

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2017

Meeting Held: Tuesday 1 August 2017 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Councillor T Norton in the Chair.
Councillors Mrs H Batterbee, J Brook,
FP Harrison, G Martin, Mrs M Morrison,
Mrs J Street and S Young.

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.
PC I Mason.
PCSO K Green.

Apologies: Councillors M Evanson and M Smith.
Councillor J Perkins.

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

Rev K Tankard said prayers.

18/120 Declarations of Interest

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

18/121 Police Matters

PCSO Green updated members on the last month's crime figures.

Complaints have been received from members of the Bowling Club that the bowling green area is being entered from the rear of the Cobbles Public House and people are smoking cannabis and inhaling solvents, using the scoring hut for this purpose. There have also been complaints from parents of children using the play area in the Memorial Park of similar incidents. The Police asked that incidents are reported via 101 as they occur with as much information as possible.

The Police reported that patrols in the Memorial Park have been increased and the staff have been asked to pass on information to assist the Police.

The Fire Alarm was set off at the Town Hall and it was confirmed that the crime is currently being investigated.

The Police are in advanced negotiations with the Fire Service to have an office in Chapel Fire Station.

PC Mason gave members an overview of the Police staffing for the Parish and how Officers respond to reports of crime. There has been an increase in rural crime over the last 12 months which has resulted in arrests in Rotherham, Manchester and the Hope Valley.

Members thanked PC Mason for his explanation and were disappointed that members of the public are not aware and gain an impression that the Police are not as active as they are in reality. PC Mason said that he would report this back to the Inspector.

There is 24 hour Police coverage for the Parish including firearms officers.

The Rural Police Taskforce is run out of Derbyshire Dales and at present it only covers that area. They are, however, able to offer assistance with cross over crimes.

Inspector Booth has indicated that he will be happy to attend a Council meeting and it was agreed that he be invited to the September meeting.

18/122 Open Forum

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

18/123 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Young reported on behalf of Councillor Perkins that the mirror opposite the Kings Arms Hotel will be installed in the next 4 weeks.

It was reported that there are problems with the new bin collection dates on Eccles Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The play equipment from the South Head Drive Play Area has been removed due to vandalism and it was reported that at present it is not known what the plans are for any replacement equipment. It was suggested that the Borough Council should put a sign in the area to explain the situation.

18/124 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Derbyshire County Council are undertaking footpath resurfacing on Heyworth Road and Quentin Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith commencing 10 August 2017.

Derbyshire County Council have issued a road closure for Church Brow, Chapel-en-le-Frith from 4th – 5th September to repair the sets.

Northern Rail have withdrawn litter bins for dog fouling bags resulting in bags being discarded on the public footpath. The Clerk was asked to write to Northern Rail and Derbyshire County Council.

The Chairman reported that there is an increase in the amount of weeds growing in the gutters and Councillor Young was asked to pass this onto the Borough Council, who undertake weed spraying.

The Clerk was asked to see if the Traffic Officer at Derbyshire County Council has looked at the area in front of the Kings Arms Hotel with a view to a change in priority.

18/125 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4 July 2017

Minutes numbered 18/90 to 18/110 were presented and amended.

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

18/126 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 25 July 2017

Minutes numbered 18/114 to 18/119 were presented.

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

18/127 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 25 July 2017

Minutes numbered 18/111 to 18/113 were presented and amended.

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

18/128 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The allotments have been judged and prizes will be presented at the September Council meeting.

Councillor Street declared an interest in the Street Crane Planning Application and it was noted that she took no part in the comments made by the Parish Council.

The Chairman of the Amenities Committee advised that the minutes of the Amenities Committee should have included that members of the Committee commended the proposed Heritage Lottery application to the Council. Councillor Harrison proposed that the scheme before the Council to the Heritage Lottery Foundation be fully supported by the Council. Councillor Morrison seconded the motion and all members were in agreement.

18/129 Co-option onto the Council

Three applications have been received for co-option onto the Council. It was agreed that a date be set to meet with the three applicants and the Full Council will make a decision at the September Full Council Meeting.

18/130 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

No matters to report.

18/131 Economic Regeneration

A meeting is planned with High Peak Borough Council regarding the Leys allotment site and the economic regeneration masterplan.

18/132 Outside Bodies

The Chairman attend a service at Hayfield Parish Church on behalf of the Council to commemorate Passchendaee.

18/133 Town Hall

The roof repairs to the rear of the building have now been completed and some repointing is required on the front elevation which will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

The new fire extinguishers have been installed.

18/134 DALC

Councillor Martin is attending a meeting of DALC and will report back at the September Full Council Meeting.

18/135 Parks and Open Spaces

No matters to report.

18/136 Correspondence

High Peak Borough Council have advised that regeneration funding of £4,000 will be available to assist with the following:

- Reduction of local unemployment
- Support for the delivery of events to promote tourism
- Shop front enhancements
- To deliver marketing/retail initiatives to promote the town

A request has been received from the Churchwarden at St Thomas Becket Parish Church for assistance with the treatment and removal of Giant Hogweed in the Parish Graveyard. Further information and costs are awaited.

18/137 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008040 to 008064 amounting to £28,364.93 has been drawn.

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

Grant Thornton have concluded the External Audit and there were no matters to report.

18/138 Any Other Business

None.

18/139 Press Releases

- Dogs in Chapel Memorial Park

18/140 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.05 hours.

CHAIRMAN

