

Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Virtual Meeting held on Zoom**

On Wednesday 28 April 2021

Present: Councillor S Young in the Chair
Councillors C Sizeland and Mrs S Walters.
Councillors Mrs E Burton, P Roberts and Mrs K Sizeland – High Peak
Borough Council.
6 members of the public.

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale – Clerk of the Council

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Adshead, N Gourlay and J Perkins.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the 125th Annual Parish Meeting.

Those present were advised that the meeting was being recorded and to unmute themselves and turn their camera on if they wished to speak.

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April 2019

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 24 April 2019 were presented and approved.

It was noted that the car park on Thornbrook Road has been re-surfaced and marked. However, there has been no extension approved.

2. Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman reported that due to Covid there had not been an Annual Parish meeting in 2020.

He thanked the Councillors who have supported him since September 2020 when he became Chairman following a number of resignations from the Council and for working to keep the Council running with only five Councillors. Thanks were also expressed to the Councillors who resigned for their service to the Council.

Rev Colin Pearson will be retiring as the Parish Chaplin.

The Chairman extended condolences to all who had lost family members or friends during the past twelve months whether from Covid or other circumstances.

Thanks were extended to all the staff and in particular to Denis Theyer who has retired as one of the assistant park staff.

In the last six months the Council has undertaken work in the parks which include new planters, seats, flag pole and the purchase of a new mower.

In the wider community the Council has worked with Chapel Community Group to produce updated walk leaflets and information boards.

A gate has been placed on the tramway to stop anti-social behaviour and the footpaths working group have arranged for resurfacing of paths around Combs Reservoir.

The Chairman wished all those standing in elections in May good luck.

3. Report from the County Councillors

There were no County Councillors present.

4. Report from the Borough Councillors

Councillor Mrs Sizeland reported:

- She has helped with the distribution of food from the High Peak Foodbank and thanked local residents who have helped their neighbours during the lockdowns in the past 12 months. Also for the setting up of the Covid Mutual Aid Group.
- That the Borough Council has assisted with the distribution of Covid business grants.
- She has been working with the local PCSO.
- Litter picks around the Parish.
- Had the CCTV camera on the Kings Arms Hotel replaced.
- Old street signs have been replaced.
- Various pot holes have been filled.
- The public toilets have been painted.
- She has volunteered as part of the Covid vaccination roll out locally.

She commented that it was disappointing that an extension to the Thornbrook Road Car Park had not come to fruition.

She thanked the five Councillors who have run the Council in the last six months.

Councillor Eve Burton reported that she has a good working relationship with the Parish Councillors in Whitehough.

Councillor Peter Roberts reported that he has recently been elected as the Chair of Dove Holes Station.

He has purchased daffodil bulbs from his Councillor Initiative fund which have been planted in Dove Holes and he intends to purchase a similar amount of tulip bulbs in 2021 for planting in Dove Holes.

5. Charities within the Parish

Details of the income and expenditure of the charities administered in the Parish were presented by the Trustees and are attached to these minutes.

The Chairman reported that the current Trustees of Chapel-en-le-Frith United Charities had come to the end of their term of office and will be standing down.

6. Friends of Chapel Station

A report from the Friends of Chapel Station, is attached to these minutes.

7. Any matters raised by local electors of the Parish

None.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8pm.

CHAIRMAN

Chapel-en-le-Frith United Charities Year ended 31 March 2021

Income

1.4.2020 - 31.3.2021	Bank Interest	0.56
29.5.2020	COIF	1225.32
28.8.2020	COIF	1225.32
30.11.2020	COIF	1206.75
26.2.2020	COIF	1206.75
		4864.70

Expenditure

Cheque

191	Uniform x 3	500.00
192	Uniform x 1	200.00
193	Uniform x 1	100.00
400	Uniform x 2	200.00
194	Chapel Mobile Physio	500.00
195	Chapel Community Christmas	100.00
401	Uniform x 1	100.00
402	Blythe House Defibrillator	1650.00
403	Frontline Debt Advice	1000.00
404	Combs Village Defibrillator	312.00
405	Chapel Primary School x 2 trips	180.00
406	Counselling	320.00

5162.00

Unpresented cheque 000406 -320.00

4842.00

Balance brought forward 4700.07

Income 4864.70

9564.77

Expenditure 4842.00

4722.77

Bank Balances as at 31 March 2021 4263.62

459.15

4722.77

Bowden Head Educational Fund year ended 31 March 2021

Balance forward	858.04
Income	Nil
Expenditure	Nil
Bank Balance	858.04

Victor Burdekin Trust year ended 31 March 2021

Balance Forward	452.70
Bank Interest	0.15
Income from Charibond	156.43
Expenditure	156.58
	Nil
Bank Balance	455.91

Friends of Chapel Station.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO 2021 A.G.M. AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Last year at this time Covid was beginning to have a major impact on our life, but we did not know to what extent groups like ours, meeting in the open air, would be affected. Suffice it to say that most of our planned work was postponed, but that did not mean that nothing was done.

Although formal working parties were restricted in numbers and 3 were cancelled entirely due to Covid, during the Summer and Autumn we were able to maintain the borders, keep the grass mowed, and other routine work, along with a start on levelling the 3 triangles site. Unfortunately the weather, glorious at times when we were banned from working, turned unsettled and wet when we were permitted! However, we ended the year with the Station looking tidy and in reasonably good order.

During the year the ability to meet up also meant that most Community Rail Partnership and similar meetings were either cancelled or held over Zoom, reducing the opportunity to informally share with other groups. We managed to successfully hold our own bi monthly business meeting by Telephone Conference, which worked well for the small numbers involved. We maintained contact with Northern Railway and Network Rail on appropriate matters.

Over the years we have had minor damage to various items, but without any major problems. However, on the night of 23rd December 2020, one of the two 'welcome boards' displayed in the waiting shelters, was severely damaged and the other to a lesser degree. This is concerning, as the area is covered by CCTV, but not monitored live. A new board has been provided and Northern Railways kindly agreed to foot the bill for this, which is much appreciated. We very much hope this was a one off by those very few in the community who have not learnt how to behave in public.

The 2020 New Mills and District Railway Modellers show was held just prior to lock down but Chapel Carnival was cancelled. In 2021 the Railway Modellers show was cancelled, and we are currently awaiting news about the Carnival. Both these occasions give us an opportunity to increase our visibility in the town, and we appreciate being able to also support them on the day. It is still hoped that Northern will be able to run a 'Santa Special' in December.

Obviously our planned project to transform the 3 triangles area was largely postponed, but we hope to tackle this fully this coming year. We also have to renew parts of two of the running in boards which will require partial dismantling to achieve. There will therefore be plenty of opportunities for various work when we are permitted to return.

Our team work well together, with differing talents and interests, and the monthly Saturday morning working parties are enjoyed, and the results appreciated by all the station users. My thanks are gratefully given for all their support

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