

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 6 February 2024 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

Present: Cllrs J Adshead, M Chantler (chair), T Dales, M Drabble, A Foreshow-Cain, J Perkins, C Williams, S Young

In Attendance: P Leppard (Locum Clerk) and 3 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr A Beswick

24/1 To make any Declarations of Interests Re agenda item 21, Cllr Adshead declared himself to be a former Social Member of Chapel Park Bowling Club.

24/2 To consider any applications for Dispensations Nil

24/3 To agree any variations of order of business It was resolved to take agenda items 23 & 25 immediately after item 17.

24/4 To consider co-option of any candidates for councillor vacancies Nil

24/5 Police matters Cllr Adshead commented on recent local crime figures

24/6 Public Speaking A member of the public made a statement about Leys allotments. Another member of the public commented on the location of a recent Committee meeting and gave a view about legislation re councils selling capital assets.

24/7 To consider Planning applications

HPK/2024/0017 (Inverchapel, Ridge La, Combs) There were resolved to be no objections.

HPK/2023/0520 (rear of 102 Market St) It was resolved to comment that:

1. the narrow access road from the highway will be in a degree of conflict with existing on-street parking bays (Highways will need to comment.)
2. the materials proposed to be used appear to be insufficiently compatible visually with the surrounding properties.
3. a site visit by the HPBC Planning Committee is recommended.

24/8 To consider Planning Appeals Nil

24/9 Planning Decision Notices A number of Decision Notices were noted.

24/10 To approve minutes of previous meeting It was resolved that the chair of the meeting be authorised to sign as being a true and correct record the minutes of the Council meeting of 23 January.

24/11 Annual Parish Meeting It was confirmed that this will be held on 25 April.

24/12 Reports from Council committees It was resolved to endorse the Personnel Committee's recommendation to adopt the revised Disciplinary Policy. Reports from other committees were noted.

24/13 Artificial cricket wicket, Memorial Park In light of revised costs information since the Council's Dec 2023 decision to purchase this, it was unanimously resolved to discontinue this project.

24/14 S106 monies to be spent in Memorial Park Progress updates on these projects were noted.

24/15 To consider DCC proposals for S106-funded Dove Holes road improvements it was unanimously resolved to advise DCC that meaningful comment could not be made on these without survey results and a numerate rationale, and then a meeting with DCC to discuss. **Action: Clerk**

24/16 Resident's request for part-funding of a defibrillator for Tunstead Milton It was resolved to ask County Cllr George to assist with this. **Action: Clerk**

24/17 Report received on recommended cleaning methods for Chapel war memorial It was resolved to seek the approval of HPBC's conservation officer to the recommendations, then discuss further with the Royal British Legion branch. **Action: Clerk**

24/18 Exclusion of press & public It was resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the following item, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1.

24/19 Court cases It was resolved, in light of recent correspondence received, to instruct the Council's solicitor to make a revised offer of settlement re costs. **Action: Clerk**

(The press & public were now re-admitted to the meeting.)

24/20 Finance

- a. **Schedule of accounts for payment** It was resolved to approve the attached schedule of payments (totals £41,058.96 + £1,281.75).
- b. **Budget for FY24/25** It was resolved to adopt the draft budget recommended by the Finance & Town Hall committee, together with a precept for the year of £375,000, giving an increase of £4.11 per month for a Band D household. It was also resolved to give delegated authority to the Clerk (subject to him circulating the final draft to councillors for comment) to sign the legal agreement creating the intended loan to the Council of £230,000. **Action: Clerk**
- c. **Public statement** It was resolved to approve a tabled public statement about the precept increase, for immediate release.

24/21 Offer to buy land Noting that a member of the public who had offered, in 2018, to buy some of the Council's land had recently claimed that he had had no reply, it was resolved to write declining his offer. **Action: Clerk**

24/22 To consider a valuation report on 47/49 Market St It was resolved to note the report but take no further action at present, and that Finance & Town Hall Committee will review the relevant rents charged by the Council

24/23 To consider a motion from Cllr Adshead that "the Council agrees to get quotes to replace the bowling green footpaths at the end of the coming season using all available resources to them that will help reduce the cost". It was resolved to obtain suitable quotations.

24/24 Criteria for award of Honorary Free(wo)man It was resolved to adopt, with slight amendments, the recommendations in a report from Cllr Foresheew-Cain.

24/25 Exclusion of press & public It was resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the following item, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies

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24/26 Recommendations from Personnel Committee It was resolved to adopt the recommendations from the Committee's 29 January meeting re (i) rate of pay for Cleaning and Caretaking employees and (ii) a contractual matter concerning a member of staff.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

CHAIR