

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

Meeting Held: Tuesday 4 September 2018 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Councillor M Evanson in the Chair.
Councillors J Brook, FP Harrison, D King, C Lawley,
Mrs M Morrison, M Smith, Mrs J Street,
N Wetters Gourlay and S Young.

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

Apologies: Councillor Mrs H Batterbee and T Norton.
Councillor J Perkins – Derbyshire County Council.

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

Rev K Tankard said prayers.

19/129 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Brook declared an interest as a member of Chapel-en-le-Frith Methodist Church.

Councillor Harrison declared an interest as a local preacher in the Methodist Church and confirmed that he does not have a pecuniary interest.

Councillor Wetters Gourlay proposed that agenda item 11 be moved to item 4 as a number of members of the public were in attendance regarding the item. All members were in favour.

19/130 Police Matters

It was reported that the Derbyshire Constabulary website has not yet been updated with the latest crime figures.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Police regarding the increase in anti-social behaviour incidents over the summer months for feedback on any potential issues.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Safer Neighbourhood Inspector to ascertain when the Safer Neighbourhood meetings will re-commence.

Members have been contacted by residents living on South Head Drive, Chapel-en-le-Frith who have reported that the play area is being vandalised, used by young people openly smoking cannabis and leaving litter. The Clerk was asked to pass this information onto the Police. The Borough Councillor reported that the future of the site is still under consideration by High Peak Borough Council.

It was reported that there has been a further break in at the Co-op.

The Clerk was asked to report street parking that is obstructing sight lines on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith by the Seddon's Homes development and at the junction of Sheffield Road and Buxton Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

19/131 Open Forum

Mr Sizeland addressed the Council regarding the Leys Allotment site to re-iterate his concern that the land that has been earmarked for employment use at the Leys should be developed in one lot and to confirm that he would have the financial backing to take a development forward.

A resident asked that draft minutes are posted on the notice boards outside the Town Hall to allow residents greater access to information.

The Chairman advised that ratified minutes are posted on the Council's website and that the issue will be considered by the Communications Committee.

19/132 Methodist Church Graveyard

The Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Rev Kerry Tankard to speak on this matter.

Rev Tankard asked why this was an agenda item as he did not feel that it was an item for the Council to debate as it does not fall within the powers of the Council and likewise he would not expect the Church to debate items which are the remit of the Council.

It was noted that the only interest the Council have in the Methodist Church Graveyard is the grant they give annually towards its upkeep.

Councillor Wetters Gourlay confirmed that he had asked for the item to be put on the agenda as he had been contacted by local residents regarding the matter.

Rev Tankard addressed the Council and members of the public present to say that he was disappointed that they had not contacted him directly about the matter rather than the Council.

He explain that he situation with the graveyard is that it is closed to new burials which was a decision that the Trustees of the Church took 5 years ago. The issue has been revisited on two occasions and the decision was made that they did not want to take on the responsibility for any extension to the existing graveyard.

The Church of England are able to hand responsibility over the High Peak Borough Council for their graveyards but Methodist Churches have responsibility for their graveyards in perpetuity.

It is still possible to open existing graves and ashes can be interred in existing graves.

The land at the rear of the graveyard has been designated as a Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan and the Church has previously tried to develop the land and not been able to obtain planning permission.

The Church inspect the graves every 5 years to ensure headstones are safe and plot holders do have a responsibility for maintenance in perpetuity. However, over time families move away or family lines cease.

Rev Tankard suggested that he meet with the residents outside the Council meeting to discuss these matters further.

19/133 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

It was reported that investigations into the culvert on Sheffield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith are ongoing and once detailed plans are made for any remedial work the County Councillor will advise members.

19/134 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Derbyshire County Council are consulting on proposals for amendments to Traffic Regulations Orders in Chapel-en-le-Frith and the County Councillor supplied details for members.

Councillor Wetters Gourlay declared an interest in the proposals on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith as he live close by.

Residents on Hayfield Road had contacted Councillor Smith as their Ward Member to ask if Derbyshire County Council would consider making the temporary one way system permanent.

Councillor Smith declared an interest as he lives on Hayfield Road.

It was noted that the County Councillor had reported at the last meeting that this would not be an option favoured by the County Council.

The Clerk was asked to write to Derbyshire County Council to put forward the request from residents.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Royal Bank of Scotland in Macclesfield to complain that the sub branch in Chapel-en-le-Frith has not been able to take or dispense cash on a number of days due to computer problems at the branch. This will have reduced the footfall at the branch could have an impact on any considerations over the future of the facility in the town.

Councillor Wetters Gourlay brought the following items to the attention of the Council from residents who had directly contacted him:

- the grass verge on Horsefair Avenue, Chapel-en-le-Frith has not been re-instated following work by a utility company.
- Could parking provision be considered on Thornbrook Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith similar to a recent scheme in New Mills.
- Can speed humps be put in place in Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith to prevent vehicles speeding. The Borough Councillor reported that S106 money will be available for highway improvements.
- An infestation of rats on the footpath behind Morrison's store in Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Can a grit bin be provided where the public footpath crosses Danesway. It was noted that the County Council will not supply further grit bins and that the Parish Council has passed a resolution not to increase the number of Parish grit due to the financial implications and lack of manpower.
- Can a letter be sent to the owners of the Nursery on Chapel Market Place to ask them to remind their customers to park responsibly.
- Can the Council arrange for part of Old Park Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith to be re-instated following work by a utility company.
- Can the Council deal with people dropping litter on Rowton Grange Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Can Council explain why they refused a resident's request for a bus shelter outside the Town Hall. The Clerk was asked to confirm the reasons for the decision.

