

**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Meeting Held:** Tuesday 6 February 2018 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.  
Councillor J Perkins

**Apologies:** PCSO K Green

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

The Chairman informed members that Simon Green who was a former Councillor from 1982 to 1995 has recently died in Wales.

Rev K Tankard said prayers.

**18/289      Declarations of Interest**

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

**18/290      Police Matters**

The following crime figures have been provided by the Police for January 2018.

Crime figures from 03/01/18 to 02/02/18 – Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley and Buxworth

Safeguarding/Adult – 1

Safeguarding/Child – 7

Theft – 8

RTC/Damage – 1  
 Public Order -2  
 Vehicle Crime – 3  
 RTC/Slight injury – 2  
 Domestic Incident – 2  
 Assault/ABH/Common-5  
 Burglary/Dwelling – 4  
 Property Found – 1  
 Stop/Search- 1  
 Burglary/Non Dwelling – 1

The Vice Chairman advised that he has attended a meeting with the Police and High Peak Borough Council in respect of anti-social behaviour. Funding is being sought for Extreme Wheels to come into Chapel-end-le-Frith and work with young people during the summer school holidays. They have already undertaken work in Whaley Bridge which has been successful.

A number of members have been contacted by residents to express concerns about an increase in crime in the Parish. It was reported that the High Peak Area Crime and Theft Alert Facebook group are looking to consult with local Councillors and possibly arrange a public meeting. It was suggested that an informal meeting could be held with the group if requested. It was felt that any group should be liaising with the Police direct.

Residents feel that the crime reports from the Police are not representative of the crimes that are actually happening in the Parish. It was felt that some crimes are not being reported and residents are encouraged to ring reports of crimes into 101.

The Safer Neighbourhood Group has not met from some time and Inspector Booth has indicated that he is looking to revamp the meetings. A request was made for the meetings to be held outside office hours to allow more people to attend. The Borough Councillors were asked to also press for the meetings to re-commence.

## **18/291      Open Forum**

Mr Sizeland spoke in relation to his proposal tabled at the last meeting. The Council have not yet discussed the proposal and confirmed that they will feedback to Mr Sizeland in due course.

Mr Adshead and Mr McCarthy raised a number of issues relating to the Bowden Lane area of Chapel-en-le-Frith:

- High Peak Borough Council have failed to take enforcement action regarding the entrance at Kelsa Trucks.
- 18 ton vehicles are travelling over the weak bridge. Residents have reported this to Derbyshire County Council and no action appears to have been taken.
- In December 2016 a complaint was made to High Peak Borough Council about a resident parking a vehicle on the land adjacent to the

bus shelter on Hayfield Road West, with no action taken. The grass is now very churned up and there is a hollow in the pavement which collects water due to the vehicle mounting the pavement. High Peak Borough Council were requested to put a bollard to stop the vehicle parking and re-instate the area.

- There is a planning application on the High Peak Borough Council website – CON/2017/0016 with no site plan and no information to enable residents to make an informed comment.

Mr Adshead advised that he regularly undertakes litter picks and has collected over 100 industrial black bags of rubbish in last 2 years. The area opposite Paperchase has become an unofficial overnight truck stop and over the wall adjacent to the footpath rubbish and human excrement is accumulating, which is a public health hazard.

There have been a number of occasions on Bowden Lane where emergency vehicles struggled for access due to parked vehicles. Illegal parking is not enforced and it is suggested that hatchings are marked in the turning circle to stop cars causing an obstruction. There are also problems with the sight lines from Bowden Lane onto Hayfield Road caused by vehicles obstructing the view for motorists exiting Bowden Lane.

The County Councillor was present at the meeting and was asked to look at the issues relating to highways and the Borough Council was asked to look at the issue with the land adjacent to the bus shelter which is owned by High Peak Borough Council.

### **18/292 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors**

The County Councillor confirmed that he has raised the issues relating to the turning area on Bowden Lane with the highways officers who are not prepared to take any action as there is no consensus from residents on an acceptable solution.

The County Councillor asked if the Council would contribute to the painting of the railings on the Market Place. It was agreed that the Parish Council staff could undertake the work if the materials were supplied.

The County Councillor and Borough Councillors were informed that there have been complaints about the veranda by the Post Office and the shops on Chapel Market Place as work is needed on the pillars which are corroding. Derbyshire County Council are investigating reports of water running across the footpath from the veranda as it is causing a hazard in icy conditions. It was agreed that the new owners of the property be asked to look at undertaking some work on the veranda.

The Clerk was asked to report the number of banners on the railings on the Market Place to High Peak Borough Council as no planning consent is in place for them to be there.

