

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2021

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 3 August 2021
Held at Dove Holes Methodist Church
- Present:** Councillor M Chantler in the Chair
Councillors J Adshead, a Beswick, N Gourlay, N Hill, C Sizeland and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
- Apologies accepted:** Councillor Mrs S Walters
- Apologies noted:** Councillor M Barton

There were seven members of the public present at the meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman presented the 2021 Allotment prize to Mr & Mrs O'Brien who have an allotment on the Dove Holes Allotment site.

22/139 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor Sizeland declared in interest in the Leys Allotments as an adjoining landowner.

22/140 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

22/141 Variation of Business

None

22/142 Police Matters

There was no attendance at the meeting from the Police and the Clerk was asked to write to the Divisional Police Inspector to note that this is a matter of concern to the Council and to ask for representation at future Full Council meetings.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to the Divisional Inspector.

It was noted that the litter and dog warden at High Peak Borough Council is now back at work following furlough.

The County Councillor reported that Derbyshire County Council have now taken over the responsibility for Civil Parking Enforcement and can be contacted at: parking@derbyshire.gov.uk

22/143 Public Participation

Members of the public present addressed the Council on the following issues:

Residents should be encouraged to let the Police know if their property is vacant when they are away on holiday following a recent incident in Dove Holes.

There are issues with the road drains along the A6 in Dove Holes which are blocked and in heavy rain this is causing severe flooding issues to some properties.

Due to the amount of industrial traffic from the Quarry children walking to school on the footpaths along the A6 are getting dirty as they are not cleaned and there is also gravel on the footpaths.

Heavy vehicles turning out of Dale Road, Dove Holes onto the A6 are shedding their loads which residents feel is attributed to overloading, ineffective sheeting or badly fitting tailgates.

Vehicles are parking on the footpaths along the A6 and when children are walking to and from School they are having to walk on the road.

The members of the public present thanked the Council for the ongoing maintenance of the play area in Dove Holes.

ACTION: The Clerk to report the highway matters to Derbyshire County Council. Write to Cemex regarding HGV's shedding their load.

The Clerk to ask the PCSO to factor some patrols on the A6 around School times.

22/144 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 3 August 2021

Minutes numbered 22/110 to 22/135 were presented.

Minute No 22/125 - amend to include also by electronic means.

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

Councillor Adshead arrived at 19.25 hours.

22/145 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 July 2021

Minutes numbered 22/136 to 22/138 were presented.

Minute No 22/138 - amend to include immediate inspection after the MUGA work has been completed.

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

22/146 Matters arising from the minutes

Members gave a report on the meeting with High Peak Borough Council and the Police regarding a Public Space Protection Order for Chapel Memorial Park. The view of the Police was that it would be difficult to enforce and would not give them any extra powers. However, they indicated that they would be working closely with the Council to tackle any issues in the Memorial Park.

It was agreed that updating of the by-laws for the Memorial Park should be considered as an agenda item at the October Full Council Meeting.

It was also agreed that the Council consider a crime strategy at the September Full Council Meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had indicated that she would be willing to attend a meeting and the Clerk was asked to press for an indication on when this is likely to be.

It was noted that grants are available from the Police and Crime Commissioner and it was agreed that this be investigated further.

Councillor Sizeland indicated that the defibrillator map could provide more detailed information and agreed to provide this to the Clerk to pass onto the website engineer.

ACTION: The Clerk

Add an agenda item to consider a crime strategy as an agenda item for the Full council Meeting on 7 September 2021.

Add the updating of the bylaws as an agenda item for the Full Council Meeting on 5 October 2021.

To seek a firm date for a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Hill and Young

To investigate the Police and Crime Commissioner grants and report back to the Council.

Councillor Sizeland to provide information for the defibrillator map on the website.

High Peak Borough Council have responded to advise that they are pursuing an agreement with Barratt Homes to resolve issues of concern regarding the condition of the land at South Head Drive, Chapel-en-le-Frith so that the Council can justify accepting a land transfer from Barratt Homes.

ACTION: The Clerk

To respond to the letter to reaffirm that the area is a blot on the landscape and the length of time it has taken to resolve this issue is unsatisfactory.

Communications Committee Chairman

To write a Press Release.

22/147 To agree the increase in cost of benches discussed at the Amenities Committee to £399 plus VAT per bench.

RESOLVED: That the increase cost for benches be accepted.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to place an order for the benches as agreed at the Amenities Committee.

22/148 Motion from Councillor Gourlay – This Council asks for costings to be produced for a meeting place for teenagers, sheltered from the rain, one option being an architectural bandstand.

RESOLVED: That this agenda item is deferred until the meeting of the Full Council on 5 October 2021 when the results of the consultation from SHIFT will be available.

ACTION: The Clerk to add this as an agenda item for the Full Council Meeting on 5 October 2021.

22/149 Motion from Councillor Beswick- That the Parish Council subscribes to the High Peak CVS monthly newsletter at an annual cost of £10, to keep the Council informed of many local funding bids and streams that they can potentially access for existing and future projects, including youth projects, within the Parish.

RESOLVED: That the Council subscribes annually to the High Peak CVS monthly newsletter at a cost of £10 per annum.

ACTION: The Clerk to arrange the subscription.

