

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2020

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 3 November 2020
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom
- Present:** Councillors J Adshead, N Gourlay, C Sizeland, Mrs S Walters and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
- Apologies accepted:** None
- Apologies noted:** None

There were 21 members of the public present at the meeting.

Rev C Pearson said prayers.

The Chairman advised that the meeting was being recorded and gave those present the opportunity to turn their cameras off.

21/152 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor C Sizeland – Leys Allotment site as an adjoining land owner

Councillor C Sizeland – his wife is a substitute Councillor on the High Peak Borough Council Development Control Committee.

Councillor J Adshead – Chapel Town and Junior Football Clubs and as a friend of an adjoining landowner to the Leys Allotments.

Councillor Mrs Walters - as a friend of an adjoining landowner to the Leys Allotments.

Councillor Gourlay - as a friend of an adjoining landowner to the Leys Allotments.

21/153 Election of Chairman

Councillor Gourlay proposed and Councillor Mrs Walters seconded that Councillor S Young be elected as Chairman.

RESOLVED: That Councillor S Young be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Young took the Chair and thanked members who had recently left the Council together with others in the past for the good work that has been carried in the past.

21/154 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Mrs Walters proposed and Councillor Gourlay seconded that Councillor J Adshead be elected as Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Adshead be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

21/155 Police matters

Members had been circulated with a letter from PC Bartram regarding local issues, seeking support from the Council with the following matters:

- Increased parking enforcement
- Double yellow lines at the junction of Horderns Road and Manchester Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Fully working CCTV cameras through Chapel-en-le-Frith
- More litter bins

Parking enforcement and highway markings are the function of Derbyshire County Council and it was noted that the County Councillor was present at the meeting and will be asked to take these issues forward.

Members were advised that matters are progressing in relation to the CCTV camera on the Kings Arms Hotel which will hopefully be put back in place soon.

Arrangements have been made with Morrisons to place a bin in their seated area off Market Street and it was suggested that other sites should be considered. The Chairman advised that this should be undertaken in conjunction with High Peak Borough Council as they would be asked to empty any additional bins.

21/156 Public Participation

A resident of Bowling Green Lane advised the Council that a number of anti-social behaviour incidents have been reported to the Police by residents and that these were being committed by people accessing and existing the Memorial Park. She made a request that the gate on Bowling Green Lane into the Memorial Park is locked at night and would be willing to have a key to do this.

It was agreed that the gate be locked for a trial period from 7pm to 7am for six months to see if matters improve. The Park Manager will be asked to provide a key to the resident for this purpose.

It was also agreed that the local Schools are contacted about this issue and the Vice Chairman offered to go into School to speak to pupils if and when appropriate.

21/157 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6 October 2020

Minutes numbered 21/101 to 21/121 were presented.

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

21/158 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 October 2020

Minutes numbered 21/122 to 21/130 were presented.

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

21/159 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 16 and 23 October 2020

Minutes numbered 21/131 to 21/144 and 21/145 to 21/151 were presented.

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

21/160 Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 21/111 – the intention was to investigate the purchase of a machine for the Bowling Green and discuss this further.

Minute 21/114 – the Chairman advised that the Council will not be quorate to discuss the Leys Allotments until new members are elected to the Council.

The Chairman advised that he had met with the Bowling Club and work proposed by them will be covered by their Public Liability Insurance.

21/161 By-elections and co-option

Members were advised that elections have been called for the vacant seats on the Council and this will take place in May 2021.

Motion from Councillor Gourlay on Co-option policy

This council resolves to adopt an open and transparent co-option process, as described in the attached guidance document for applicants and in the revised standing orders. This guidance document will be publicised alongside any notice advertising a casual vacancy on the council.

RESOLVED: That the Council adopts the Co-option Policy as proposed.

21/162 Town Hall loss of earnings

The Council were advised that the loss of earning from use of the rooms at the Town Hall currently stands at £9,994.51. This will be offset by the grant of £10,000 received from central government.

