

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2021

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 7 December 2021
Held at Dove Holes Methodist Church
- Present:** Councillor M Chantler in the Chair
Councillors M Barton, I DePee, N Gourlay, N Hill, T Saxby,
C Sizeland and Mrs S Walters.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
- Apologies accepted:** Councillors J Adshead, A Beswick and S Young
- Apologies noted:** None
- Absent:** None

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

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Ian DePee to the meeting following the recent election in Chapel East Ward.

22/351 Declarations of Interest

None.

22/352 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

22/353 Variation of Business

It was agreed that agenda item 24 would be taken before item 20.

22/354 Public Participation

A member of the public asked if consideration could be given to an additional Pelican Crossing in Doves Holes. Councillor Gourlay agreed to raise this with Derbyshire County Council as there was \$106 money available in Dove Holes.

A member of the public advised that the Dove Holes Cricket Club have fenced off an area of parking which they are now renting to residents. This has resulted in a reduction in parking on the site which has previously been used by neighbours. The Clerk was asked to seek some clarification on the reasons for the parking changes.

A resident reported pot holes on the road leading to Dove Holes Station and this will be passed onto to Network Rail.

A member of the public asked if there were any plans for community activities in the Parish for young people.

The Chairman advised that this is an area that is currently under consideration by the Council and it was agreed that youth provision/anti-social behaviour is added to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting. It was also agreed that SHIFT are asked if they will attend to explain how the grant received from the Police and Crime Commissioner can be used.

It was also reported that there are cars visiting Chapel Station Car Park after dark, on a regular basis and a concern about what is taking place. It was confirmed that this would need to be reported to the British Transport Police and Councillor DePee said he would try and obtain a telephone number where this can be reported.

ACTION: Clerk to seek clarification about parking at the Cricket Club.
Clerk to report pot holes on Station Road.
Clerk to add anti-social behaviour/youth provision to the agenda of the January Full Council Meeting.
Clerk to ask SHIFT to attend the January Full Council Meeting.
Councillor DePee to obtain a telephone number for British Transport Police.
Councillor Gourlay – Pelican Crossing

22/355 Police Matters

Councillor Sizeland advised that Councillor Mrs Kath Sizeland updates the Police on a regular basis about local issues.

Sgt Harrison will be asked to attend the January Council meeting as a number of issues were highlighted:

- The need for a greater visible Police presence.
- Anti-Social behaviour in Needham Recreation Ground in the Methodist Church Community Garden
- Anti-Social behaviour outside the Co-op in the evenings.
- Possible drug dealing at Chapel Station Car Park.

All incidents should be reported to the Police so that they are aware of the issues and can take action. It was agreed that the Communications Committee look at how the local community can be encouraged to report incidents.

The Chairman and Councillor DePee volunteered to contact the new PCSO with a view to doing some work in the local Schools.

Residents in Dove Holes reported that there are issues with speeding traffic and the Clerk was asked to contact the Community Speed watch Team and ask them to look at Dove Holes.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Sgt Harrison and invite him to attend the January Full Council Meeting.
Communications Committee to look at the reporting of incidents.
Chairman and Councillor DePee to contact the new PCSO.
Clerk to contact the Community Speed watch Team.

22/356 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 10 November 2021

Minutes numbered 22/282 to 22/308 were presented.

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

22/357 Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Gourlay and Hill reported back on minute 22/288. After investigation the proposal would be to use High Peak Borough Council and SHIFT for assistance on a project basis, where they would be asked to seek funding and manage specific projects.

It was agreed that the Council should draw up a list of projects that they would be looking to see grant funding for.

ACTION: Councillor Gourlay and Hill to take this forward.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed that she will arrange a visit in the New Year.

22/358 Outstanding Actions from previous meetings

All outstanding actions are on the whiteboard.

22/359 South Head Drive Play Area

Councillor Sizeland reported that the next step is for Barratt Homes and High Peak Borough Council to arrange for a second survey of the area.

22/360 Notification of Election Results for Chapel East Ward and Dove Holes and Martinside Ward.

Councillor Ian DePee was elected for the vacant seat in Chapel East Ward. There were no nominations for the two vacant seats in Dove Holes and Martinside Ward.

22/361 To review the Councils Financial Regulations. (Minute No 22/156)

RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations be reviewed in May 2022 at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022.

