

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 20th May 2021 in the Main Hall of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Present: Councillor J Adshead in the chair.
Councillors M Barton, A Beswick, N Hill, C Sizeland, S Walters and S Young.

In Attendance: Mrs E Howe – Assistant to the Clerk
Mrs S Stockdale – Clerk

Apologies: None

22/32 Public Speaking

No members of the public were present.

22/33 Appointment of Chairman

The first item of business transacted was the election of Chairman. Councillor Walters proposed and Councillor Beswick seconded that Councillor Adshead be elected as Chairman.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Adshead be elected as Chairman of the Amenities Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council.

22/34 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Councillor Walters proposed and Councillor Sizeland proposed Councillor Beswick as Vice Chairman.

Councillor Hill proposed himself and Councillor Adshead seconded that Councillor Hill be elected as Vice Chairman.

Councillor Beswick withdrew from the nomination.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Hill be elected as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council.

22/35 Variation of Business

None.

Cllr Barton declared an interest as the owner of a property on Rowton Grange Road, adjacent to the Memorial Park however the property is not adjacent to the MUGA.

Cllr Adshead reported to the Committee, following a meeting held in the Memorial Park between Derbyshire Police PCSO Green, High Peak Borough Council Senior Community / Community safety Co-ordinator, Assistant Clerk and himself to discuss solutions to the issue of people urinating near the MUGA.

The High Peak Borough Council Senior Community / Community safety Co-ordinator suggested the best way forward would be to screen the area as it would be difficult to stop these incidents, signage to deter this may encourage additional issues and portray the Memorial Park in an unfavourable manner. A suggestion of planting established laurel bushes along the perimeter fence behind the MUGA, with an offer of £750 financial assistance towards the purchase has been received from the High Peak Borough Council Senior Community / Community safety Co-ordinator. Quotations for the cost of the project have not yet been received.

Resolved: It was agreed the Assistant Clerk would keep the Committee informed about the associated costs once received from the High Peak Borough Council Senior Community / Community safety Co-ordinator

The installation of CCTV in the Memorial Park was discussed which would cover the area where the MUGA is situated.

Resolved: The Assistant Clerk is to arrange a meeting with a CCTV provider and members of the Committee to discuss a specification to supply CCTV within the Memorial Park. This specification to be used to obtain three quotes for a CCTV system

It was suggested by Cllr Sizeland to install a shelter a Needham Recreation Ground to take some of the young people away from the Memorial Park.

Resolved: The Assistant Clerk is to obtain quotations for a shelter.

A quotation has been received to install rebound fencing behind the goal posts in the Memorial Park to encourage more use of the grass football pitch which would look to reduce the amount of football played in the MUGA. The committee feel the proposed size of fencing is not adequate and questions were raised regarding the fences appearance and suitability.

Resolved: The Chairman and Vice Chairman will obtain drawings, specifications and positions for the required fencing and report back to the next Amenities Committee to move this matter forward to a final decision.

The Assistant Clerk reported quotation of £12,000 plus VAT has been received from SHIFT to undertake a community engagement consultation with users of the Memorial Park.

Due to the specialist nature of the consultation work only one quotation has been received as it would be difficult to obtain comparison quotes.

As the Memorial Park is a community asset held by the Parish Council for the benefit of residents in the Parish, 50% of the cost could be able to be covered by the High Peak Borough Council Regeneration grant.

The Clerk also reported the Friends of the Park group may be able to contribute to the cost of the consultation

In addition, the evidence gathered from the consultation would allow the Parish Council to access section 106 monies from High Peak Borough Council for new play provision in the Memorial Park.

Resolved: Cllr Sizeland proposed and Cllr Barton seconded to accept the quotation subject to receiving 50% Regeneration grant from High Peak Borough Council and the Assistant Clerk is to contact the Friends of the Park group regarding the possibility of a financial contribution.

Cllr Hill requested the broken bench situated near Bowling Green Lane should not be repositioned in the same place due to Anti-Social Behaviour.

Resolved: The bench will be repositioned in another part of the Memorial Park once repaired.

It was noted that the discussions and resolutions at the meeting have been made to try and alleviate some reported issues of anti-social behaviour in and around the MUGA in the Memorial Park.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

CHAIRMAN