21/163 Motion from Councillor Gourlay - The Chairman and Members of Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council recognise the service to the Parish of Chapel-en-le-Frith by Derek Lewis Eley and in particular for his gallant and distinguished service during the Second World War in the Sherwood Forresters and in the Intelligence Corps. This Council declares that he is a person of distinction who has rendered eminent services to the Parish through his long service to the Royal British Legion. Therefore, this Council does hereby confer upon Derek Lewis Eley the style, rank and title of Honorary Freeman of Chapel-en-le-Frith. And furthers resolves that the facts hereof be inscribed in formal writing presented to the said Honorary Freeman as a record of his service to the Parish of Chapel-en-le-Frith.

RESOLVED: That title of Honorary Freeman be conferred to Mr Derek Eley and that a presentation is made to him.

21/164 Motion from Councillor Gourlay - This council recognises the long years of service given by Ted Fell to the local area. Therefore, this council gives the Community Award to Ted Fell, along with the heartfelt good wishes of his neighbours that he will enjoy his new role as a Chelsea Pensioner.

This council recognises and applauds the charitable work of Gemma Ellis and her organisation "Stage 4 Deserves More". Therefore, this council awards the Community Award to Gemma Ellis, and shall release a statement to the press praising the work of this exceptional woman.

RESOLVED: That Community Awards be given to Ted Fell and Gemma Ellis.

21/165 Review of Standing Orders Motion from Councillor Gourlay - This council recognises the best-practice guidelines as described by the National Association of Local Council's model standing orders, and resolves to adopt the standing orders in the attached document.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders as presented be adopted.

21/166 Motion from Councillor Gourlay - This council welcomes scrutiny and criticism. Through the changes it has just made to its standing orders, this council encourages openness in its proceedings. Furthermore, the council hereby retracts its previous "Filming and Photographing Meetings Policy" and its "Guidance for the Filming and Photographing meetings". At the start of every council meeting, the clerk or chair shall make a statement that "Any member of the public may take

photographs, film or audio-record the proceedings, and report on any public meeting of this council. No prior permission is required to carry out these activities.” The clerk or chair may then offer advice for members of the public who do not wish to be recorded.

RESOLVED: That the Filming Policy be retracted and that the Council considers a guidance note at the next meeting.

21/167 Motion from Councillor Gourlay - This council will use all the social media tools it requires to support its neighbours. However, the current social media policy is unfit for purpose. Therefore, this council will retract its current social media policy until the council has agreed an alternative.

RESOLVED: That the current Social Media Policy is retracted and that the Communications Committee will re write the Policy.

21/168 Motion from Councillor Sizeland - “When a decision is made at a committee meeting at which all the five members of the council are present, that decision can be implemented immediately without requiring ratification by a full council meeting for the period to 14 May 2021”.

RESOLVED: That Executive Powers be handed to Committees until May 2021 to agree any spending within budget headings.

21/169 Motion from Councillor Sizeland - “As an alternative to arbitration we resolve until further notice to have quarterly training meetings with DALC as a council as a whole. We would communicate this fact to HPBC so that they can see that we are serious about their concerns and are seeking a resolution.

The meetings would generally alternate between and specific and general topics. This would also have the benefit of only being fraction of the cost of arbitration. The meetings should be in the evening.”

Councillor Sizeland proposed an amendment to the motion:

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RESOLVED: That quarterly training meetings be arranged with DALC

21/170 Internal review of Freedom of Information requests

RESOLVED: That DALC be asked to undertake an internal review of two Freedom of Information requests as the Council does not feel it can be impartial in this respect.

21/172 Correspondence

- Email from P Howe regarding Old Park Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Email Tramway Culvert Whitehough
- Rural/Market Towns Group membership

21/173 Date for F&GP Committee and Town Hall Committee

It was agreed that the meetings take place on 26 November.

F & GP Committee – 7pm

Town Hall Committee – 7.30pm

21/174 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Cheques numbered 008985 to 009005 were presented amounting to £5,406.40.

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

It was noted that due to resignations the Council does not currently have enough signatories and this may delay the payment of invoices. It was agreed that suppliers should be contacted if the invoices cannot be paid within the next 7 days.

21/175 Press Releases

- Honorary Townsman Award
- Community Awards

21/176 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Councillor Mrs Walters proposed and Councillor Gourlay seconded a motion that the Council exclude the press and members of the public.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from Richard Buxton Solicitors and draft response be referred to the Councils Insurers.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.15 hours.

CHAIRMAN

