

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2017

- Meeting Held:** Monday 4 April 2017 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, Mrs J Street and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.
Hardyal Dhindsa – Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire.
- Apologies:** Councillor M Smith.

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

Prayers were said by Rev D Leach. The Chairman made a presentation to Rev Leach on his retirement as the Parish Chaplain and thanked him for his attendance and Council meetings. He was also thanked for the work he has done over the years helping organise community events including Christmas Tree Lighting and the Well Dressing Blessing ceremony.

17/360 Declarations of Interest

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

17/361 Police Matters

Councillor Evanson presented some of the findings of the work undertaken on behalf of the Council, relating to local crime, to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Commissioner commented that response times to 101 calls to the Police have improved and that it is an issue that he has been working with the Chief Constable on. The Crime Commissioner receives reports from the Police on 101 calls and responses.

He said that if members of the public witness a crime or think a crime is about to happen they should ring 999 and not 101.

The Crime Commissioner advised that local Policing issues should be discussed with the Police Inspector in High Peak, when the Council has concerns and he advised that he will also raise the issues discussed at the meeting with the Inspector.

Members thanked the Police and Crime Commissioner for his attendance.

17/362 Open Forum

Two residents of Church Brow came to speak about parking, litter and the state of the cobbles on Church Brow in the Conservation Area, which is an issue that they spoke to the Council about in 2012.

They noted that in the Chapel-en-le-Frith Neighbourhood Plan it is stated that the Council will work with partners on neighbourhood issues.

There has been a mattress dumped for over 2 months on Church Brow and the residents have not been able to get it moved and have had to take it to the tip themselves.

Councillor Harrison declared an interest as he has a family member who lives on Terrace Road.

It was noted that the responsibility for these issues are within the remit of the Police and High Peak Borough Council. The matters have previously been taken up with partners on behalf of residents but the Parish Council does not have the powers to deal with the issues raised.

Residents have previously met with Officers from Derbyshire County Council to mark out Terrace Road, to prevent parking blocking the road and they reported that no action has been taken.

It was agreed that the matter be reported to the Police and High Peak Borough Council.

17/363 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

County Council elections will be taking place in May and as members are in purdah there are no matters to report.

Councillor Norton asked why High Peak Borough Council had not removed an abandoned car on Rowton Grange Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith when they had posted a notice to say that it would be removed in 7 days. The car had not been removed within the timescale and had subsequently been vandalised. The owner has now collected the vandalised car.

17/364 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Derbyshire County Council have issued a temporary road closure notice for part of Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith from 17 – 18 May 2017 to facilitate BT works. The County Council will be reminded that access will need to be kept open to the Station and Bank Hall Drive.

The mirror on High Street by the Cobbles Public House has been removed and it is hoped that it will be repaired or replaced. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to stress that it is a safety issue and needs to be replaced.

The A623 has been litter picked recently from Barmoor Clough to Sparrowpit and it was noted that the litter is now building up again.

17/365 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 March 2017

Minutes numbered 17/336 to 17/353 were presented.

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

17/366 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 8 February 2017

Minutes numbered 17/354 to 17/359 were presented.

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

17/367 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The Clerk reported that she has met with the Park Manager and agreed maintenance work to be carried out in the Memorial Park.

Councillor Martin will not be attending the DALC spring Seminar as the Council would have to pay for an extra place.

17/368 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

The next meeting of the footpaths working group will be held on 5 April 2017.

17/369 Economic Regeneration

A full costed report for the proposed scheme should be available by the end of the month.

17/370 Outside Bodies

Councillor Brook attending the Community Rail Partnership meeting and the timetable for the Buxton to Manchester line will not change until May 2018.

Any changes to the 30 minute service from Manchester to New Mills will not change before 2019.

17/371 Town Hall

A Town Hall Committee has been arranged for 11 April to consider quotes for new curtains in the Main Hall and the frontage of 47/49 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Members thanked Councillor Smith for the work undertaken on providing details of shop frontages in the Conservation Area.

17/372 DALC

Councillor Lamb was appointed to the DALC Executive Committee and appears to now have been removed from the list of Executive Members. It is therefore assumed that he is no longer a member of the Committee.

It was reported that DALC are looking at a possible relocation for their office due to rising costs.

NALC have increased their charges by 18% and the DALC Chairman has been asked to pass on the concerns about the level of the increase and the effect it will have on local County Associations.

17/373 Parks and Open Spaces

A request has been received from a resident who lives in Combs to ask the Council if there would be willing to enter into a licence agreement on her behalf to place a seat by the roadside in memory of her late husband. This would involve the Council entering into an agreement with Derbyshire County Council. The Clerk was asked to clarify if the proposed location is on the adopted highway or a private road. It was agreed that a site meeting be held with the resident.

The installation of the new play equipment will start in the Memorial Park the week commencing 3 April.

The local Scout Leader has reported that the Solar Light in the Memorial Park is not working and the Clerk confirmed that the Company who supplied it are coming out to look at the problem.

The Park staff are currently installing a raised flower bed at one of the entrances to the Memorial Park for the Amenities Committee to consider with a view to placing beds at all the entrances to the Memorial Park.

17/374 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the Pension Regulator has acknowledged receipt of the Councils Declaration of Compliance in respect of Automatic Enrolment duties.

An email has been received from Natural England regarding the Brookside Pastures Local Wildlife site to advise that they have issued a Remediation Notice, following which an Appeal has been lodged. Natural England have the Council listed as an Interested Party and will be inviting the Council to make representation on the Appeal.

17/375 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 007930 to 007953 amounting to £13,074.04 has been drawn.

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

17/376 Any Other Business

None.

17/377 Press Releases

- Annual Parish Meeting
- Police Commissioner Visit
- Rev Leach retirement

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.15 hours.

CHAIRMAN

