

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2017

- Meeting Held:** Monday 7 March 2017 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Present:** Councillor J Brook in the Chair.
Councillors Mrs H Batterbee, FP Harrison, G Martin, Mrs M Morrison, T Norton, M Smith, Mrs J Street and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.
- Apologies:** Councillor M Evanson

At the commencement of the meeting there was one member of the public and no members of the press present.

The Chairman said prayers as the Parish Chaplain is on holiday.

It was noted that Councillor Mrs Batterbee was present at the January 2017 meeting when apologies were inadvertently minuted.

17/336 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Martin declared an interest as a member of the DALC Executive Committee.

17/337 Police Matters

It was reported at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting that vehicles are parking on the junction at Manchester Road and Crossing Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith blocking sight lines. The Police do not appear to be taking any action on this matter and it was agreed that the lack of action be brought to the attention of the Crime Commissioner at the meeting in April.

The CCTV camera has not yet been re-fixed on the Kings Arms Hotel but is due to be installed imminently.

PC DePee is retiring at the end of March 2017 after 36 years' service in the Police force.

The Police Hub has now moved from Chapel-en-le-Frith Police Station for operational reasons.

Members were concerned that the Police are not responding on site when crimes are reported and only taking details over the telephone. It was agreed that this will be taken up with the Police Commissioner.

The meeting with the Police Commissioner will start at 7pm prior to the April Full Council Meeting and questions will be given to him in advance.

- Rural crime including the theft of quad bikes
- 6% detection rate
- Not responding to reports of crime
- Safer Neighbourhood priorities not reflecting reported crime.
- Lack of Police cameras on roads

All members were asked to let the Clerk have any further suggested questions which the Clerk and Chairman will collate.

17/338 Open Forum

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in the Open Forum.

17/339 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Street advised that the last Full Council meeting has been held at Derbyshire County Council prior to the elections in May. She reported that she has given the remainder of her Community Leadership money to the First Responders.

Councillor Young advised that there will be an increase of 1.9% in Council Tax in the next financial year.

The Borough Council are looking at an alternative provider for waste collection.

17/340 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Notification has been received from Derbyshire County Council that Alston Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith will be closed from its junction with Long Lane to the junction with Gisbourne Drive, to facilitate the installation of a new sewer.

Derbyshire County Council have advised that from 3 April 2017 they will be introducing charges for some types of waste accepted at re-cycling centres. The type of waste that will incur a charge is concrete, cement, mortar, rubble,

hard-core and ceramics. Members were concerned that this will lead to increased fly tipping.

It was reported that the Royal Bank of Scotland in Chapel-en-le-Frith will be changing their opening hours from April 2017 to three days per week, 10am to 4pm. Members felt that this was a retrograde step given the number of new properties that will be built in the Parish.

The Market Place railings will be painted by High Peak Borough Council and the Clerk was asked contact the Borough Council to ask that this work takes place before the planters are filled.

Litter on the Public Footpath from Morrison's to the Market Place was reported and the Clerk was asked to contact the Clean Team.

17/341 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 February 2017

Minutes numbered 17/307 to 17/328 were presented.

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

17/342 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 8 February 2017

Minutes numbered 17/329 to 17/335 were presented.

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

17/343 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The work that Derbyshire County Council have undertaken on Bowden Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith with the installation of a new grid to solve the problem of running water, is now being dug up by United Utilities. Members felt that there should be more joined up planning for such work.

17/334 in the Planning minutes will not be included in general publication as this item was taken in Part 2 of the meeting.

Members were concerned that not all planning applications are coming to the Parish Council for comment as a Statutory Consultee. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up with the High Peak Borough Council Planning Manager.

17/344 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

The notes from the Footpaths Working Group were presented to members.

It was noted that there are existing paths that are in need of attention and improvement before additional paths are created. There will be land ownership issues for any extension of the Warmbrook Trail to link with Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council looked at re-instating the Peak Forest Tramway and the project did not go forward due to cost and funding future maintenance, together with objections from local residents. It was agreed that any project will need to be sustainable and deliverable.

17/345 Economic Regeneration

Councillor Evanson provided members with a written report regarding the economic development project.

It was agreed that the funding from Derbyshire County Council for additional allotments may be lost due to time constraints. It was suggested that funding towards the Warmbrook Trail may be an alternative project and the Footpath Working Group will let the County Councillor have some information.

17/346 Town Hall

The Chairman of the Town Hall Committee reported that there is a problem with a number of slates slipping on the side of the roof and some maintenance work has been scheduled.

It was agreed that the moss be removed from the Annexe roof.

Quotes are currently being sought for new stage curtains.

Dorma Doors have serviced the external automatic door and have highlighted that there is a potential finger trap issue and work to prevent this happening will cost £583.10 ex VAT. It was agreed that some advice be sought from the Health and Safety advisor.

17/347 DALC

Members discussed the subscription for 2017/18 and agreed that the Council pay the Group 1 subscription.

The Clerk was asked to see if Councillor Martin can attend the Spring Seminar as a DALC member free of charge.

17/348 Parks and Open Spaces

Members were provided with a copy of the concept ideas for the Memorial Park Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

Members were concerned about the visual look of the Memorial Park and the Clerk was asked discuss this with the Park Manager.

Chapel Town Band have written to ask for permission to hold two free concerts in the Memorial Park in June/July and September which was agreed.

17/349 Correspondence

None.

17/350 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 007905 to 007929 amounting to £12,823.29 has been drawn.

RESOLVED: That the cheques be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid.

17/351 Any Other Business

Rev Leach will be retiring at the next meeting after 16 years' service. The Chairman has had a Chaplain since 1894 and members feel that the Council benefits from having a Chaplain. The choice of the next Chaplain will be decided by the next Chairman. Part of the role will include Christmas tree lighting and well dressing blessing.

It was agreed that a presentation of a local painting be made to Rev Leach.

17/352 Press Releases

- Memorial Park Heritage Lottery Bid and public consultation

Councillor Harrison left the meeting at 21.30 hours

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.05 hours.

CHAIRMAN

