

Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd October 2014, 7.30pm at the Parish Office, 3 Lower Lane, Chinley

Present: Councillors P Wilson (Chair), R O Drabble, A Knox, Mrs A Phillips, Mrs C Rofer, W Smith and I Westall.
Clerk Mrs B Wise. County Cllr D Lomax.

14/10/110 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs A Bramah, Mrs J Pettitt and M Walton.

14/10/111 **Declaration of Members Interests - None**

14/10/112 **Community Police**

Apologies were received from PCSO Karen Green and her crime figures presented to the meeting by the chairman.

The meeting was advised that bridge hits were continuing with the most recent one at New Smithy causing the usual traffic flow chaos, damage and problems through New Smithy, Wash and Maynstone Road. Most of the problem vehicles approaching from the North were understood to be making their approach through New Mills. Cllr Drabble reported that he had advised Isobell Mulligan at DCC of this and the need for a height detection laser with warning notice device similar to the largley successful one installed on the Hayfield bypass to deflect high vehicles approaching from Glossop. He had been told there was sufficient signage, the cost would be too great and the lack of prosecution of drivers involved was not helpful.

It was further noted that parking at this junction was also causing manoeuvring difficulties for smaller HGVs that would otherwise be able to negotiate the low bridge with comparative ease.

RESOLVED: To raise the need for action to deal with high vehicles approaching this location from New Mills with Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED: To request PCSO Karen Green to raise the parking issue with the school and raise prosecution of drivers of vehicle hitting the bridge, driving without due care and attention to the appropriate constabulary personell.

14/10/113 **County Councillor**

County Councillor Lomax established that DCC's estates team had not approached the Parish Council regarding the Community Centre lease and advised they be contacted if nothing transpired after a further week.

He brought the forthcoming transport consultation, as featured in the DCC magazine, to the attention of members and appealed for participation.

14/10/114 **Open Forum – None**

14/10/115 **Order of Business**

RESOLVED: To take agenda item 6(b) as the next item of business.

14/10/116 **Community Association Project Group**

Cllr Wilson reported on the meeting of the Community Association Project Group held on 15th October 2014 and attended by Parish Council representatives Cllrs Smith Walton and himself, which had been devoted to the proposed pre feasibility study consultation to collect views on activities and spaces with assistance from High Peak Community & Voluntary Support. £3000 of funding had been secured.

Many varied ways to engage the community and gather the information over Christmas and New Year had been devised and agreed to meet the end of March deadline. This would be mainly driven by the Community Association and HP CVS. Funding for a full feasibility study would follow from success of this first phase.

Importance of Parish Council representation and support was acknowledged.

14/10/117 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th September 2014.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th September 2014 be approved for signature of the Chair as a true and correct record.

14/10/118 **Chair's Progress Report**

The Chairman's report was received.

Pot Hole Repairs: - The meeting noted that the repairs to the Community Centre and Playing Fields car park access road had been carried out and the Clerk was reminded that Derbyshire County Council needed to be sent a copy of the invoice with a request for 50% of the cost as per the terms of their lease.

Winter Planters:- The meeting received a financial report from the Finance Group Chair and Clerk in relation to summer bedding basket and planter costs, anticipated overspend (£907), and costs for rental of winter/spring planted three-tier planters of £179 each.

A £200 earmarked reserve for planters, a surplus of funding for the previous year's grounds maintenance held in reserve of £1000 arising from a charge reduction and adequate general reserve funds (£25,000) to cover the overspend and any additional related spending required had been identified.

The appreciation and many complimentary comments received from residents regarding the summer display was noted, together with reservations that only one planter in Chinley for the winter/spring may look rather lost.

RESOLVED: To approve funding of an additional £179 for a second winter planter for Chinley, bringing the total order to three planters – total cost £537.

Buxworth Allotment Project - It was noted that this should be progressed with the planning application for the relocation of the car park being submitted as soon as possible. Quotes needed to be obtained for architects drawings for the planning application and fencing of the allotment site.

It was agreed that Steve Goddard be instructed to carry out ploughing/rotivating of the area for the plots as per his approved quote.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wilson be delegated to authorize the expenditure for the architects drawings for the application.

Barren Clough Allotments – It was noted that a letter giving notice for use of the Barren Clough site for allotments had been received from the land owner and that a termination letter would need to be sent to the one remaining tenant on the site.

