

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2017

Meeting Held: Tuesday 5 December 2017 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Councillor T Norton in the Chair.
Councillors Mrs H Batterbee, M Evanson, FP Harrison, C Lawley, G Martin, Mrs M Morrison, M Smith and S Young.

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.

Apologies: Councillor J Brook, D King and Mrs J Street
Councillor J Perkins (DCC)

At the commencement of the meeting there were six members of the public and no members of the press present.

Rev K Tankard said prayers.

18/235 Declarations of Interest

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

18/236 Police Matters

Members reported that they have received emails from residents who live around the Memorial Park regarding anti-social behaviour. Anti-Social behaviour is a matter that should be dealt with by the Police and the Council can support the Police but do not have powers to intervene.

It was reported that children have been in the Co-op abusing the staff and the Police have been involved.

The Vice Chairman reported that he has met with Inspector Booth regarding crime in the Parish. Inspector Booth is new to the role of Inspector in the Division and was not fully aware of the level of crimes in the Parish. The Council are concerned that the detection rates are very low at 7%. Also, in the past 12 months there have been 170 reported anti-social behaviour crimes.

It was highlighted that the Safer Neighbourhood meetings are setting targets which are not related to actual crime that is occurring locally.

Inspector Booth indicated that he is looking to change the system for the setting of Safer Neighbourhood targets to involve elected members.

It would appear that the majority of crimes are dealt with as a paper exercise and reports of crimes rung into 101 are lacking in detail for analysis.

There have been drug related incidents reported in Chapel-en-le-Frith and a House on Manchester Road has been broken into during the daytime.

18/237 Open Forum

John Irwin North West Director for the North West Allotments Society. Mr Irwin reported that Mr Sizeland had asked him to look at a piece of land by Warmbrook, off Westbrook Close, to see if it would be suitable for allotments. Mr Irwin reported that it would be possible to make allotments on the land but there is evidence of bank erosion and there are gabions on the bank. The ground is spongy and could be prone to flooding and it would be costly to make the land over to allotments and may be better suited to a Community Orchard or Wildlife Meadow. The access would be by foot. The land is owned by High Peak Borough Council. Mr Irwin said he did not know what the land designation in the Local Plan was for this area.

Mr Sizeland indicated that he would be willing to buy the Leys site and cover the expense of making the ground off Westbrook Close good for allotments. There would be potential for the school to be involved in the cultivation of allotments.

He indicated that he has met with adjacent landowners at the Leys and they have agreed on a process of working together to develop the area for economic use.

It was agreed that a further meeting be held with Mr Sizeland to discuss this matter.

Mr Calvert spoke on behalf of residents of Bowling Green Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith about the rise in anti-social behaviour on Bowling Green Lane together with the area around and inside the Coop and the Health Centre.

Residents who live around the Memorial Park are experiencing problems with noise and anti-social behaviour with residents feeling that they are not being supported by the Police. It was agreed that a further meeting is arranged with the Police to take up residents' concerns.

18/238 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Young gave an update report on work currently taking place on the Warmbrook Trail path off Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith. There was an indication that the bags that are currently in place will remain when initially it was reported that they were a temporary measure. The Clerk was asked to query this with the Borough Council and to report damage to the path on Longmeade Drive which has been damaged by vehicles delivering to the site. Councillor Harrison declared an interest in this item as he owns a property adjacent to the path.

High Peak Borough Council have indicated that from January 2018 planning applications will be sent electronically to all Parish and Town Councils and the Planning Committee was asked to respond to this.

18/239 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

The car repair garage on Hayfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith have indicated that they will work with Clear Channel to allow access to the advertising sign if they are contacted with dates when the board is to be updated.

Delivery of one of the rides to Christmas Tree Lighting on Chapel Market Place caused some damage to the kerbstone and this has been reported to Derbyshire County Council.

The public footpath from Danesay to the Parish Church in Chapel-en-le-Frith has been tarmacked and a handrail installed. The Clerk was asked to thank Derbyshire County Council for carrying out the work which is a great improvement.

18/240 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 November 2017

Minutes numbered 18/210 to 18/228 were presented.

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

18/241 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 November 2017

Minutes numbered 18/229 to 18/234 were presented.

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

18/242 Matters arising from the above Minutes

Councillor Young reported that he has had a meeting with the executive member at High Peak Borough Council who is dealing with the South Head Drive Play Area and will report back to the Council in due course.

It was reported that some residents in Dove Holes were unhappy with the Grade 2 listing of the Dove Holes War Memorial. It was noted that this had been undertaken by the Secretary of State through the War Memorials Trust and was not instigated by the Council.

The Clerk was asked to write to Police to thank them for attending Remembrance Sunday events in Chapel-en-le-Frith and Dove Holes.

18/243 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

No matters to report.

18/244 Economic Regeneration

Matters to be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting.

18/245 Outside Bodies

No matters to report.

18/246 Town Hall

The Planning permission has been granted for the new shop front at 47/49 Market Street. The order for the work has been placed as previously agreed and a 25% deposit for the work has been requested which was also agreed,

18/247 Parks and Open Spaces

The Amenities Committee will meet in December to receive a report on the final costings for the Lottery Bid which will then come to the January Full Council Meeting for final approval.

The Amenities Committee were asked to deal with issues relating to bulb planting in the Memorial Park at their meeting in December.

18/248 Correspondence

A pre planning application has been submitted to Derbyshire County Council for a 'rural enterprise' dwelling associated with an equestrian stabling and camping business on land off Bowden Lane. The County Council are asking for observations by 11 December 2017.

Members commented that this is a visually sensitive site in open countryside which has already suffered damage due to the construction of an access road into the site.

During the Chapel-en-le-Frith Neighbourhood Plan consultations, adjacent land ES2 received a significant number of objections from residents to its inclusion in the Plan for development. Objections were also received from Natural England and the Peak District National Park Authority with the allocation being removed from the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan. It is felt that the access to the site would not be suitable for caravans. Members would reserve the right to make further comments when a Full Planning Application is submitted to allow residents views to be taken into account.

A letter has been received from Combs Village Hall Trust for a grant towards new pads for the defibrillator in the Combs phone box. The defibrillator has been deployed to support East Midlands Ambulance Service 4 times and the pads now have to be replaced to ensure safe and reliable use.

Letters have also been received from St Thomas Becket Parish Church and Chapel Business Association for grant aid and it was agreed that all three applications will be considered by the F & GP Committee.

The Council have received notification that the External Auditor appointed for the 2018/19 financial year will be PFK Littlejohn LLP.

18/249 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008149 to 008172 amounting to £17,671.44 has been drawn.

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

18/250 Any Other Business

It was agreed that the following budget meetings will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2018:

Amenities Committee at 6.30pm
Town Hall Committee at 7pm
F & GP Committee at 7.30pm

18/251 Press Releases

The following press releases were agreed:

To wish local residents a Happy Christmas and to raise awareness of neighbours who may be on their own over the Christmas period by sending a card and checking on them during any bad weather.

Raising awareness with the Police regarding reported anti-social behaviour incidents.

Work on the public footpath from the Parish Church to Danesway.

18/252 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.25 hours.

CHAIRMAN

