

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2015

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 1 December 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 and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council
- Apologies:** Councillor Mrs J Street.

At the commencement of the meeting there was one member of the public and no members of the press present.

Rev D Leach said prayers.

The Chairman wished all members a Happy Christmas.

The Clerk was asked to pass on the thanks of the Council to the Assistant Clerk for stepping in at the last minute to organise the Market Place events for Christmas tree lighting.

16/253 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.

16/254 Police Matters

Members were pleased to see that the roundabout at Barmoor Clough has been cut back following a recent SNT meeting where it was discussed.

16/255 Open Forum

Mr Soden circulated a letter he is proposing to write to the Peak District Local Nature Partnership regarding deliberate damage to wildlife habitat by developers. The Council agreed to add their support to the letter.

16/256 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

It was reported that a petition of 20,000 signatures has been lodged with Derbyshire County regarding the proposed withdrawal of funding for Community Transport Services. This will mean that the matter will have to be brought before the Cabinet for discussion.

The County Council are still in discussion with other authorities regarding the proposed Combined Authority.

It was noted that the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his autumn statement has given local authorities the ability to raise additional funding for adult services and it is hoped that Derbyshire County Council will look at this in respect of the respite beds at Ecclesfold.

The Kings Arms Hotel has received a conservation regeneration grant from High Peak Borough Council to carry out external works to the property.

The Mayors Christmas Concert will be held on Boxing Day at the Buxton Opera House.

High Peak Borough Council have issued Tree Preservation Orders at Wilshaw in Whitehough but it appears that trees are still being felled. Councillor Young was asked to take this up with the Council and ask that action be taken in this respect.

16/257 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

The following response has been received from Derbyshire County Council regarding Church Brow:

'Following site meetings last year with council members and conservation officers Derbyshire County Council would be very reluctant to introduce further traffic measures in this sensitive area due to the amount of signing and lining that would be required to make any system enforceable. At present drivers are cautious of vehicles turning left towards Market Place if this became one way speeds would increase. Also as on most narrow roads, obstructive parking can occur from time to time, but, that this is an exception rather than the norm and this is the case on Church Brow and Terrace Road. Ordinarily, parking restrictions are normally considered to address issues that exist on an almost daily basis and occasional instances of obstruction are dealt with as a Police matter.'

The Clerk was asked to report the following highway matters:

- Uneven flag stones by the Co-op on Chapel Market Place and to request bollards to stop vehicles mounting the pavement.
- Action that can be taken to stop vehicles churning the grass verges on Frith View, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Street lighting that is not working on Tom Lane. Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Flooding on Long Lane at the junction with Longmeade Avenue, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Planning permission for the banner erected on Hayfield Road West.
- Cutting of the Bowden Hey Roundabout to allow better sight lines for pedestrian crossing the A6 by-pass

The Clerk was asked to contact the Conservation Officer at High Peak Borough Council to seek her views on the billboard on Hayfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

It was noted that there are issues of congestion at the traffic lights on Meadow Lane, Dove Holes and that this will likely increase with new developments on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

16/258 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3 November 2015

Minutes numbered 16/219 to 16/236 were presented.

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

16/259 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 2015

Minutes numbered 16/251 to 16/252 were presented.

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

16/260 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 10 November 2015

Minutes numbered 16/237 to 16/242 were presented.

Minute No 16/237 Planning Application No HPK/2015/0406 was amended to read Chapel-en-le-Frith Neighbourhood Plan.

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

16/261 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 17 November 2015

Minutes numbered 16/243 to 16/250 were presented.

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

16/262 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The Police have reported that there is now a road sweeper on Manchester Road removing mud from the development site.

The issues of sight lines at Sheffield Road will be addressed with the garage owner, parking enforcement and speed watch.

Councillor Brook declared an interest in minute no 15/245.

It was agreed that the Amenities Committee consider Christmas tree lighting 2016 if Totally Locally are not going to be involved.

16/263 Neighbourhood Plan

A letter has been received from the Department for Communities and Local Government asking the Council to put forward a member of the neighbourhood planning group to join the Neighbourhood Planning Champions network. Councillor Martin agreed investigate this further.

The Clerk was asked to write to Natural England regarding land stewardship programmes in the Parish as it appears that during the Statutory Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan they made no comment on any such areas.

It was reported that the group considering countryside issues highlighted in the Community Plan are making good progress.

16/264 Economic Regeneration

High Peak Borough Council are currently developing a Masterplan for Chapel-en-le-Frith and this has now gone out to tender.

Work is progressing on the new website and it is hoped that it will go live in January 2016.

16/265 Outside Bodies

Councillor Martin reported that he has been made a Vice President of DALC. For DALC courses the Council will be allocated 3 free places and seminars will be charged for.

The Peak Park Parish Forum Annual Parish Liaison Meeting will be held in April 2016 when Derbyshire cycling strategy will be discussed. They will also be arranging a basic planning course and planning enforcement course in 2016.

16/266 Town Hall

The Chairman of the Town Hall Committee reported that during the recent bad weather issues with the drainage and Annex roof have arisen which are currently being investigated.

16/267 Correspondence

A letter of thanks has been received from Churches Together in Chapel-en-le-Frith in respect of the grant made to them.

16/268 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 007549 to 007571 amounting to £45,712.24 has been drawn.

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

16/269 Any Other Business

None.

16/270 Press Releases

Christmas Tree Lighting and photo.

16/271 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.25 hours.

CHAIRMAN

