

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2015

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 3 November 2015 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Present:** Councillor J Brook in the Chair.
Councillors Mrs H Batterbee, M Evanson, FP Harrison, G Martin, Mrs M Morrison, T Norton, M Smith, Mrs J Street and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council
- Apologies:** PCSO K Green

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

Rev D Leach said prayers.

16/219 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Mrs Morrison declared an interest in the Bank Hall Developments Planning Application.

16/220 Police Matters

It was reported that the priority set at the recent Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting was the monitoring of traffic on Buxton Road as there have been a number of incidents where vehicles have attempted to access the A6 from the Buxton Road slip road.

The Clerk was asked to report the mud on the road from the Barratt development on Manchester Road as there has been an accident due to this.

16/221 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

16/222 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Street advised that there is currently a petition to try and get the number of signatures that will require the County Council to discuss the proposed cuts to Community Transport at their Full Council Meeting.

There is now a dedicated telephone number to ring if members of the public have concerns about child protection. Councillor Street will supply some posters in this respect.

An announcement is about to be made regarding the Combined Authority and it is expected that this will now include an elected mayor.

Councillor Young reported that High Peak Borough Council are meeting to discuss the Combined Authority proposals on 17th November 2015. The Borough Council will be considering making a Conservation Area grant to the developers of the Kings Arms Public House. The current drainage work taking place on the Target Wall fields is within permitted development. The Licensing Panel are dealing with reports of an unlicensed taxi operating out of New Mills. The planning permission for a temporary marquee at the Pavilion Gardens has been agreed whilst renovation work takes place.

16/223 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Derbyshire County Council have forwarded details of proposed Traffic Orders for Manchester Road and Crossings Road and Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

A letter has been received requesting a grit bin on Charley Lane. The Clerk reminded members that a resolution had been passed to not increase the number of grit bins the Council maintains due to costs and limited resources. Councillor Harrison proposed and Councillor Martin seconded a motion to provide a grit bin on Charley Lane due to special circumstances. Councillor Martin requested a recorded vote.

For	Against
Councillor Martin	Councillor Street
Councillor Morrison	Councillor Young
Councillor Evanson	Councillor Batterbee
Councillor Harrison	Councillor Norton
Councillor Smith	Councillor Brook

The Chairman exercised his casting vote against the motion.

A letter has been received requesting a bus shelter outside the Town Hall and consideration to making Church Brow one way to traffic. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Derbyshire County Council to ask them to look into

the possibility of making part of Church Brow One way, noting that access to Terrace Road will need to be kept open.

With regard to a bus shelter outside the Town Hall it was felt that this was not feasible due to space and the fact that it could become a gathering place outside the view of CCTV.

The Conservation Officer at High Peak Borough Council has suggested that the repair to the steps by Nat West Bank is in natural stone if possible. If not a repair like for like would be acceptable. The Council are asked to check that the work would not require planning permission. It was agreed that quotes be obtained to repair the area in matching tarmac.

The Clerk was asked to contact Federal Mogul Friction Products to see if they would be willing to sponsor the planting of the mini roundabout again. It was also noted that the tarmac by the roundabout needs some attention as the camber of the road is now being affected by wear of the surface.

Derbyshire County Council are to conduct a safety exercise on Sheffield Road near the Chestnut Centre when cars park on the highway at busy times.

It was noted that the grass verges on some of the estate road need to be cut back and this will be passed onto High Peak Borough Council.

The Clerk was asked to report cars that are parking on Buxton Road which are blocking the sight lines for cars leaving Sheffield Road.

16/224 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6 October 2015

Minutes numbered 16/184 to 16/204 were presented.

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

16/225 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 13 October 2015

Minutes numbered 16/205 to 16/210 were presented.

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

16/226 Minutes of the F & GP Committee held on 27 October 2015

Minutes numbered 16/211 to 16/218 were presented.

Minute Number 16/218 was amended and the following wording was inserted: Councillor Morrison declared an interest in this item and left the room taking no part in the discussion.

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

16/227 Matters arising from the above Minutes

Following the F & GP Committee the Chairman and Vice Chairman met with the person organising the Christmas Market in respect of the grant application. The event will be held behind the Cobbles Public House but it is intended as it grows to move the event onto the Market Place. The organiser had asked local businesses if they would support the event on the Market Place this year but little interest had been shown.

Members were concerned that one business would benefit to the detriment of others and that initiatives that come from Totally Locally and support all businesses would be more favourable.

Councillor Harrison proposed that a grant should not be made to this event as it would set a precedent and Councillor Martin seconded the motion. All members were in agreement.

16/228 Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting has taken place to look at the countryside and footpath issues raised in the Community Plan followed by site visits to some of the public footpaths. A further meeting will be held before the end of the year.

16/229 Economic Regeneration

High Peak Borough Council have submitted an expression of interest for D2N2 funding and are with partners seeking to develop an economic masterplan for land allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan for industrial use. It is anticipated that the Leys Allotments site would be included in the land allocated in the masterplan and therefore an additional site for allotments would need to be found. It was suggested that contact be made with the Methodist Church in this respect.

16/230 Parks and Open Spaces

A pre contract meeting has been held with Wicksteed prior to the installation of the new play equipment at Needham Recreation Ground.

At the meeting it was noted that the surface under the existing swings needs to be replaced and Wicksteed have provided the following quotes:

To dig out, replace the wooden edging with concrete and overlay with wet pour - £2,564 ex VAT

To dig out and lay new safety grass surface - £3,482 ex VAT

These quotes are subject to the work being undertaken at the same time as the installation while contractors are on the site.

Councillor Harrison proposed and Councillor Smith seconded that the lower quote be accepted. All members were in agreement.

16/231 Allotments

The Courses Allotment Society had their AGM in October and have advised that the demand for allotments has dropped off. Given that Federal Mogul appear reticent to sign a new lease for additional land they have suggested that this matter be left in abeyance due to the lack of demand.

16/232 Correspondence

A letter has been received from the Head teacher and Governors at Chapel High School advising that a formal review of future governance options is taking place.

16/233 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 007525 to 007548 amounting to £12,546.42 has been drawn.

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

16/234 Any Other Business

The Clerk will circulate possible dates for a meeting of the Amenities Committee and Community Plan Footpaths Group.

Councillor Morrison distributed details of the Christmas Dinner to members.

16/235 Press Releases

Play equipment at Needham Recreation Ground
Community Transport petition
Economic Regeneration

16/236 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.40 hours.

CHAIRMAN

