

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2018

Meeting Held: Tuesday 6 March 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.

Apologies: Councillor J Perkins – Derbyshire County Council

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.

18/320 Declarations of Interest

None.

18/321 Police Matters

The Vice Chairman reported that he had compared the Police crime statistics presented at the last Full Council Meeting with those declared on the national Police website for the same area and there appears to be a discrepancy. Of 9 anti-social behaviour crimes reported locally the figure reported on the national site showed 19 crimes. This has been queried with and the reason given is that when a crime is rung into the Police the call operator classifies the crime and once this has happened it cannot be amended. The reason for the discrepancy was attributed to the incorrect classification being lodged by the call operator.

The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the MP and Police and Crime Commissioner as there needs to be more accurate reporting.

Funding has been granted for Extreme Wheels to come in the Memorial Park and run a series of pilot sessions with young people.

It was reported that a Neighbourhood Watch meeting has taken place at the Roebuck Public House but members were unaware and therefore did not attend.

18/322 Open Forum

Mr McCarthy came to speak about the land next to the bus shelter on Hayfield Road West and a response he has had from High Peak Borough Council following a complaint about parking on the area. He asked that the three Chapel East Ward Councillors take the matter up with High Peak Borough Council to ask that they take some action to stop illegal parking and to re-instate the ground.

Councillor Mrs Batterbee joined the meeting at 19.45 hours.

The Clerk was asked to write to High Peak Borough Council and to the County Councillor as the footpath is being damaged and this is a highways issue.

Mr McCarthy also stated that High Peak Borough Council Officers are based in Leek and there is an apparent lack of Officer time in the Parish leading to a decline in service.

18/323 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Young reported that the future of the South Head Drive Play Area is still under consideration.

The Borough Council are dealing with planning enforcement issues and footpath encroachment at a property on Greggs Avenue, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The County Councillor has reported that he is dealing with a number of complaints of pot holes around the Parish.

High Peak Borough Council will be painting the railings on Chapel Market Place in the Spring.

18/324 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

The Clerk was asked to write to Morrison's regarding the amount of litter that has built up behind their fencing off the path leading from their car park. The Council applauded community litter pickers who litter pick in various parts of

the Parish and feel that Morrison's should be making more of an effort to keep their land litter free.

The Clerk was asked to enquire from the County Council when the A623 and A6 bypass will be litter picked.

It was agreed that the Park staff will be instructed to repaint the wood by the stile to Eccles Pike which has had a political slogan painted on it.

The Clerk was asked to contact Derbyshire County Council to remove the brown signs for the Chestnut Centre.

18/325 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6 February 2018

Minutes numbered 18/289 to 18/309 were amended and presented.

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

18/326 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 February 2018

Minutes numbered 18/310 to 18/315 were presented.

Councillor Norton declared an interest in planning application HPK/2017/0696 and this had been omitted from the minutes.

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

18/327 Minutes of the Communications Committee held on 13 February 2018

Minutes numbered 18/316 to 18/319 were presented.

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

18/328 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Standards Authority have advised that they will investigate the overnight parking on HGV's on Bowden Lane. Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The Leader of High Peak Borough Council has referred the matter relating to the Linear Footpath to the Assets Manager for comment. He has replied to confirm that the reinstatement work will take place and that any collection of water on the path is historical and not caused by the recent work. Members disagreed with the explanation as the path has been raised on the banking side which is now causing the collection of water. This will be reported back to High Peak Borough Council.

Councillor Martin proposed and Councillor Smith seconded that one set of A3 plans for current planning applications, should be printed off for members to see at the Parish Planning Committee. All members were in agreement.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Manager at High Peak Borough Council has indicated that they would be willing to provide paper copies of planning applications for large developments.

The newsletter is being currently being distributed.

18/329 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

The footpaths working group will present their draft summary report to the next Full Council meeting.

18/330 Economic Regeneration

Details of the town centre vacancy rate for Chapel-en-le-Frith in January 2018 has been received with a comparison of other East Midlands towns.

18/331 Outside Bodies

A Leisure Centre meeting has been arranged with Derbyshire County Council for 21st March 2018.

Councillor Martin advised that he has resigned from the Peak Park Parishes Management Committee. The Chairman thanked Councillor Martin for all the work he has undertaken and for keeping the Council informed of developments in the National Park.

Councillor Street indicated that she would be interested in joining the Committee.

18/332 Town Hall

The Chairman of the Town Hall Committee reported that the following work has been undertaken:

Further work is currently being undertaken on the Town Hall frontage and roof.

The stage painting has been completed.

The part 5 year electrical testing has been completed.

18/333 DALC

Councillor Martin advised that he has resigned from the DALC Executive Committee and the Chairman thanked him for his work on the Committee representing High Peak.

18/334 Parks and Open Spaces

The Chairman of the Amenities Committee reported that a meeting has taken place with the Heritage Lottery Fund who have advised that the East Midlands Governing Board of the Lottery are limiting the amount of individual grants given the drop in sales of lottery tickets.

The Parks for People Fund has been withdrawn and this will affect the Councils ability to bid for work in the Memorial Park.

A further meeting is being arranged with the Councils advisor to take matters forward.

It is unlikely that the skate park area will be able to be included in the bid and urgent work is required. Councillor Norton proposed and Councillor Young seconded that 9 panels be replaced in the skate park at a cost of £3,595 excluding VAT. All members were in agreement as this work is required on safety grounds.

18/335 Correspondence

None.

18/336 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008222 to 008246 amounting to £6,257.19 has been drawn.

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

18/337 Any Other Business

The Clerk was asked to remind hirers that they should not use the disabled space if they do not have a disabled badge.

18/338 Press Releases

There were no press releases as all items have been covered in the newsletter.

**18/338 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and
Press**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.20 hours.

CHAIRMAN

