

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2021

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 2 March 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 twenty five members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chairman advised that the meeting will be recorded.

Rev Colin Pearson said prayers.

Rev Pearson advised that he would be leaving the Parish in May, moving to Manchester. The Chairman wished him well in his new appointment.

21/329 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.

21/330 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

21/331 Police Matters

Members recently attended a liaison meeting with the Police and it was agreed that the Police be asked if they can submit a written monthly report to the Council. In addition at the meeting they promised some posters which have not yet arrived.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Police to ask for a monthly report and posters.

21/332 Public Participation

Four members of the public spoke about the following issues:

- The George and Sarah Beresford Memorial Foundation.
- How start-up businesses in the Parish can find support.
- The Chapel Neighbourhood Plan, how it has been used and to remind the Council that some of the initiatives have not been addressed.
- When will a discussion begin to look at the next Neighbourhood Plan.
- That there should be greater transparency about the use of the money raised by the increase in the Precept together with how S106 money has been spent in the Parish.

The Chairman advised that correspondence has been received from the George and Sarah Beresford Memorial Foundation and the Council will be sending a response.

Information will be supplied on who to contact at High Peak Borough Council about start-up business support.

There is a meeting of the Amenities Committee to be held on Tuesday 9 March with a one item agenda for the MUGA and hopefully more information will be made available regarding expenditure on legal fees.

The Clerk advised that S106 money had been received from the development on the Federal Mogul site which was £25,000 and used to renew the play equipment at Needham Recreation Ground. £45,000 had been received from the Octavia Gardens development on Manchester Road and used to fund new play equipment in the Memorial Park. There is outstanding S106 money from two further developments in Chapel-en-le-Frith and one in Dove Holes.

The Clerk advised that there have been two Public Inquiries where the Neighbourhood Plan has been used to defend the refusal of planning permission.

21/333 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 February 2021

Minutes numbered 21/278 to 21/301 were presented.

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

21/334 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 February 2021

Minutes numbered 21/302 to 21/308 were presented.

Councillor Adshead was noted as giving apologies when he did in fact join the meeting late. The minutes will be amended to show when Councillor Adshead joined the meeting.

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

21/335 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 26 February 2021

Minutes numbered 21/309 to 21/328 were presented.

The following amendments were made:

21/305 The Solar light cost of £250 was to replace the light and timer

21/314 Derbyshire stone and not Grit stone

21/315 Councillor Young proposed and Councillor Mrs Walters seconded the motion

21/317 Correspondence was from High Peak Borough Council and not Derbyshire County Council

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

21/336 To note the minutes of the Community Plan Footpaths Working Party held on 26 January 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes be noted.

21/337 Matters arising from the minutes

The Park Keeper has been to look at one of the mowers discussed at the Amenities Committee which is suitable and will be purchased. The grant application discussed for the mower will now be made for a different piece of equipment.

21/338 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 £14,462.26. This will be offset by the grants totalling £17,573.00 received from central government.

21/339 Preparation for return to in person meetings.

RESOLVED: That risk assessments will be carried out on how meetings can be held safely together with live streaming so members of the public do not need to be physically present at meetings.

21/340 Motion from Councillor Mrs Walters – That a note of any actions following Full Council and Committee Meetings is compiled and attached to the minutes or noted in the minutes and reviewed at each subsequent meeting.

RESOLVED: That action point be noted in the minutes.

21/341 Sanitation problems on the bypass lay-bys

Councillors Gourlay and Mrs Walters reported that during litter picking of the lay-bys on the A6 by-pass a large number of bags were found containing human excrement. It was noted that litter bins that were in the lay-bys have been removed by High Peak Borough Council.

In addition the litter picks undertaken by High Peak Borough Council are fairly close together and it would be beneficial if they could be 6 monthly with the actual lay-bys being litter picked on a more regular basis.

RESOLVED: That High Peak Borough Council be asked to reschedule the 6 monthly litter picks, reinstate the litter bins in the lay-bys and litter pick the lay-bys when the bins are emptied. Councillor Young was asked as a High Peak Borough Councillor to make representations about this.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to High Peak Borough Council.

21/342 Motion from Councillor Gourlay – This Council accepts the quote from Grafika to add a facility for displaying historic minutes of the council, and ask them to start work.

RESOLVED: That the quote of £460.00 plus VAT be accepted from Grafika and an order be placed for the work.

ACTION: The Clerk to place the order.

21/343 Motion from Councillor Gourlay – Complaints should be taken seriously. This Council adopts the new complaints procedure and will ensure it is followed.

Following a discussion Councillor Gourlay withdrew the motion and will table an amended motion at the April Full Council meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk to add an agenda item to the April Full Council meeting.

21/344 Motion from Councillor Gourlay – This council wishes to include every part of the parish in its discussion. Therefore, from May 2021, the council will meet twice a year in Dove Holes. By preference, these meetings would be on the first Tuesday in the month, but if this is not possible, another night will be chosen.

RESOLVED: That two Full Council meetings be held in Dove Holes on a trial basis for the year 2021/22 and specific months be agreed at the Annual meeting of the Council in May.

ACTION: The Clerk to add this to the agenda for the Annual meeting of the Council in May.

21/345 Motion from Councillor Gourlay - This council will DBS check every new employee as a condition of their employment, and will offer a DBS check to all existing employees.

Councillor Sizeland tabled an amendment to the original motion that that DBS checks will be offered to Councillors on a voluntary basis.

Councillor Gourlay agreed that the proposed amendment is included in his original motion.

RESOLVED: That DBS checks will be a condition of employment for any new members of staff and existing employee's will be offered a DBS check. All Councillors will be offered a DBS check on a voluntary basis.

ACTION: The Clerk to arrange DBS checks. The Clerk to share previous advice on DBS checks received from the DALC HR Consultant.

21/346 **Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.**

Cheques numbered 009063 to 009086 were presented amounting to £19,471.99.

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

21/347 **Correspondence**

- Freedom of Information request from C Bannon
- Introduction letter from Milnes Legal
- Email from Cllr Perkins re S106 money for Highways on Long Lane

It was agreed that the S106 money for highway improvements from the Rosebay Gardens development should be spent to improve highway safety on Long Lane and not in Dove Holes. The Clerk was asked to write to Derbyshire County Council to advise that previous discussions have been held with Highways Officers about the use of the S106 money to improve road safety on Long Lane and that this is how the Council would request the money to be allocated.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to Derbyshire County Council.

21/348 **Press Releases**

None.

21/349 **To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to a staff assessment.

ACTION: The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hours.

CHAIRMAN