

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

**Present:** Cllrs J Adshead, M Chantler, T Dales (Chair), Mrs M Drabble, M Drabble, A Foreshew-Cain, Cllr T Gilfillan, J Perkins, C Williams, S Young

**In Attendance:** Ms. G Turner (Clerk). Mrs E Howe (Assistant Clerk)

**26/084 Apologies:** none received. Cllr T Gouldburn was not in attendance.

**26/085 To make any Declarations of Interests** - None

**26/086 To consider any applications for Dispensations** - None

**26/087 It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 20 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

**26/088 To agree any variations of order of business** - The Chair proposed, and Councillor Chantler seconded that agenda item 20 should be moved to after agenda item 11. All **agreed**.

**26/089 Police matters** – PCSO Karen Green attended the meeting to report on the number of incidents in the parish over the last month. The incidents recorded were:

- 1 residential burglary
- 5 harassment
- 11 common assaults
- 4 thefts of alcohol from Co-op
- 3 thefts of household goods from Morrisons – good recovered
- 2 stop and searches relating to safeguarding concerns involving children. 1 adult stop and search
- 2 reports of a missing child
- 4 traffic offences – excess speed, driving whilst using a mobile phone and driver brake checking on the bypass
- 2 RTC – serious injuries, one deceased
- 1 vehicle crime – car window smashed
- 1 sexual offence male exposes to 2 juveniles
- 2 cyber crimes
- 1 malicious communications

The Chair asked whether there was anything that the Council should highlight in the newsletter, however it was not felt there was anything at the moment.

Councillor Adshead reported that the Police, when carrying out their speed checks, tend to block the pavement on Hayfield Road which results in pedestrians having to step into the road. PCSO Green said that she would mention this to them.

Councillor Adshead also mentioned that when the A6 near the Barmoor Clough roundabout was closed recently due to an accident, there were no diversions in place, which resulted in lorries becoming stuck on the surrounding narrow roads as they tried to avoid the road closure, and there was gridlock at times through Chapel. He therefore wondered whether the police would support other minor roads being closed, to prevent this occurring, next time it is necessary to close the road.

It was **agreed** to write to Highways asking that a multi-agency emergency response plan be put in place for incidents where roads need to be closed and diversions put in place.

Councillor Gilfillan conveyed condolences on behalf of the Council to the family of the person killed in the accident and thanks for the emergency services involved.

The Chair asked whether there had been any incidents lately relating to antisocial behaviour at the MUGA. Karen responded that no antisocial behaviour had been brought to the police's attention.

**26/090 Public Speaking** – no members of the public present.

**26/091 To approve minutes of the previous meeting** Councillor Perkins **proposed** and Councillor Foresheew-Cain **seconded** that the Chair be authorised to sign as being a true and correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May. All **Agreed**.

**26/092 To consider a presentation by Mellor Homes Ltd on a proposed housing scheme on the land at Miry Meadow** – this item has been deferred.

### **26/093 Chair's Report**

The Chair stated that he hopes that in the next year the court case will be resolved which will give greater freedom to invest in the local needs of the community, giving the opportunity for:

#### Within the local community

- Exploration of grant funding for investing in the local community.
- Further development of the Council's biodiversity and the role of our parks in supporting the local environment.
- Expanding partnership working with local councillors and community groups
- Further develop the allotments and encourage greater awareness of their existence and potential.

#### Within the Council

- Improving communication with the local community and transparency of decision-making processes.
- Undertaking a skills audit of current councillors and identifying gaps, followed by active recruitment of suitable candidates.
- Engaging all councillors in a programme of training to develop councillor skills and awareness of responsibilities and duties.

The flags have now been taken up on the Market Place, however an update has not been received on the tree roots despite many requests.

Councillor Foresheew-Cain **proposed** and Councillor Chantler **seconded** that if this issue is raised again on social media a response should be posted from the Council that 'The Parish Council is as concerned as local residents that no progress seems to have been made in recent weeks. The Parish Council has tried to contact HPBC for update but no response has been received'. All **agreed**.

The Chair thanked Councillor Gilfillan for his communication at the Annual Parish Meeting relating to the planned open spaces consultation and his explanation of what constitutes a valid planning comment.

PKF Littlejohn have confirmed that they do not uphold the objection raised by a resident to the Council's response to Assertion 1 in the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement section of the AGAR.

### **PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

**26/094 To note any court case matters** – The Chair updated members on the judgement from the High Court.

It was **agreed** that the following statement will be published on the Council's website:

The Council challenged the decision of a district judge to allow an amendment to a summons, and other legal rulings whereby a private prosecution for breach of a noise abatement order could proceed to trial. The council appealed by way of case stated and also brought a claim for judicial review of her decision in the Administrative Court. The appeal was dismissed and permission for judicial review was refused. The case will now proceed to trial.

## **PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE READMITTED TO THE MEETING**

### **To receive Actions on updates from previous Minutes**

**25/402 Missing bench on the Market Place damaged by a vehicle** – It is now 6 weeks since the request was made for permission to replace the bench and so the Assistant Clerk will ask County Councillor Gourlay to chase this matter.

**25/403 Standardisation of the flower beds in Derbyshire stone including plaque acknowledging the bequest** – The stone has now been delivered and the so the wall can be finished.

