

# CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL



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5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## **Regeneration & Communications Committee Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall**

To: Members of the Regeneration & Communications Committee

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

*Emma Howe*

Assistant Clerk to the Council

### **AGENDA**

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To make any Declarations of Interest re items on the agenda
3. To consider any applications for Dispensations
4. Public speaking: Up to 15 minutes will be made available for members of the public to raise matters relevant to the business of this Committee
5. To approve the minutes of the Committee's meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026
6. 'To determine which items, if any, from the agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Parish Council decides to exclude the public, it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: "to consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) s1 to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss item number ..."  
This item will then be discussed with the press and public excluded.'
7. To agree any variation of order of business
8. Park Managers Report
9. Play equipment reports
10. Allotment updates
11. Newsletter
12. Motion from Cllr Adshead: Risk Management Oversight: Obstruction of public Notice Boards

That Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council

Notes that a large planter has been positioned directly in front of the Memorial Park public notice board.

Acknowledges that public notice boards form part of the Council's statutory communication infrastructure and must remain safely and reasonably accessible.

Recognises that the current positioning presents a potential risk management oversight, including:

- Reduced accessibility for residents, particularly those with mobility impairments (Equality Act 2010 considerations);
- Increased slip and trip risk due to narrowing of the standing area in wet conditions;
- Obstruction of clear sightlines to official notices;
- Reputational and governance risk if statutory notices are not easily viewable.

Further notes that installations within public spaces should be subject to a documented risk assessment prior to placement.

Resolves to:

- Review whether a formal risk assessment was undertaken before the planter was installed;
- Relocate the planter if it compromises safe or reasonable access;
- Introduce a simple written checklist for future installations affecting public access points;
- Record this review within the Council's risk register.

13. Motion from Cllr Adshead: That Chapel-en-le-Frith Acknowledges the documented presence of persistent surface water pooling, path failure and ground saturation within Memorial Park.

Notes that concerns regarding drainage and surface water in Memorial Park were raised by members of the public in August 2025, and that the matter therefore constitutes a known and recorded issue.

Affirms its statutory duties under:

- The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- The Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 & 1984
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

to take reasonably practicable steps to prevent foreseeable harm to park users.

Notes that the current condition presents foreseeable risk, including:

- Slip and trip hazards on pedestrian routes;
- Increased winter ice formation risk;
- Progressive structural degradation of Council-owned assets;
- Heightened exposure to personal injury claims.

Recognises that failure to act on known and evidenced hazards may materially weaken the Council's legal and insurance position.

Resolves to:

- Commission an independent drainage and ground condition assessment within 30 days;
- Produce a written report confirming whether recent works met appropriate design and sub-base standards;
- Confirm whether any defects liability period applies and, if so, take appropriate remedial action;
- Refer the matter to the Council's insurer for formal risk advice;

- Record the issue within the Council's corporate risk register until resolved.

Further resolves that interim risk controls be implemented immediately, including:

- Hazard monitoring and logging;
- Temporary warning signage where required;
- Prompt repair of identified trip points.

14. Next meeting date