

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2018

Meeting Held: Tuesday 2 October 2018 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Councillor Mrs J Street in the Chair.
Councillors J Adshead, Mrs H Batterbee, J Brook, N Gourlay, FP Harrison, D King, Mrs M Morrison, T Norton, M Smith and S Young.

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.
Councillor J Perkins – Derbyshire County Council.

Apologies: Councillor M Evanson and C Lawley

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

The Chairman presented the allotment prizes to the winners at the Courses Allotments (Mr & Mrs Clough) and Dove Holes Allotments (Mr & Mrs O'Brien). Mrs Norton (Dove Holes) was the overall winner.

Rev K Tankard said prayers.

Councillor Mrs Street advised members that she was chairing the meeting in the absence of Councillor Evanson who is unwell. Following the events of the last full council meeting she advised members that she expected the meeting to be conducted in an orderly manner.

19/173 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Harrison and Councillor Norton declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of Chapel Bowling Club.

19/174 Police Matters

Derbyshire Constabulary have advised that they are currently reviewing how they consult with local communities in relation to Safer Neighbourhood Policing.

Members commented that they were disappointed that local policing appears to be more reactive than proactive.

The latest crime figures were presented.

19/175 Open Forum

Mr Bannon addressed the meeting to advise that a repair has now taken place on Thornbrook Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith following an incident he reported to the Council at a previous meeting.

A local resident had approached him to ask why the white lines had been removed on Crossings Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith together with the mirror at the junction with Eccles Road. The County Council policy is not renew highway mirrors as they give a distorted view to motorists. White lines are not marked on some roads as part of an accident reduction strategy.

19/176 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Perkins advised members that Derbyshire County Council have reviewed the highway issues previously reported by residents on Church Brow, Chapel-en-le-Frith and no further highway work is planned. If vehicles are blocking the highway it is a matter for the Police.

The County Council will be undertaking work to drop a kerb on Chapel Market Place to allow mobility scooters better access.

The County Council have commenced remedial work to the drains by the Stocks Café on Chapel Market Place and also on High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The County Council have been asked to consider making a 20mph speed limit on Chapel Market Place and Councillor Perkins confirmed that this would not be possible.

The County Council are consulting on new parking restrictions in Chapel-en-le-Frith and copies will be available in the Parish Office for members of the public to view.

The County Council will not be providing any new grit bins due to residents using the grit for personal use and not on the highway.

Due to the culvert issue on Sheffield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith gritters will be diverted from the depot to use other routes. Councillor Perkins was asked if he could provide a list of primary and secondary gritting routes.

Councillor Young reported that High Peak Borough Council are dealing with obstructions on the right of way to the rear of properties on Old Park Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Councillor Young was asked if there was any Councillor Initiative Funding available to do some improvements to the road surface on Old Park Road and he advised that all the funding has been committed until May 2019.

Councillor Young was asked to report on the South Head Drive Play Area as the surface was continuing to deteriorate and he advised that no decisions have yet been made.

19/177 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

Councillor Gourlay asked members for any suggestions to assist residents who request grit bins. The County Council will supply small piles of salt close to the highway in some instances.

19/178 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4 September 2018

Minutes numbered 19/129 to 19/151 were presented.

Councillor Harrison declared an interest in the Methodist Church graveyard which was omitted from the minutes.

The reason that it was not possible to put rat poison on the path from Hayfield Road to Chapel Market Place was due to the close proximity of the water course and the protection of some species.

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

19/179 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 September 2018

Minutes numbered 19/167 to 19/172 were presented.

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

19/180 Minutes of the Communications Committee held on 11 September 2018

Minutes numbered 19/152 to 19/160 were presented.

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

19/181 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 11 September 2018

Minutes numbered 19/161 to 19/166 were presented.

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

19/182 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The Assistant Keeper of Records at the Duchy of Lancaster has asked the Duchy Surveyor to confirm the position relating to the Market Rights in relation to holding a Christmas Market.

The Communications Committee will be meeting to discuss social media.

The Chairman of the Communications Committee advised that the Committee proposed that ratified minutes should be posted on the Councils website with hard copies available in the Library and Parish Office.

Councillor Gourlay had produced a smaller version of the minutes which he suggested could be posted on the Town Hall Notice Board and take less room.

As a decision has been made on this issue members agreed that due to no material changes the item could not be discussed for 6 months.

The donor of the flag pole thanked the Council for acknowledging the gift in the press release to the Buxton Advertiser.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee advised that a letter has been sent to the Chief Executive at High Peak Borough Council in respect of the lack of planning enforcement in the Parish.

The meeting with the Bowling Club has taken place and quotes have been requested for proposed work which will be considered by the Amenities Committee.

19/183 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

The notes from the meeting of the Community Footpaths Group held on 20 September 2018 were presented.

19/184 Economic Regeneration

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

19/185 Outside Bodies

Councillor Harrison and Mrs Street attended the Peak Park Parishes Forum and reported that the Government has appointed Julian Glover to undertake a review of National Parks and will be visiting the Peak District National Park in November 2018.

The new Chairman of the National Park is a Parish appointed representative.

Due to recent Bank closures there is only one Bank open in the National Park in Bakewell and the Forum are lobbying the National Park Board to give a higher priority to residents who live in the National Park and act as a champion for them.

The Forum will be running training courses for new Councillors.

The Forum are also looking to formulate a protocol to enable events in the National Park to be managed better and are asking for instance where improvements can be made.

Councillor Brook advised that he had attended a meeting of the Community Rail Partnership.

There was a discussion regarding work on the Hope Valley line.

The Manchester to Buxton line now runs a half hourly service and this had not been badly affected by recent timetable changes. However, it is anticipated that there will be a major timetable change on 2019 following the electrification of the Manchester to Blackpool line.

19/186 Town Hall

The Town Hall Committee will meet to discuss work to the lift, ventilation in the Main Hall and 47/49 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

It was reported that the family of the late Guy Martin wish to present a lectern to the Council for use in the Town Hall.

19/187 DALC

Councillors Adshead and Gourlay reported that they had attended the recent DALC training course.

DALC had advised as part of the training that all Council meetings should be public meetings with agendas posted. It was agreed that the position is clarified and presented to the F & GP Committee when policies are reviewed in November. It was confirmed that at this time a draft protocol for the filming and recording of Council meetings will be considered.

19/188 Parks and Open Spaces

Chapel Town Junior Football Club have requested a meeting with the Council to discuss options for a 3/4G football pitch and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements. It was noted that lighting of a pitch may be an issue to neighbours.

The flag pole has been erected in the Memorial Park.

The bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been unsuccessful and the Amenities Committee will consider any resubmission.

19/189 Allotments

The Clerk was asked to provide details of uncultivated plots to the next Amenities Committee.

19/190 Correspondence

High Peak Borough Council have confirmed the Regeneration Support Grant for 2018/19 and have requested confirmation regarding expenditure. It was agreed that part of the grant could be used to repair damaged information boards on the Peak Forest Tramway Trail and provide a new board at Stodhart Tunnel.

19/191 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008392 to 008240 amounting to £14,123.34 has been drawn.

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

19/192 Any Other Business

It was noted that the hanging baskets in Buxton provided by High Peak Borough Council had flowered better than the ones in Chapel-en-le-Frith.

It was reported that applications from Chapel-en-le-Frith to Manchester Grammar School were very low and sometimes there were no applicants. Members felt that travelling issues and the high quality of state education at Chapel High School may be part of the reason.

19/193 Press Releases

- Allotment competition winners

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.35 hours.

CHAIRMAN

