

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2017

- Meeting Held:** Monday 7 February 2017 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, M Smith, Mrs J Street and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.
- Apologies:** Councillor Mrs H Batterbee

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, remembering the 60th anniversary of the fatal accident at Chapel-en-le-Frith Station and the family of Frank Martin, who worked for the Council in the Parish parks for a number of years.

17/307 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Martin declared an interest as a member of the DALC Executive Committee.

17/308 Police Matters

Councillor Evanson gave a presentation to members on the work that has been undertaken on the crime statistics to be discussed with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Safer Neighbourhood priorities do not appear to relate to reported crimes and it was suggested that better analysis of priorities is needed. From statistics gathered from the Police website, it would appear that only around 6% of crimes in the Parish are detected.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Police Inspector to ask that Safer Neighbourhood meetings are formally independently chaired and minuted. This is a matter that will also be raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Following a recent pub watch meeting, High Peak Borough Council will be asked to replace the camera on the Kings Arms Hotel, which was temporarily removed during the refurbishment of the premises.

17/309 Open Forum

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in the Open Forum.

17/310 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

The County Councillor reported that she has received a lot of complaints regarding failure of street lights. The County Council policy has changed in respect of the replacement of street lights as there is a LED replacement programme which will commence in the autumn.

There were no reports from the Borough Councillor.

17/311 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Derbyshire County Council have issued a temporary road closure for Bowden Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith to facilitate gas mains replacement from 15 February to 28 March 2017.

The problem with the running water on Bowden Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith has been addressed and a new grid has been installed by the County Council.

It was reported that there is a problem with litter again around Chapel-en-le-Frith High School together with litter on the A6 by-pass.

There have been a number of complaints about the mud on the road on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith from residents which is being caused by the housing development. Residents will be advised to contact the Planning Authority. The Chairman advised that a meeting with Seddon's has been requested but they have failed to make any arrangements to date.

Derbyshire County Council have applied to undertake works on the A6 slip road on Buxton Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith to stop vehicles accessing the by-pass from the wrong direction.

The County Councillor was asked to check if there are any planned works on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith by STWA on the weekend of the Model Railway Exhibition in February.

17/312 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3 January 2017

Minutes numbered 17/274 to 17/291 were presented.

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

17/313 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 10 January 2017

Minutes numbered 17/295 to 17/300 were presented.

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

17/314 Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 10 January 2017

Minutes numbered 17/292 to 17/294 were presented.

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

17/315 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 17 January and 1 February 2017

Minutes numbered 17/301 and 17/304 to 17/306 were presented.

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

17/316 Minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 17 January 2017

Minutes numbered 17/302 were presented.

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

17/317 Minutes of the F& GP Committee held on 17 January 2017

Minutes numbered 17/303 were presented.

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

17/318 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The Environment Agency have confirmed that they are aware of the large amount of sediment in Warmbrook and attribute this to changes in groundwater levels in Dove Holes. The water contains a lot of solids due to the high lime content. The Environment Agency are working with the quarries

in Dove Holes and Network Rail to mitigate the problem. The County Councillor will make contact with CEMEX in Dove Holes about the problem.

The Peak and Northern Footpath Society have advised that the cost of affiliation is £22.50 per annum. It was agreed that the Council take up affiliation.

Councillor Young reported that the toilets on the Market Place, Chapel-en-le-Frith have been locked on the request of the Police for a limited period.

BT Open reach have confirmed that they wish to retain the telegraph pole by the August Moon in the Chapel-en-le-Frith Conservation Area.

Councillor Martin reported that he has attended a meeting of the DALC F & GP Committee on 23 January 2017 and has been prevented from reporting back to the Council. The Clerk was asked to submit a Freedom of Information Request for the minutes of this meeting.

The Chairman of the Amenities Committee asked that it be noted that the proposed budget of 2017/18 show a reduction in costs.

The second phase of play equipment in the Memorial Park has been ordered.

The Chairman of the Amenities Committee advised that at a meeting with Space2Place it would not be feasible for the inclusion of a 4G pitch in the Memorial Park and it would not fit with the remit of a Heritage Lottery bid. It was agreed that the flag pole be re-instated in the Memorial Park.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to High Peak Borough Council for retaining the concurrent function grant in respect of Parks and Open Spaces.

17/319 2017/18 Precept

Councillor Norton proposed and Councillor Martin seconded that the 2017/18 Precept be set at £112,462.65 subject to receiving the Council Tax Support Grant of £10,107 and the Concurrent Function Grant for Parks and Open Spaces of £56,726.

17/320 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

Councillor Morrison reported from a recent meeting of the footpaths working group that work is progressing on a number of walks linking the town and countryside in relation to the Warmbrook Trail and the Peak Forest Tramway.

17/321 Economic Regeneration

Councillor Evanson updated members with progress on the economic regeneration project and possible D2N2 funding. A further meeting with High Peak Borough Council will be requested to ensure that the project continues to move forward.

17/322 Town Hall

High Peak Borough Council have advised that grant funding may be available towards the cost of replacement windows in the Town Hall on a like for like basis. The maximum grant would be £10,000. Two quotes will be needed and the Clerk confirmed that a further quote is being sought.

17/323 DALC

The next seminar will be held on social media.

17/324 Correspondence

The Johnny Johnson Housing Trust have requested to meet with members to discuss a possible planning proposal. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for 11am on Thursday 16th February. Councillor Young advised that he will not be present.

17/325 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 007887 to 007904 amounting to £11,748.11 has been drawn.

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

17/326 Any Other Business

The Chairman advised members that Rev Leach will be retiring as the Parish Chaplain in April 2017. It was agreed that this be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

The Friends of Chapel Station have responded to the recent consultation on Station improvements. It was agreed that extending car parking be put forward as a suggestion.

17/327 Press Releases

- Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the accident at Chapel Station.
- Memorial Park Play Area and Heritage Lottery application.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.50 hours.

CHAIRMAN