22/150 Motion from Councillor Hill – The Parish Council undertakes to look at the purchase of The Cobbles Public House and its outside areas for conversion into a multi-purpose community centre for all of the Parish to utilise and enjoy.

Councillors were made aware that the premises are currently under offer and other potential sites that could be considered are:

- The Old Infants School in Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Dove Holes Business Centre
- Chapel Leisure Centre
- 89 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Councillor Hill proposed an amended motion that he and Councillor Adshead set up a Working Group with interested members of the public to explore a new community centre together with existing provision.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Adshead and Hill set up a Working Group and bring a proposal to the budget meetings in January 2022 for consideration.

ACTION: Councillor Adshead and Hill to progress.

22/151 Motion from Councillor Beswick – To write to BT to seek a reimbursement of charges.

RESOLVED: That a letter is sent to BT to seek a re-imbusement of charges.

ACTION: The Clerk to action.

22/152 Motion from Councillor Beswick – This Council notes that no planning changes are required to re-open the Leys Allotment site and resolves to start immediate provisions to clearing the site, creating and marking pathways and allotment plots and allocating plots to parishioners on the current waiting list.

Councillor Sizeland left the meeting while this agenda item was being discussed.

The Clerk reported that High Peak Borough Council Planning Department had confirmed that as the use of the land has not changed from allotments, the lawful use of the land still remains as allotments. The planning implications would be if there are any proposals to erect sheds or greenhouses.

RESOLVED: That an offer to clear the land by T Boothman is accepted and costs be drawn up to provide plots and paths with smaller plots being offered initially.

ACTION: The Clerk to arrange with T Boothman to clear the site.

Amenities Committee to consider marking out the paths and plots on the site.

22/153 Motion from Councillor Adshead – To purchase two picnic benches for Dove Holes.

RESOLVED: That two picnic benches are purchased for Dove Holes and a further two picnic benches for Chapel Memorial Park.

ACTION: **Assistant Clerk** to purchase a further four picnic benches.

Park Manager to liaise with Dove Holes Community Association regarding the siting of the two picnic benches for Dove Holes.

22/154 Motion from Councillor Beswick – To agree actions to tackle illegal parking on Eccles Road by the Co-op, Hayfield Road, Buxton Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Chapel Market Place overnight into Thursday mornings on Market days.

Councillor Adshead offered to liaise with Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Police on this issue.

RESOLVED: That a press statement is issued advising how to report illegal parking. That the Council consider taking over the Market Rights.

ACTION: **The Chairman of the Communications Committee** to write a press release.
Councillor Adshead to report back to the September Full Council meeting.
Councillor Hill to investigate the Market Rights.

22/155 Motion from Councillor Mrs Walters – To purchase additional bins and benches for the Memorial Park.

RESOLVED: That this is considered by the Amenities Committee at their next meeting.

ACTION: **Assistant Clerk** to add the motion as an agenda item for the next Amenities Committee.

22/156 Motion from Councillor Hill – To increase the current limit of spend from £500 to £1,000 before a Council vote is required.

The Clerk advised that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were agreed in May 2021 and this matter should not be re-visited for six months unless there is a material reason that has arisen.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations are reviewed again at the meeting of the Full Council on 2 November 2021.

ACTION: The Clerk to add this as an agenda item for the Full council Meeting on 2 November 2021.

22/157 **To agree the payment of £50 for a ‘one off’ use of the Parish logo commissioned for the Freeman Scrolls.**

RESOLVED: That a payment of £50 is made.

ACTION: **The Clerk** to arrange payment.

22/158 **To agree the use of the Royal Bank of Scotland Bankline service to make electronic payments.**

RESOLVED: That the Council applies to use Bankline at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

ACTION: **The Clerk** to make an application.

22/159 **Request for a grant and update on the defibrillator for the red telephone box in Bagshaw.**

It was suggested that local sponsorship should be sought by the person applying for the grant and that the Council in line with other defibrillators pays for ongoing maintenance.

RESOLVED: That the applicant be advised to seek sponsorship for the defibrillator and if successful the Council will make a grant towards ongoing maintenance.

ACTION: **The Clerk** to respond.

22/160 **To consider the re-opening of the Kings gate in Chapel Memorial Park on a trial basis.**

It was agreed that contact is made with the resident who requested that the gate is locked at night and inform them that the Council will be re-opening the gate following the six month period agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Kings Gate will not be locked at night in the future and the resident informed.

ACTION: **The Clerk** to inform the resident.

22/161 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Cheques numbered 009186 to 009203 were presented amounting to £9,667.41

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

22/162 Correspondence

A letter of thanks has been received from Townend Methodist Church in respect of the grant towards the upkeep of the graveyard.

A letter has been received from High Peak Borough Council regarding a consultation on the proposal to cease Council Tax Benefit Support payments. Members were concerned that the proposal will have an adverse impact on deprived areas of High Peak and asks that the Council reconsiders ways of continuing to fund this grant to Parish Councils in High Peak.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to High Peak Borough Council.

22/163 Any Other Business

None.

22/164 Press Releases

As noted in the minutes.

22/165 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Chairman updated members on the Court proceedings in relation to Chapel Memorial Park.

The Clerk of a local Council has indicated that they will be able to offer some administration support in September.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10 hours.

CHAIRMAN