The Chairman advised most of these items should be reported to the authority who have the statutory responsibility as they are not in the remit of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to pass the details onto to High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council as appropriate.

19/135 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 August 2018

Minutes numbered 19/99 to 19/120 were presented.

The minutes were amended to correct errors.

Members were reminded that items discussed in Part 2 should remain confidential.

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

19/136 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 August 2018

Minutes numbered 19/121 to 19/126 were presented.

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

19/137 Minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 29 August 2018

Minutes numbered 19/127 to 19/128 were presented.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes as being a true and correct record and that the actions proposed in the minutes be actioned.

Councillor Harrison proposed and Councillor Brook seconded a motion that the Chairman of the Town Hall Committee and Clerk be delegated to sanction any work at 47/49 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith within the delegate budget that has been agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Town Hall Committee and Clerk be given delegate powers to undertake work at 47/49 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-frith within the delegated budget.

19/138 Matters arising from the above Minutes

Derbyshire County Council have confirmed that the plan for Public Footpath 108 is to replace the footbridge which is currently in disrepair. The bridge is on order and will be installed as soon as possible subject to surface conditions.

It was noted that the 30mph sign on Crossings Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith has not yet been re-instated.

Councillor Gourlay advised that he was seeking views from residents on Church Brow regarding parking issues.

He also reported that all the plots at the Courses Allotments have been taken and there is now a waiting list.

The Chairman of the Communications Committee said that he was concerned that the recent letter Councillor Gourlay had sent to residents in his Ward was inaccurate and misleading. The Council has an established mechanism for communication through the website, local press and radio and social media. The Council operates through a committee structure and all decisions are made on a collective basis.

The Clerk was asked to write to the person who holds the Market Rights from the Duchy of Lancaster to seek clarification about when a Market can be held.

The Clerk was advised that there are a number of banners on the railings at Chapel Market Place that need to be removed.

It was noted that the Press Release from the August meeting had not appeared in the Buxton Advertiser.

Members were asked to make suggestions on how the bequest in memory of Councillor Martin can be used and this can then be discussed with his family.

19/139 Co-option onto the Council

Councillor Morrison proposed and Councillor Harrison seconded that Mr J Adshead be co-opted onto the Council.

RESOLVED: That Mr Jason Adshead be co-opted on the Council.

19/140 Eccles Fold

Councillor Gourlay advised that he has been contacted by residents who live in the flats at Eccles Fold that following a change in how the premises are managed they are not able to use the day-care facilities unless they are a relative.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Cabinet Member at Derbyshire County Council and the Executive Member at High Peak Borough Council to ask that this decision is reversed and that both authorities work together for the common good of residents.

19/141 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

The Chairman of the footpath working group reported that the next meeting will take place on 20th September 2018.

19/142 Economic Regeneration

It was agreed that this item be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting given the confidential nature of the business.

19/143 Outside Bodies

Councillor Young reported that he and the Clerk had attend a meeting of the Leisure Centre User Group and was able to report the following:

- Parkwood Leisure have now made their last audited accounts available to the Council.
- Local football teams are not using the all-weather pitch and a discussion was held regarding when it should be replaced under the

PFI Contract and if it would be possible to look at an upgrade to 3G or 4G.

- The threshold for the community contribution from the Nursery had not been met in the last year.

It was noted that some parents have indicated that there is an affordability problem with fees associated with the Junior Football use of the pitch where more than one child is a member.

19/144 Town Hall

The Clerk was asked to extend congratulations from the Council to Chapel Male Voice Choir on their 100th anniversary.

The Town Hall Committee was asked to consider ventilation of the Main Hall as a lady had fainted during the recent Male Voice Choir concert where it was noted that the room was very warm.

The Caretaking staff were congratulated on the floral display on the Town Hall frontage over the summer months.

19/145 Parks and Open Spaces

The Chairman of the Amenities Committee advised members that a meeting has been arranged for 12 September 2018.

A local resident has kindly donated a flag pole for erection in the Memorial Park and it was noted that prior to it being put in place it would need a safety check.

19/146 Allotments

The Clerk reported that the judging of the allotments has taken place and that the prizes will be presented at the start of the next Full Council Meeting.

19/147 Correspondence

No items of correspondence have been received.

19/148 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008370 to 008391 amounting to £32,686.46 has been drawn.

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

19/149 Any Other Business

It was noted that the Lakefield development Planning Inquiry had commenced.

The Chairman of the Communications Committee advised that a meeting has been arranged for 11 September 2018.

19/150 Press Releases

It was agreed that the following press releases be made:

- Newly co-opted member
- 100th anniversary of the Chapel Male Voice Choir
- Flag Pole donation
- 47/49 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith re new tenants

19/151 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.25 hours.

CHAIRMAN

