

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2022

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 5 January 2022
Held in the Main Hall of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Present:** Councillor M Chantler in the Chair
Councillors M Barton, DePee, N Gourlay, N Hill, T Saxby,
C Sizeland, Mrs S Walters and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
Sgt A Harrison
PCSO L Baker
- Apologies accepted:** Councillor J Adshead and A Beswick.
- Apologies noted:** None.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

22/401 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:
Councillors receiving an allowance declared their eligibility to receive a Councillor Allowance which will be discussed under agenda item 13.
Councillor Sizeland declared an interest in agenda item 14 as his wife is the Chair of the Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service.
Councillor Young declared an interest in agenda item 14 as he is the Borough Council appointee on the Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service.

22/402 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

22/403 Variation of Business

None.

22/404 Police Matters

Sgt Harrison advised members that a new beat Officer has been appointed and will be covering the Parish, together with a new PCSO. The Police are looking to engage better with Parish Councils in the coming year and are seeking accommodation for staff locally. Members were in agreement that the Town Hall could be made available.

Sgt Harrison was asked for an update on the proposed Police Hub.

Councillor Sizeland declared an interest and left the room.

Sgt Harrison has no further information on the Police Hub and the Clerk was asked to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner for clarification if the proposed Hub is still being considered.

At present there are no custody facilities in High Peak and prisoners are being taken to Greater Manchester or Ripley.

The local Beat Team can be made available to meet with Councillors to look at local issues.

A meeting has taken place with British Transport Police to look at reports of anti-social behaviour at Chapel station.

At the December meeting of the Council anti-social behaviour outside the Co-op in Chapel-en-le-Frith was raised and there have been no reports to the Police in the last 28 days.

There have been a number of assaults in and around licensed premises and the Police have been working with licensees.

A campaign is being launched around the issues of domestic violence.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Council will work together with the Police to consider engagement with young people and it was agreed that Councillor Depee and Hill will make a personal approach to local businesses to see how they may be able to assist. PCSO Baker indicated that he would liaise with the Council on this and it was noted that Derbyshire County Council will be able to assist with safeguarding advice.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner.
 Councillor DePee and Hill to make contact with local businesses and
 liaise with PCSO Baker.

22/405 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

22/406 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 7 December 2021

Minutes numbered 22/351 to 22/373 were presented.

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

22/407 Matters arising from the minutes

22/364 – The Clerk reported that Wain Homes have agreed to draw up documents in respect of the land transfer in Whitehough.

22/368 – Councillor Saxby advised that he had spoken to some groups who use a PA system and it would be more effective to rent a PA for specific events. He will pass on details to the Clerk of suppliers of PA systems to rent.

It was reported that the British Legion nationally will not be organising road closures in 2022 and will looking to Parish and Town Councils to take this on.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to contact the local branch of the British Legion to confirm this. To apply for the necessary road closures in Chapel-en-le-Frith and Dove Holes in liaison with the Police.

22/408 Outstanding Actions from previous meetings

Councillor Young advised that he had discharged his action to contact the CVS who have agreed to organise a local services event later in the year. Councillor Young was asked to speak to the Leisure Centre to discuss the possibility of holding the event in the car park and grassed areas.

ACTION: Councillor Young to make contact with Chapel Leisure Centre.

There was a discussion on outstanding actions relating to:

- Implementation of the SHIFT report
- Shelter for teenagers in the Memorial Park
- Repairs to the skatepark surface
- Repairs to the Solar light in the Memorial Park
- Annexe roof

RESOLVED: That the first item on the agenda for all committees at their next and subsequent meetings will be to review the outstanding actions.

ACTION: Clerk and Assistant Clerk to note when preparing committee agendas.

22/409 South Head Drive Play Area

Councillor Sizeland reported that joint survey by Barratt Homes and High Peak Borough Council has been completed and he will report back to the next meeting.

22/410 Anti-Social behaviour and youth provision (Minute 22/354)

It was agreed that this matter had been fully discussed under Police matters.

22/410 Presentation of Community Awards

It was agreed that a date for the presentation be circulated to members for a Saturday in January covid measures allowing.

ACTION: The Clerk to circulate a date to Members.

22/411 To agree to move any allowances that Councillors have indicated that they do not wish to take to S137 grants and consider making additional grants.