22/362 Motion from Councillor Barton – That this Council does elect to become an employer in the Derbyshire Pension Fund and all employees shall be eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The report that had been previously presented to the Personnel Committee in October 2021 had been circulated to all members which included costs if all employees joined the scheme.

Councillor Barton proposed and Councillor Mrs Walters seconded the motion that the Council elects to become an employer in the Derbyshire Pension Fund and that all employees shall be eligible to join.

Six votes were cast in favour and two votes against.

RESOLVED: That the Council joins the Derbyshire Pension Fund with all employees being eligible to join the scheme.

ACTION: Councillor Barton and the Clerk to contact the Derbyshire Pension Fund.

22/363 To agree the recommendations from the Community Awards Working Group.

Councillor DePee declared an interest as he is the member of a group recommended for an award.

The Community Awards Working Group made the following recommendations.

Community Awards

Ian Barley- Friends of Chapel Station
Sally de Pee – Little Cherubs
Simon Youd – Dove Holes Community Association
Mary Craner – Townend Community Garden
Graham Harper – Chapel Boys Brigade

Letters of recognition

Norman Hartle – Helping people in the community with gardening
Christine Jones – Maintenance of Townend graveyard
Kate Tansley - Class teacher at Chapel Primary School
Friends of Chapel Station

Insufficient information to make a decision

Chapel Good Neighbour Food Network

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Working Group be accepted and the awards presented in the New Year.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Walters to order the awards.
Clerk to arrange for the presentation in the New Year.

22/364 **Motion from Councillor Sizeland - The Council resolves, subject to contract, to accept the invitation to buy for £1 the small green of land in front of Chinley Scout Hut on Forge Road.**

RESOLVED: That the Council acquires the plot of land on Forge Road for £1.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Solicitors.

22/365 **Motion from Councillor Sizeland - The Council resolve to place a Bench and Planter on the small green of land in front of Chinley Scout Hut on Forge Road. As this is private land and landowner permission has already been obtained, it is envisaged that this could be done extremely quickly.**

RESOLVED: That the Amenities Committee be asked to order a bench for the area and an existing planter be used.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to add an agenda item to the Amenities Committee.

22/366 **To agree the payment of Councillors Allowances.**

RESOLVED: That members will advise the Clerk if they wish to take their allowance.

ACTION: Clerk to add an agenda item to the next Full Council meeting relating to unclaimed allowances and the viring to S137 grants.

22/367 **To review and update Committee Membership.**

The following members were appointed to committees:
Councillor Hill – Finance and Town Hall Committee

Councillor DePee – Planning and Regeneration Committee
Councillor Saxby – Planning and Communications Committee
Councillor Barton – Finance and Town Hall Committee and Personnel Committee.

22/368 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Bankline payments were presented amounting to £9,578.87.

RESOLVED: That the authorised signatories approve the payments on Bankline and the accounts to which they relate be paid electronically.
That cheque numbered 009240 for £350.00 be authorised.

RESOLVED: That a working group look at the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in 2022 with a view to making changes to the event.
That the Council budget to purchase a PA system.

ACTION: Clerk to diary a date for a working group in 2022.
Clerk to add PA system into the budgeting process.

22/369 To agree ongoing legal fees relating to Memorial Park Court action.

The Chairman advised members that a schedule of costs has been submitted to the Court for £38,000 and that the Council is seeking an award of full costs.
The amount will be at the discretion of the Judge.
Should an Appeal to the High Court be successful then the anticipated costs would be £10,000.

22/370 Correspondence

- Email from Rural Market Town Group

It was agreed to subscribe to the Rural Market Town Group for 12 months and then review.

ACTION: The Clerk to notify the Rural Town Market Group that the Council will subscribe for the next 12 months.

- Email – covid tree planting ceremony

ACTION: Amenities Committee to arrange a photo and press release.

22/371 Any Other Business

The Council will need to agree match funding for the successful bid to the Police and Crime Commissioners Fund at the next Full Council meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk to add an agenda item to the next Full Council meeting.

22/372 Press Releases

A press release has been submitted following the recent work on the Combs path.

22/373 Date and place of next meeting

Wednesday 5th January 2022 in the Main Hall of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 hours.

CHAIRMAN