**26/018 Completion of Councillors Skills Audit** – the templates have now been sent to councillors and should be completed and returned by 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**26/095 Planning applications** - The following applications were considered:

- **HPK/2025/0171** - Higher Crossings Barn, Eccles Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith - Replace windows and doors. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objection to this application.
- **HPK/2025/0196** – Kings Arms Hotel, Market Place, Chapel-en-le-Frith – Change of use of the Kings Arms Hotel public house to short-stay serviced tourist accommodation. It was **resolved** to object to this application and request that it be referred to HPBC Development Control for their consideration, as well as undertaking a site visit.
- **HPK/2025/0194** - 38 Grange Park Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith - Two storey side and single storey rear extension. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objection to this application.
- **HPK/2025/0184** - Newfield Garage, Manchester Road, Tunstead Milton - Retrospective application for increasing height of boundary wall; and
- **HPK/2025/0190** - Land rear of Newfield Garage, Manchester Road, Tunstead Milton - Part retrospective application for construction of concrete blackwork wall retaining bank to canal feeder (Re-submission of HPK/2021/0235) and construction of a pipe bridge. It was **resolved** to object to these applications and request that they be referred to HPBC Development Control for their consideration, as well as undertaking a site visit.
- **HPK/2025/0186** - 21 Peak Pharmacy, High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith - Advertisement consent to add a sign to the front of the building above shop window where a sign was previously-MP's office signage. It was **resolved** to comment that this is within a conservation area and out of character with the surroundings.
- **HPK/2025/0191** - 57 Rowton Grange Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith - First floor extension over existing garage/storage area to form bedroom reconfiguration of existing ground floor garage area forming utility and w/c. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objection to this application.
- **NP/HPK/0525/0432** - The Garden House, Unnamed Road from Malcoff to Slack Hall Farm, Chapel-en-le-Frith New waste-water treatment plant. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objection to this application.

**26/096 To consider any Planning Appeals notified to the Parish Council** – none

## **26/097 To comment on any Planning Decision Notices**

**HPK/2025/0035** - Windy Walls Farm, Ashbourne Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith – Removal of annexe/store and extension to existing dwelling to form dependent relative annexe - Refused.

## **26/098 To receive any reports from Committees/working groups (except if the issue is elsewhere on agenda):**

### **(a) Regeneration & Communications Committee**

- Councillor Dales stated that the newsletter is nearly ready for distributed.
- A motion from Councillor Dales to consider the creation of an Allotment Working Group with allotment holders so that the Council can find out what their needs are and how the allotments can be developed. Councillor Adshead **seconded** this motion. All **agreed**.
- Councillor Dales proposed a motion to consider raising Dove Holes allotment rents to the same level as the other allotments. Councillor Adshead seconded the motion and all agreed to raise the 2025/26 rents to £25 per annum and the 2026/27 rents £55 per annum.
- To consider a motion from Councillor Dales to repairs/replacement of Dove Holes play area gates. Councillor Adshead **seconded** the motion and it was **agreed** that the Assistant Clerk will obtain more information on the cost of replacing the gates.

### **(b) Finance & Town Hall Committee**

- It was noted that the committee now has a strategy in place for the renewal of equipment and machinery.
- A survey of Councils in the county on how they manage their bowling clubs is being undertaken.
- Councillor Chantler **proposed** and Councillor **Perkins** seconded that the committee's name should be changed to Finance and Assets. All **agreed**.

### **(c) Personnel Committee** – It was noted that the Personnel Committee will be meeting on Thursday.

## **26/99 To appoint members to Committees/Working Groups**

It was **agreed** to appoint Councillors to the following Committees:

**Personnel** - Jason Adshead, Andrew Foreshow-Cain, Michael Chantler, Anthony Gilfillan, Jim Perkins, Chris Williams, Stewart Young

**Finance & Assets** - Jason Adshead, Michael Chantler, Anthony Gilfillan, Tom Gouldburn, Jim Perkins, Chris Williams, Stewart Young

**Regeneration & Communications** - Mark Drabble, Melissa Drabble (Vice Chair), Tony Dales (Chair), Andrew Foreshow-Cain, Anthony Gilfillan, Chris Williams

**Planning** – All Councillors

**Allotment Working Group** - Jason Adshead, Andrew Foreshow-Cain, Anthony Gilfillan

**Police Liaison Working Group** - Mike Chantler, Tony Dales, Melissa Drabble, Chris Williams

**Bowling Club Working Group** - Jason Adshead, Michael Chantler, Chris Williams

## **26/100 Finance** – it was **resolved** to:

- (a) authorise the schedule of accounts presented for payment totaling £97,189.66 (including VAT).
- (b) note the year to date income and expenditure schedule
- (c) receive and note the Internal Auditor's report for FY2024/25

- (d) approve the Council's FY2024/25 governance statement
- (e) approve the Council's FY2024/25 accounting statement
- (f) appoint an DALC as the internal auditor for 2025/26

The year end bank reconciliation and variance analysis were also circulated to members.

**26/101** To consider a motion from Councillor Adshead that the Council will write to the companies dealing with the fibre rollout in the Town and ask for updates and a timeline for the conversion to Fibre throughout the Parish. Councillor Chantler **seconded** the motion and all agreed to write to the fibre rollout company requesting an updated timeframe for completion of the works.

**26/102** The Assistant Clerk explained the co-option to fill a casual vacancy procedure to Councillors.

**26/103** Date of Parish Council meetings until the next Annual Meeting – the dates for the monthly meetings were **agreed** as follows:

Tuesday 1st July 2025

August 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Tuesday 9th September (2nd Tuesday)

Tuesday 7th October

Tuesday 4th November – to include a training session of Parish Council finance in preparation for budget setting.

Tuesday 2nd December – to include draft budgets for 2026/27

Tuesday 13th January (2nd Tuesday) - to finalise 2026/27 budgets

Tuesday 3rd February

Tuesday 3rd March

March - Annual Parish Meeting date - tbc

It was also agreed that all Councillors will attend the Councillor Essentials training presented by DALC on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, either at the Town Hall or via remote login.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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CHAIR