

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2011

Meeting Held: Tuesday 4 January 2011 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Present: Councillor M Harrison in the Chair.
Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Batterbee, Mrs Bayirli, FP Harrison, Martin, McCarthy, Norton, Smith and S Young

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council
Councillor B Taylor

Apologies: Councillors Brookfield, Clarey and Mrs A S Young.

Rev Leach said prayers.

11/273 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bayirli declared an interest as she is employed by Derbyshire Constabulary.

11/274 Police Matters

Members are invited to attend the annual Derbyshire Police Authority event in Buxton on 26 January 2011.

11/275 Open Forum

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

11/276 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Taylor reported that budget cuts were still under discussion at the County Council but services for the elderly and bus subsidies are areas that are currently being considered.

The land ownership at Eccles Pike is still not resolved and Councillor Taylor will chase this up.

A letter has been received from the Chief Executive at High Peak Borough Council regarding the comprehensive spending review and the effect it will have on budgets. Members were circulated with a copy of the letter which seeks views on services that could be cut and members were asked to pass comments onto the Clerk. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to discuss areas which services could be shared with Parish Councils with the Borough Council.

Members were concerned that any reduction in the concurrent function grant would be a retrograde step when an agreement is in place to increase the grant to alleviate double rating in the Parish.

11/277 Highways, Public Footpaths and Public Services

Councillor Martin will attend the winter briefing meeting in Matlock on 11 January 2010.

The Chairman advised that he had raised the matter of the new sign on the public toilets on Market Street with the Borough Council as it had previously been agreed that they would not be closed at night, to allow disabled access.

The other matters previously raised with the Borough Council include:-

- Street Lights on Bowden Lane, which some of are now lit
- Pot holes in the Mirey Meadow access road – no action to date
- Future of the Hayfield Road toilets – no action to date

A resident of Bowden Lane has asked if consideration could be given to installing a barrier at the point where the footpath from Brookfold meets Bowden Lane. There is now an increased amount of traffic on Bowden Lane with the new Industrial Estate and children are using the path on bikes and are immediately in the path of heavy traffic. The matter will be taken up with the County Council.

The bollard on the Market Place leading to Terrace Road needs to be re-set.

The two new parking spaces on Quentin Road are causing problems at school times and it was reported this was something the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be looking at.

11/278 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7 December 2010

Minutes numbered 11/246 to 11/263 were presented.

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

11/279 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 30 November 2010

Minutes numbered 11/264 to 11/272 were presented.

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

11/280 Matters arising from the above Minutes

Derbyshire County Council have made 0.5 tonne of grit available for footpath treatment on Market Street.

Members asked the Clerk to extend an invitation to Councillor Critchlow to Full Council Meetings now that the Standings Orders have been amended and she will be able to speak.

The County Council have confirmed that parking restrictions on Market Street do apply to the whole area even if a vehicle is moved in the time limit. However, the waiting times are to be increased to 1 hour on Market Street and Market Place, which should alleviate the situation.

The Clerk has been unable to find out why the barrier at Oak Close has been replaced by a bollard and will make enquiries with High Peak Community Housing.

It was agreed that comments on the Federal Mogul Planning Statement will be made by the Planning Committee.

A letter has been received from a resident in Combs, supporting the caravan storage area at Owlgreave Farm. The Parish Planning Committee have already made comments to object, however, some members who were not present were not in agreement.

Further to comments in the planning minutes, 5 vehicles are being run as a taxi service from the property on Rowton Grange Road and this will be reported to the Borough Council.

11/281 Chapel Vision

A copy of the notes of the meeting held on 22 December 2010 are attached to these minutes.

Councillor Smith proposed that a meeting be arranged with Rural Action Derbyshire to take matters forward following the agreement to fund the project by the Regeneration Working Group. Councillor Martin seconded the motion and all members were in favour.

11/282 Circulars

All members were circulated with the DALC Circular No 59 outlining the Localism Bill.

11/283 Town Hall

Mr Evanson from Combs has approached the Council to see if there is interest for an infra red survey on the Town Hall, the cost of which would be £400. It was agreed not to take this forward at present and consider it further when the Town Hall budget is set.

11/284 Parks and Open Spaces

The Friends of the Park group have now submitted stage 2 of the funding application for the MUGA following the granting of Planning Permission and the acceptance of a Tender. It is anticipated that this Stage process will now take 3 months.

The Clerk will chase up the Solar Light installation.

A bid has been made to Going Local for an additional piece of play equipment at Needham Recreation Ground. The new goal posts have arrived and will be installed shortly.

11/285 Correspondence

Members are invited to attend a meeting about renewable energy at New Mills Town Hall on 20 January 2011.

The Town Band have submitted a Balance Sheet as requested and it was agreed that no grant be made at the time. However, the Clerk was asked to suggest to them that they should look to make an application to the Bingham Trust.

Members have been invited to a meeting by a company called Remarkable, who are acting for Barratts regarding the land north of Manchester Road and west of Crossings Road, on 11 January.

This is a meeting with local community representatives as the first stage of a public consultation regarding the development of the land. Following this there will be a public exhibition and newsletter to residents. Members were concerned that if they attended the meeting they would not be able to put forward a view of the Council and that they should not come to any firm conclusion prior to plans being submitted and views of residents heard.

11/286 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 005933 to 005944 amounting to £11,482.66 has been drawn.

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

11/287 Any Other Business

The Chairman was asked to give consideration to initiating Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies in Combs, Whitehough and Dove Holes.

11/288 Business transacted after the exclusion of the public and Press.

None.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.40 hours

CHAIRMAN

