband (Dec) | 22.00 |
| SO | Jackson Carpets Ltd | Rent 3 Lower Lane (Dec) | 277.00 |
| DD | Npower | Light/power 3 LL (Dec) | 44.00 |
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| | | TOTAL | £ 343.00 |

| Chq no. | Payee | Description | Amount |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| DD | Fleur Telecom | Broadband (Jan) | 22.00 |
| SO | Jackson Carpets Ltd | Rent 3 Lower Lane (Jan) | 277.00 |
| DD | Npower | Light/power 3 LL (Jan) | 38.00 |
| 002604 | Mrs B Wise | Clerks Account (Jan) | 1,040.29 |
| 002605 | HM Rev. & Customs | PAYE & NI (Jan) | 255.73 |
| 002606 | Jackson Carpets Ltd | Night Rate Electricity | 212.44 |
| 002607 | Stanway & Hallows Ltd | Christmas Lights equipm't | 56.68 |
| 002608 | M Lomas | Fencing B'worth/Stubbins | 900.00 |
| 002609 | Andy Thompson | Christmas Tree handling | 260.00 |
| 002610 | Prosafe Electrical Serv's | Christmas Tree electricals | 1,490.00 |
| 002611 | Whaley Bridge band | Xmas Events Music | 100.00 |
| 002612 | Chinley & B'wth PCC | Xmas Event Refreshm'ts | 50.00 |
| 002613 | Friends of Buxworth Sch | Xmas Event Refreshm'ts | 50.00 |
| 002614 | E-ON | Electricity - Squirrel Green | 46.07 |
| 002615 | United Utilities | Christmas Trees | 349.84 |
| 002616 | S'N'S Trees | Tree work (ref) ClareLees | 395.00 |
| 002617 | Stockport Computers | Antivirus renewal | 45.00 |
| 002618 | Rosena Bankole | Parish Room Cleaning | 30.00 |
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| | | TOTAL | £ 5,618.05 |

17/01/189 **Budget & Precept 2017/18**

The meeting received the recommendations of the Finance Group for the 2017/18 Budget and Precept.

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations of the Finance Group as presented; set the 2017/18 budget at £61,727.28 and increase the Band D charge by 2% to provide a precept of £52,810.56 for 2017/18.

17/01/190 **Buxworth Allotments**

The meeting received the requested quote for the fencing, including two field gates for the fourth side of the allotment site. The quotes requested for rotivating the plot strips and to address problems of lying water and an open channel with installation of drainage had not been received.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote of £500 +VAT from Jordon Thompson for the gated fencing for the fourth side, but defer the work until drainage and path/plot alignment issues had been resolved.

RESOLVED: To liaise with the emerging Allotment Association about the number of plot holders, inclusion of Buxworth School as a plot holder and demarcation fencing for plots.

RESOLVED: To request rectification of the paths by the contractor.

17/01/191 **Buxworth Entry Sign**

This no longer required consideration following receipt of the news that the signage would be replaced by High Peak Borough Council.

17/01/192 **DALC – December 2016 & January 2017**

Circular 18/2016: General – Internal Audit;

HR Employment future for Town & Parish Councils;

Stoney Middleton PC Survey (**Circulated**)

Circular 19/2016: General – Proposal for Public Service Ombudsman;

External Audit Changes;

Big Conservation Conversation;

Neighbourhood Planning Bill;

Future of Assets in the Community;

Spotlight Award;

Funding opportunity (short turnaround)

Training for 2017/18 (**Circulated**)

Circular 01/2017: Index of most important elements of 2016 DALC Circulars (**Circulated**)

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**)

Notification from NALC that Council Tax referendum principles have not been extended to Parish and Town Councils in 2017/18. (**Circulated**)

Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute & WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November 2018. Information from Pageant master Bruno Peek. (**Circulated**)

The following items of correspondence were received:

1. Peak District NPA – press release – £2.4m funding boost for Peak District's 'hidden gem'
2. Peak District NPA – press release - State of Nature in the Peak District – report live online now.
3. High Peak CVS – View from the Peak, winter 2016 newsletter.
4. HPBC – Link to Development Control Agenda and reports.
5. DCC – Recycling of Broken or unwanted Electrical items.
6. Peak District NPA – press release – Peak District paths are enjoyed by visually impaired walkers.
7. DCC – notice of temporary road closure. Un-Named Road (Wash) from adjacent Rose Cottage to junction with Sheffield Road to facilitate gas main replacement works 7th December 2016 to 16th December 2016.
8. Primary Care Supplies – Defibrillator information.
9. Peak District NPA – press release – Prosecution leads to £20,000 fine for damaging trees in PD National Park.
10. 2commune – information about user conference on Wednesday 22nd March 2017.
11. Peak District Northern Footpaths Society – invitation to parish council for affiliation to the society.
12. Peak Park parishes Forum – copy of latest views of the Forum's Management Committee on the PDNPA's current consultation on its draft Development management Policies. Plus invitation to attend open meeting of the Management Committee at 10am on Monday 23rd January 2017 at Aldern House, to finalise the committee's response.
13. Janine Austin – looking to improve search engine ranking of the Parish Council website.
14. Civic Voice – notification of free training workshop on 18th February in Derby to help restore local war memorials.
15. HPBC – Affordable warmth training by CVS on Tuesday 31st January 6-7pm in the Committee Room, Municipal Building, Glossop.
16. DCC – Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan – Sites Consultation comments by 29th January 2017
17. Peak District NPA – reminder that consultation on Publication version of the Development management Policies document, forming Part 2 of the Local plan for the Peak District National Park will finish on 27th January 2017.
18. HPBC – link to agenda and papers for DC meeting on 23rd January 2017.
19. Edith Longden – Reminder that FOCF committee is on 24th February at 6.30pm in the Parish Room followed by meal at Café Bombay – names for meal to Linda Page.
20. Safer Neighbourhood Team – invitation to meeting at Rems Café bar, Chapel at 2pm to have say on community issues.
21. Derbyshire Alert – Appeal after bikes stolen in Chinley and Buxworth 14/15th January.
22. Peak District NPA – Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 14.

- 23. DCC – Emergency Temporary Road Closure on 19th January of Dolly Lane to facilitate access to BT overhead network to restore customer service.
- 24. Wagtails – reply to letter regarding valuation of rented land.
- 25. Peak Park Parishes Forum – copy of the Forum’s Formal response to PDNPA consultation (15 pages)
- 26. FisherGerman CLH Pipeline System Ltd – information about theft from pipelines.

17/01/194 **Reports from Council Representatives**

Bridge Club - The meeting noted that the Bridge Club had donated to charities in recognition of its uncharged use of the Parish Room.

17/01/195 **Reports from Working Groups - None**

17/01/196 **Human Resource Issues**

RESOLVED: To approve the recommendations of the Human Resource sub group following interviews for the post of Clerk & RFO and offer the position to the chosen candidate to commence on 1st April 2017 subject to receipt of acceptable references.

The meeting noted that the retiring clerk has managed to successfully balance her working hours until recently but is currently 21 hours over contract and is concerned that these may prove difficult to recoup before the end of March and extra hours may be incurred during the hand over procedure.

The clerk was advised to redress the balance as the council do not wish for expenditure on excess hours.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 9.30pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Chairman

Dated.....