

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2015

Meeting Held: Tuesday 6 October 2015 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Present: Councillor J Brook in the Chair.
Councillors M Evanson, FP Harrison, G Martin, Mrs M Morrison, T Norton and Mrs J Street.

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council

Apologies: Councillors Mrs H Batterbee, M Smith and S Young.

At the commencement of the meeting there were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

Members asked the Clerk to pass on their best wishes to Councillor Mrs Batterbee.

16/184 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Martin declared an interest as a DALC Executive Committee Member.

16/185 Police Matters

It was noted that the years in the crime figures presented at the September meeting had been transposed.

In September 2014 there were 16 reported crimes and for the same period in 2015 there were 30 reported crimes.

The positive outcome for September 2014 was 43.8% and 26.7% in 2015.

16/186 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

16/187 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Street advised that Derbyshire County Council are looking at launching a scheme similar to the 'Made in Sheffield' scheme, working with schools in the County.

There are likely to be proposed changes to the Derbyshire Combined Authority and members would wish to comment before a final decision is made.

Councillor Young sent a written report regarding the current position with the Kings Arms Hotel and it was noted that the Conservation Officer and Licensing Officer are involved.

There is also the possibility of funding to repair the steps by Nat West Bank and the public toilets on Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

16/188 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Derbyshire County Council are consulting on changes to the Minor Maintenance Agreement and it was agreed that the Council should remain part of the scheme.

Members were concerned that the Clinical Commissioning Group in Derbyshire has failed to secure any S106 funding in respect of the recent large planning applications apart from the Crossing Road/Manchester Road development in Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Practice Managers at both surgeries to make them aware of the position.

It was noted that any member of the public can join the Patient Participation Group at the local surgeries and Councillor Harrison expressed an interest.

A request has been received from Chinley & Buxworth Community Association asking if we have any objection to them providing a defibrillator in the red phone box at Whitehough. Members have no objection.

The Clerk was asked to contact Derbyshire County Council to draw their attention to Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith where the street lighting remains unlit within the 30mph area.

The Royal British Legion have secured some material from NoMow to making the wreath laying ceremony safer at the War Memorial on Chapel-en-le-Frith Market Place. It was agreed that the Council would cover the cost.

Councillor Harrison declared an interest as a member of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

16/189 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1 September 2015

Minutes numbered 16/156 to 16/174 were presented.

The minute numbers were not sequential and were amended accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the amended Minutes as being a true and correct record.

16/190 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 15 September 2015

Minutes numbered 16/178 to 16/183 were presented.

The minute numbers were not sequential and were amended accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the amended Minutes as being a true and correct record.

16/191 Minutes of the Communications Committee held on 15 September 2015

Minutes numbered 16/175 to 16/177 were presented.

The minute numbers were not sequential and were amended accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the amended Minutes as being a true and correct record.

16/192 Matters arising from the above Minutes

Councillor Martin advised that he will be reporting on planning enforcement issues at the next Planning Committee.

The Clerk was asked to write to Sparrowpit Village Hall Committee to thank them for hosting the Community Award presentation.

Councillor Martin proposed that the costs for the newsletter distribution be included in the 2016/17 budget and Councillor Brook seconded the resolution. Six members were in favour and one against.

High Peak Borough Council have advised that the Council will be able to put forward suggestions for expenditure to be funded by the New Homes Bonus during consultation on the 2016/17 budget. It was agreed that the Clerk ask for details of the amount of money expected in relation to the new properties in the Parish so that an informed decision can be made.

16/193 Co-option

As there were no candidates who themselves forward for the recent casual vacancy in Chapel West Ward it was suggested that the Council should not be looking to co-opt people who are not willing to put themselves forward at election.

Councillor Norton proposed and Councillor Martin seconded a resolution that the Council continue with ten members and should there be any further resignations then co-option be looked at again.

All members were in favour.

It was noted that with fewer members quoracy at meetings could be an issue and all members are encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible.

16/194 Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting has taken place to discuss footpaths and the tramway as raised in the Community Plane and a further meeting has been planned to specifically look at the tramway in Dove Holes and the Warmbrook Trail.

The Clerk was asked to report encroachment of the linear path at the rear of Grange Park Avenue.

16/195 Economic Regeneration

The Digital Derbyshire Engagement Officer will be available to speak to members on 12 October regarding the change to fibre broadband in the Parish.

Councillor Evanson tabled a report to update members on progress to date.

Three quotes have been received for the new website and the working group has considered each. The recommendation is that the quote from Grafika be accepted which falls within the budget set by the Council as a regeneration grant is also available to achieve this.

16/196 Outside Bodies

Councillor Street reported that the Quarry Liaison meetings will cease in their current format and be replaced by each quarry arranging meetings with the communities local to them and having an annual joint meeting on a more informal basis.

16/197 Town Hall and 47/49 Market Street

It was confirmed that plans have now been drawn in respect of the pre-planning consultation for 47/49 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

16/198 DALC Circulars and Correspondence

DALC have requested feedback on the delivery of their services and what Councils would like to see in the future.

It was agreed that the Council ask for more Courses for Members. Also some of the venues chosen are too far to travel and courses be held in High Peak for the High Peak Town and Parish Councils.

They are also seeking views on Lord Lyttons report regarding the future structure of national and county associations.

Councillor Harrison proposed and Councillor Brook seconded that Councillor Martin be nominated for Vice President of DALC. All member were in favour.

16/199 Parks and Open Spaces

Following the recent consultation for new play equipment at Needham Recreation Ground one letter has been received asking that there is no fencing round the new equipment as this has caused problems in the past and that the equipment be laid out in a similar manner to the existing. All members were happy that the proposed scheme achieves this and an order will be placed with Wicksteed.

An email has been received from a resident in Dove Holes regarding the wall at the football field and problems with dog fouling. It was agreed that this be referred to the Amenities Committee.

It was noted that New Mills Town Council have received a grant from the Crime Commissioner for new play equipment. This was due to levels of anti-social behaviour and deprivation levels which would not be applicable in Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish.

The boundary wall at Needham Recreation Ground has been damaged and this has been reported to the Police.

16/200 Correspondence

The Derbyshire County Council Liaison meeting will take place on 23 November 2015 at County Hall and Councillor Martin will be attending.

A letter has been received from the Royal British Legion regarding the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

16/201 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 007500 to 007524 amounting to £9,101.53 has been drawn.

RESOLVED: That the cheques be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid.

RESOLVED: That a Bank Mandate be completed to allow digital access to the Councils Bank Accounts for the purpose of checking transactions only.

16/202 Any Other Business

The Clerk will arrange a date for F & GP Committee to meet in October and circulate members accordingly.

16/203 Press Releases

New play equipment at Needham recreation Ground
S106 payments in respect of health services locally.

16/204 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.35 hours.

CHAIRMAN