14/10/119 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

14/10/120 **Playground Inspection Reports**

The meeting received the weekly playground and cycle facility Inspection Reports.

It was noted that:-

Concerns about the condition and safety of the handrail for the steps between Buxworth School and the Recreation Ground had been addressed.

The mesh litter bin at the car park adjacent to the Community Centre was full and needed to be brought to the attention of High Peak Borough Council.

14/10/121 **Secure Maintenance Yard for Bugsworth Basin**

The meeting received proposals from Bugsworth Basin Heritage Trust (formerly IWPS) to create a secure maintenance yard for use of themselves and Canal & River Trust on land at Buxworth belonging to the Parish Council, with adjacent allotment provision.

RESOLVED: To reply in support of the suggested proposal and Cllr Walton to view the area and begin negotiations with BBHT.

RESOLVED: To liaise with the current tenant of the allotment area to establish ideas on future requirement.

14/10/122 **Remembrance Arrangements**

It was noted that neither the Chair nor Vice-chair would be available on Remembrance Sunday.

It was agreed that Cllr Knox would lay the wreath and read the Binyon Lines at Chinley war memorial.

Similar arrangements were agreed for Buxworth (Cllr Mrs C Rofer), Chinley Chapel (Cllr Mrs A Phillips) and White Knowle (Cllr Drabble.)

RESOLVED: To approved cost of four wreaths of £68 and a donation of £50. Total £118.

14/10/123 **Chapel Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Wilson reported that little change had been made to the plan following the previous consultation and recommended that support should be given to the designation of Spring meadow as a green site citing reasons of its use particularly by dog walkers prior to being fenced off and becoming overgrown. It was agreed he should draw up the appropriate comment.

It was noted that the entrance to the site had been surveyed recently.

14/10/124 **Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were received and comments approved:

1. HPK/2014/0477 - Proposed change of use including repairing existing agricultural barn, Waterside Cottages, Dolly Lane, Buxworth. - **The Parish Council supports this application. It will improve the present unsightly appearance of the area, it will restore and retain a traditional stone farm building and it will cause no harm to the openness of the green belt**
2. HPK/2014/0486 - proposed conversion of offices to a business park etc, former HPBC offices, Hayfield Road, Chinley. – **The Parish Council welcomes and supports this application. It makes good use of the existing site and buildings without impacting further upon the green belt and will provide high quality employment opportunities in the area. However, the term ‘business park’ could be widely interpreted and so we request that uses be limited to B1 use only to ensure that they are wholly compatible with neighbouring residential properties. It is also requested that additional landscaping be planted along the south-west and north-west site boundaries to help screen the development from short and long distance views.**
3. HPK/2014/0511 - Proposed variation of condition 1 relating to application HPK/2013/0577, former Dorma works, Forge Road, Chinley -**The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the changes in house types. However, we wish to seek assurances that, in changing the house types, the developers are not also trying to change the materials. Our representations on the original plans sought amendments to the materials (from predominantly brick and render to predominantly natural or reconstituted stone), in order to reflect**

better the characteristics of the local area, and this was agreed by the developers. It is important that the predominance of stone is maintained.

4. HPK/2014/0497 - proposed first floor extension to form two storey dwelling, extend existing raised decking area, form hardstanding area and balcony to first floor, 67 Green Lane, Chinley - **The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the formation of a two-storey dwelling on this site. However, we are very disappointed with the proposed design and appearance of the dwelling, particularly since it adjoins the Chinley & Whitehough conservation area. We would urge HPBC to negotiate design improvements to ensure that the development is more in keeping with the character of the area and makes a more positive contribution to the local environment. As it stands we believe the proposal fails to meet the intention and criteria of Policy EQ 5 of the Local Plan.**

14/10/125 **Accounts for Payment**

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

Chq no.	Payee	Description	Amount
DD	Talktalk	Broadband (Oct)	22.00
SO	Jackson Carpets Ltd	Rent 3 Lower Lane (Oct)	277.00
DD	Npower	Light/power 3 LL (Oct)	17.00
002350	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance 2014/15	1,149.54
002351	Cash	Bulbs from Village Store	50.00
002352	Mrs B Wise	Clerks Account (Oct)	925.39
002353	Post Off. Ltd(HMR&C)	PAYE Inland Rev(Oct)	251.17
002354	Severn Trent Water Ltd	Water charges Apr-Oct	148.10
002355	Hall's Mica Hardware	Sickens & Keys	40.00
002356	Royal British Legion	Wreaths x 4 & donation	118.00
002357	Ian Foster	Watering summer plants	1,200.00
002358	G&R Leigh	Gate spring (B'wth)	11.94
002359	David A Hancock Tar'g	Car Park Access Repairs	1,620.00
		TOTAL	£ 5,830.14

14/10/126 **Second Quarter Accounts**

The accounts for the second quarter of 2014/15 were received.

