

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2021

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 2 February 2021
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 sixteen members of the public present at the meeting.

One minutes silence was observed in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore. It was agreed that the Town Hall flag will be flown at half-mast.

21/278 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 - 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 N Gourlay - as a friend of an adjoining landowner to the Leys Allotments.

21/279 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

21/280 Police Matters

The local Safer Neighbourhood Officer has notified the Council that a multi-agency meeting will be arranged and members will be invited.

A meeting will also be arranged with the new Safer Neighbourhood PC to make an introduction to members.

It was noted that Councillors had undertaken litter picking at Needhams Recreation Ground and have arranged for vehicles to be removed from the Council depot on Ashbourne Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

21/281 Public Participation

A resident spoke to object to the proposed Precept increase for a Band D property to £54.

A resident spoke to ask Councillors to consider improvements to paths around Combs Reservoir and to lobby for better gully cleaning on public highways.

The Chairman passed on a concern from a resident who could not attend the meeting about the unsightly temporary fencing on Barmoor Clough.

21/282 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/234 to 21/253 were presented.

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

21/283 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/257 to 21/263 were presented.

Minute 21/231 was amended to read ' Ruth George to'

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

21/284 Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 13 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/254 to 21/256 were presented.

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

21/285 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 20 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/264 were presented.

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

21/286 Minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 20 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/265 were presented.

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

21/287 Minutes of the Communications Committee held on 20 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/266 were presented.

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

21/288 Minutes of the F & GP Committee held on 20 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/267 were presented.

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

21/289 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 26 January 2021

Minutes numbered 21/268 to 21/277 were presented.

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

21/290 Matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk confirmed that an application has been made to Derbyshire County Council for a grit bin in the Wash.

The Clerk confirmed that BT were progressing the application for the Council to adopt the red telephone box in Bagshaw.

It was confirmed that three quotes will be sought for the replacement wall on the tramway at the Leys and three quotes for picnic benches for the Memorial Park will be sought and presented to the next Amenities Committee.

A meeting will be arranged with Parkwood Leisure and Derbyshire County Council to discuss Chapel Leisure Centre.

21/291 2021/2022 Precept

Councillor Gourlay proposed that the 2021/2022 precept be set at £187,110.00 which equates to a Parish Rate of £54 p.a. for a Band D property. Councillor Sizeland seconded the proposal.

The Chairman asked for a recorded vote.

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Gourlay Councillor Sizeland Councillor Mrs Walters	Councillor Young	Councillor Adshead

RESOLVED: That the 2021/2022 Precept is set at £187,110.00

RESOLVED: That the Council post a statement on the website and facebook page with a link to the recording of the meeting.

21/292 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 £13,335.51. This will be offset by the grants totalling £17,335.00 received from central government. A further grant of £238 has been awarded.

21/293 Motion from Councillor Sizeland - The Council undertakes to explore the possibility of installing a publicly accessible Defibrillator at the Town Hall.

RESOLVED: That the Council consider where a suitable site for a defibrillator on the Town Hall would be, after taking advice from the Planning Department and report back to the Town Hall Committee.

21/294 Motion from Councillor Sizeland - In view of the stifling heat that can occur at events in the main room of the Town Hall during the summer, the Council undertakes to obtain quotes to open back up the previously blocked up vent in the apex of the roof and installation of an extractor fan.

RESOLVED: That quotes be sought for the proposed work and considered by the Town Hall Committee.

21/295 Motion from Councillor Gourlay – The council welcomes the draft lease agreement for Sparrowpit Playpark from the Beresford Trust and its offer (via solicitors) of showing the council its Abstract of Title giving evidence of ownership, and the council looks forward to receiving that document. However, the council is disappointed that the trust is failing in its obligations to accept the two representatives of the Council as trustees. Furthermore, the council notes the promises made by the secretary of the trust on 13 August 2019 that she would provide minutes, accounts, and bank statements to councillors, and that she has not yet provided that information. Therefore, this council will write to the Charity Commission, expressing the council’s concerns, and asking them to investigate.

Councillor Gourlay submitted an amendment to the motion –

“The council is deeply concerned at recent correspondence from the George and Sarah Beresford Memorial Foundation, which suggests

that the charity has rented its land to a trustee's family. The council asks the Charity Commission to investigate whether an order was made to allow this, either by the Commission or the courts.

The council further notes that land intended for a playing field in its governing document is being used to generate income from farming and car-parking. The council asks the Charity Commission to investigate whether an order was made to allow this, either by the Commission or the courts.

The council was promised by the secretary of the charity on 13 August 2019 that she would provide a copy of the minutes of the last AGM, and a complete list of trustees. This information has not yet been supplied, and the council urges the charity to supply this information.

Furthermore, the council is deeply concerned that the charity is seeking to avoid scrutiny of its operations, and change its structure to exclude the trustees appointed by Chapel-en-le-Frith and Peak Forest Parish Councils. This council will oppose any such changes, and urges the Charity Commission to protect the interests of residents of this parish."

Councillor Sizeland seconded the amended motion.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes the Charity Commission and Charity to seek the information requested on behalf of the Council.

21/296 Motion from Councillor Gourlay - This council believes that public service should be its own reward, and therefore the council abolishes all allowances for councillors and the chairman. Any funds which have been earmarked for allowances, but which have not been claimed should be split equally between charities.

The motion was withdrawn by Councillor Gourlay.

21/297 **Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.**

Cheques numbered 009045 to 009062 were presented amounting to £5,441.56.

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

It was noted that the annual invoice from Alliance is included in the schedule and that the Amenities Committee are considering if there are other providers for this service.

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21/298 Correspondence

- Friends of Chapel Station
- Public Footpath 115 Diversion Order
- Public Spaces Protection Order (Wildfires) 2021. The Amenities Committee were asked to consider this in relation to land in the ownership of the Council.
- G & S Beresford Memorial Hall, Sparrowpit

21/299 Chairman's Virtual script

It was agreed that the Communications Committee would consider this in relation to virtual meetings.

21/300 Press Releases

- 2021/2022 Precept
- Presentation of agreed Community Awards

21/301 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

No business was discussed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.52 hours.

CHAIRMAN