RESOLVED: That members contact the Clerk in writing to confirm if they wish to take an allowance and if they do not want to take an allowance to nominate a charity they would wish the Council to consider making a grant to in lieu of their allowance.

22/412 Motion from Councillor Chantler to increase the amount paid as an annual allowance to Councillors to £199.64 from April 2022.

Councillor Chantler formally proposed the motion which was seconded by Councillor DePee.

Councillor Sizeland proposed an amendment that the increase in the amount paid as an annual allowance to Councillors is £150.00 from April 2022. There was no seconder for the amendment.

Councillor Young proposed an amendment that the increase in the amount paid as an annual allowance to Councillors is £240.00 from April 2022. There was no seconder for the amendment.

Councillor Gourlay requested a recorded vote.

FOR

Councillor Barton
Councillor Chantler
Councillor DePee
Councillor N Hill
Councillor T Saxby
Councillor Mrs S Walters
Councillor S Young

AGAINST

Councillor N Gourlay

ABSTENTION

Councillor C Sizeland

RESOLVED: That the Clerk advise the Remuneration Panel at High Peak Borough Council and ask them to consider the proposed increase to Councillor Allowances.

ACTION: Clerk

22/413 To consider the grant application received from Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £200 be made to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Service.

Councillor Sizeland left the room whilst this agenda item was discussed.

22/414 To agree match funding of £5,000 for the Police and Crime Commissioners anti-social behaviour grant.

RESOLVED: That the Council agrees match funding of £5,000 towards the Police and Crime Commissioners anti-social behaviour grant.

22/415 To agree a revised quote from AC Ventilation.

RESOLVED: To accept the revised quote of £11,612 plus VAT for a new ventilation system in the Annexe of the Town Hall and two new and two replacement fans for the Main Hall of the Town Hall.

ACTION: The Clerk to place the order.

22/416 Motion from Councillor Chantler – to agree changes in the membership of the Personnel Committee and other Committees.

RESOLVED: That all members of the Council are automatically members of all the committees of the Council.

22/417 Queens Jubilee Working Group. (Amenities minute 22/386)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hill will speak with local businesses to ascertain if they are planning any events or would be interested in helping to organise an event and report back to the next Full Council meeting.

22/418 Motion from Councillor Sizeland – The Parish Council resolves to place walk leaflet dispensers on a suitable location outside the Town Hall and on the Memorial Park Notice Board.

RESOLVED: That the leaflet dispensers be put in place and that the Amenities Committee considers a replacement notice board for the Memorial Park.

22/419 To agree shop front grants.

Members were provided with details of businesses who had applied and were eligible for a shop front grant.

RESOLVED: That the eligible businesses be offered a grant of 66% towards the cost of a replacement shop front and or associated works.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to the businesses to offer the grant.

Councillor Mrs Walters left the meeting at 8.50 hours.

22/420 Banking update.

Members were provided with information from the Working Group who are recommending that the Council open accounts with Unity Bank and the Cambridge Building Society to safeguard the Councils funds.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to open accounts with Unity Bank and the Cambridge Building Society.

ACTION: Clerk

22/421 Insurance complaint update.

Members were provided with an update from AXA following a complaint made. AXA have acknowledged that they have exceeded the timescale to respond but will endeavour to do so by 21st January 2022. The Council have the option of contacting the Financial Ombudsman due to the response not been made in the proper timescales.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the Financial Ombudsman and AXA advised accordingly.

ACTION: Councillor Sizeland to provide information to the Clerk to enable the matter to be reported.

22/422 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Bankline payments were presented amounting to £34,512.92.

That the authorised signatories approve the payments on Bankline and the accounts to which they relate be paid electronically.

The Clerk was asked to provide details of the cost of the play equipment inspection for 2020/21.

22/423 Correspondence

- Updated Tree Preservation Order Bowden Hall
- Street Trading Application Barmoor Clough

The Clerk left the meeting while the Council discussed a confidential item.

22/424 Any Other Business

None.

22/425 Press Releases

Councillor Gourlay agreed to write a press release as Councillor Mrs Walters had indicated that she would be leaving the house due to relocation.

ACTION: Councillor Gourlay

22/426 Date for budget meetings

It was agreed that the budget meetings will be held on Wednesday 19th January 2022, commencing at 18.45 hours.

22/427 Date and place of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next Full Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 February 2022, commencing at 18.45 hours in the Main Hall of Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

CHAIRMAN