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for the second quarter as presented.

14/10/127 **Christmas**

The meeting acknowledged resident's wishes to see the return of a large tree to Squirrel Green and displays above shops and businesses. An offer of financial assistance was received from the Conservative Club, whose customers had suggested donations be collected on the club bar.

Identification by Cllr Smith of 14 locations for small trees in brackets and budgeted amounts of £1,200 for Christmas and £300 for Christmas Lights, totaling £1,500 were noted.

Quotes were received for - provision and installation of four additional tree brackets on business/commercial premises, 14 small trees for brackets, 3 trees for arcade stanchions, 1 non-drop tree for Parish Room window, two large trees for Buxworth School and Squirrel Green, new lights for all trees and associated electrical work.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from ProSafe Electrical of £1890 for installation and disconnection of lights and labour costs for electrical connection works and including testing of street lights on Squirrel Green plus £195 to £380 for associated materials for xmas light connections from Stanway & Hallows.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Oak Tree Landscapes of £455 for locating and dismantling trees and lights.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotes for supply and delivery of trees of £410.82 from United Utilities for outdoor trees and £35 from Fosters for non-drop tree, subject to receipt of lower quote being received.

RESOLVED: To accept quote from Stanway & Hallows Electrical of £250.50 for new lights for all nineteen outdoor trees.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotes for supply and delivery of four new brackets from LBS Global of £170 and for fitting of same from Mick Ashton of £80

RESOLVED: To approve total expenditure of £3,681.32 and accept the potential overspend of £2,181.32 to be provided from general reserves.

14/10/128 **Squirrel Green ‘Street Lamps’**

It was noted that the cost of testing the lights to identify what would be required was included in the quote for Christmas tree electrical work.

14/10/129 **Stubbins Park Tree Work**

The meeting received information about work recommended to trees in the north east corner of Stubbins park.

RESOLVED: To accept quote of £660 from Mark Appleby for removal of one large ivy covered tree and saplings from the adjacent area in the north east corner of Stubbins Park, subject to approval of HPBC’s Arboriculture Officer.

14/10/130 **Standing Orders**

RESOLVED: To suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue.

14/10/131 **DALC – October 2014**

Circular 22/2014: Automatic Enrolment – a guide for Town & Parish Councils
(Circulated)

14/10/132 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were received:

1. Derbyshire District CAB – invitation and information for AGM on Thursday 4th December at Matlock **(Circulated)**
2. Peak District NPA – Reminder for 2014 Parishes’ Day on Saturday 18th October “Vibrant Villages” **(Circulated)**
3. HPBC – promotional information about the DCC High Peak Public Health Small Grants with application form. **(Circulated – also to Community Association)**
4. SLCC – publications information.
5. Peak District NPA – Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 08 October 2014.**(Circulated)**
6. Mr A E Tolhurst – letter wishing to re-open the debate about the change to parking facilities outside his property on Lower Lane to achieve a common sense solution.**(Acknowledge our sympathy with his situation and advise we assume the letter has been sent to DCC as the authority responsible for highways)**
7. Ms J Evans – letter requesting attention to Squirrel Green, to put electric lamps back into service, trim back the thorny bush again and weed the base of the wall along the Princes Road pavement.**(Reply with information on action in progress)**
8. Mr J Benson – information from First Transpennine Express Autumn Business Update Forum held in Leeds on 6th October 2014.
9. Chapel SNT – minutes of meeting on 22nd July 2014.**(Circulated)**
10. Chinley Community Centre – copy of e-mail correspondence between CA and DCC indicating that DCC Estates Team have been instructed to open negotiations with the Parish Council regarding surrender of DCC’s lease.
11. Peak District Online – launch of online magazine.
12. DCC – Winter Service Scheme 2014/15 reminder **(Circulated)**
13. Rob Lomas – Notice to quit Buxworth Allotment site (Barren Clough)
14. Derbyshire Law Centre – AGM invitation 12th November **(Circulated)**

14/10/133 **Reports from Working Groups - None**

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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