The problem with the bins on Bowling Green Lane being tipped over has been resolved as they are now kept in the curtilage of the properties to which they relate.

Derbyshire County Council have agreed a one off clean-up of the path by the Parish Church. The path is the owned by the Parish Church and is therefore their responsibility.

High Peak Borough Council will be making grants available for WW1 events and it was suggested that a grant could be applied for to re-point the retaining wall at the Dove Holes War Memorial.

Members were concerned that the recent work carried out on the linear footpath has resulted in the collection of water on the path due to the sides being raised. In very wet weather the path is not passable. The Clerk was asked to contact High Peak Borough Council.

In addition the contractors have used a piece of land between Longmeade Drive and Woodlands Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith to store equipment and some re-instatement work is required.

### **18/293 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements**

Derbyshire County Council have confirmed that repair work to the culvert and supporting wall on the section of the tramway from Charley Lane to Whitehough Head Lane is currently being planned.

Derbyshire County Council have issued a licence for the roadside seat at Haylee Lane, Combs.

It was reported that work on the highway at the junction of Frith View and Manchester Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith is causing difficulty with sight lines. The contractors will be asked to seek permission for traffic lights on the junction.

It was reported that part of the footpath has been taken into a house curtilage on the junction of Frith View and Greggs Avenue, Chapel-en-le-Frith and enforcement action is being taken.

The Clerk was asked to report that at the Eccles Road junction with Crossings Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith the Historical Old Town sign has been obliterated by a new No Entry sign.

The Clerk was asked to contact Peak Forest Parish Council about the signage on the layby between Sparrowpit and Peak Forest which needs to be made clearer.

It was agreed that the mechanism to report pot holes and street lights to Derbyshire County Council be included in the next newsletter and on the Councils Facebook site.

It was reported that the Friends of Chapel Station have met with the Derbyshire County Council flood officer regarding flooding at the junction of the Station Road and Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith and asked them to press Network Rail to undertake some work on the culvert.

**18/294 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2 January 2018**

Minutes numbered 18/260 to 18/278 were presented.

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

**18/295 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 January 2018**

Minutes numbered 18/279 to 18/284 were presented.

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

**18/296 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 16 January 2018**

Minutes numbered 18/285 were presented.

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

**18/297 Minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 16 January 2018**

Minutes numbered 18/286 were presented.

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

**18/298 Minutes of the F & GP Committee held on 16 January 2018**

Minutes numbered 18/287 to 18/288 were presented.

Apologies were given by Councillor Street and added to the minutes.

The percentage increase in the Parish Rate was 2% and the minutes were amended.

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

**18/299 2016/19 Precept**

Councillor Young proposed and Councillor Brook seconded that the 2018/19 Precept be set at £116,511.00 subject to receiving the Council Tax Support Grant of £10,107 and the Concurrent Function Grant for Parks and Open Spaces of £56,726.

Whilst this equates to a 2% increase in the Parish Rate the amount levied will remain the same due to the increase in Band D properties.

**18/300 Matters arising from the above Minutes**

The Regeneration and Amenities Committee will meet to discuss the proposals for the Leys allotments when valuation information has been received.

It was reported that there has been no work to the advertising board on Hayfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

A Communications Committee was arranged for Tuesday 13 February at 10am.

The Planning Committee were presented with a report regarding the withdrawal of planning applications for public viewing which has not been minuted. The Committee were asked to ensure that the report has been discussed and duly minuted.

The Clerk was asked to write to High Peak Borough Council to thank them for maintaining the Concurrent Function Grant and passing on the Council Tax Support Grant in the next financial year.

**18/301 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan**

The Clerk advised that clarification is currently being sought regarding how reviews of Neighbourhood Plans should take place.

Minutes of the footpaths working party held in February 2018, were tabled. Members were invited to the next meeting to review the work undertaken to date.

**18/302 Economic Regeneration**

It was agreed that this item be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting.

**18/303 Town Hall**

Work is currently being undertaken on the roof due to the ingress of water and the painting of the stage in the Main Hall.

**18/304 Parks and Open Spaces**

A meeting has been arranged with the Heritage Lottery on Thursday 8 February as they have advised that the Parks for People funding has been withdrawn.

Guards have been erected around trees at the front Sparrowpit Memorial Hall as the trees have been strimmed around the base. The Clerk was asked to make the Park Keeper aware.

**18/305 Correspondence**

None.

**18/306 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment**

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008192 to 008221 amounting to £15,706.16 has been drawn.

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

**18/307 Any Other Business**

None.

**18/308 Press Releases**

- 2018/19 Precept
- Information on how to report pot holes and faulty street lights.
- Encouraging residents to report crimes to 101.

**18/309 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.45 hours.

CHAIRMAN





