

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2022

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 5th April 2022
Held at Dove Holes Methodist Church room.
- Present:** Councillor M Chantler in the Chair
Councillors J Adshead, M Barton, I DePee, N Gourlay, N Hill,
C Sizeland and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
Sgt Harrison and PC Smith – Derbyshire Constabulary
- Apologies noted:** Councillors A Beswick, J Shephard and T Saxby.

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

22/529 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Sizeland declared an interest in agenda item 14 as he is the owner of the property that Little Cherubs are renting.

Councillor DePee declared an interest in agenda item 14 as a member of the Little Cherubs Charity.

22/530 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

22/531 Variation of Business

Councillor Adshead requested that agenda items 12 and 16 are deferred to the next meeting.

Councillor Gourlay requested that agenda item 11 is deferred to the next meeting.

The Chairman requested that agenda items 20 and 34 are deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That Agenda items 11, 12, 16, 20 and 34 are deferred to the next Full Council Meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk to add the deferred items onto the agenda of the May Full Council meeting.

22/532 Police Matters

Sgt Harrison introduced PC Smith who is the new beat Officer for Chapel-en-le-Frith. PC Davies will continue to cover Dove Holes.

Sgt Harrison reported that the majority recent incidents were around public welfare. A serious assault has taken place on Chapel Market Place and is under investigation. Officers will look to work with the Council and other interested parties in relation to anti-social behaviour complaints in Chapel Memorial Park.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has made a recent visit to High Peak and Sgt Harrison said there was no further information on the proposed Police Hub.

Sgt Harrison reported that access to the Parish Office will enable an increased Police visibility in Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Funding is available for the start-up of speed watch groups. He agreed to provide information on the location sites the current speed watch group have used to see where potential hot spots are.

There is no update on the current situation about Police custody suites and offenders are still being taken to custody suites outside High Peak.

22/533 Public Participation

A member of the public asked the reason for agenda item 17 relating to Chapel Leisure Centre.

The Chairman agreed to let the member of the public speak after the Council had discussed the agenda item.

A member of the public asked the Council to look at the perimeter wall of the small football field in Dove Holes which is in a bad state of repair and she considered this to be a health and safety issue.

22/534 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2 March 2022

Minutes numbered 22/483 to 22/512 were presented.

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

22/535 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

22/536 Outstanding actions from previous meetings

None.

22/537 South Head Drive Play Area

Councillor Sizeland reported that confidential discussions are currently taking place between the Developer and High Peak Borough Council.

22/538 S106 monies from housing developments in Dove Holes.

S106 money is available in Dove Holes in relation to new equipment and open spaces.

It was noted that it is possible to work with 3rd parties to increase this amount. It would be possible to look at using some of the S106 money for repairs to the perimeter wall at the small playing field.

A local resident provided the Council with photos of the areas of the wall that could be a health and safety issue.

Councillor Adshead proposed that the park staff are asked to make the wall safe as soon as possible and the Council consult with local residents about a replacement wall or other alternatives.

RESOLVED: That the Park staff will be asked to make an assessment of the wall and make it safe.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee will attend the Dove Holes Community Association meeting to seek local views.

ACTION: The Clerk to arrange with the Park staff to make the wall safe.
The various parties to report back to the Full Council meeting in May.

22/539 Motion from Councillor Chantler – Acceptable and unacceptable reasons for apologies for non-attendance at Council Meetings.

Councillor Gourlay proposed that apologies be noted at each meeting and if members are approaching non-attendance for 6 months the matter is reviewed. Councillor DePee seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: That all apologies be noted with the reason given and if individual members are approaching non-attendance for a 6 month period the apologies are reviewed.

22/540 Motion from Councillor Chantler – Further to a written request received from Little Cherubs for financial support of £3,000 in relation to rent of premises used by the charity ‘Little Cherubs’.

Councillors DePee and Sizeland having declared an interest in this agenda item left the room and took no part in the discussion.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £3,000 is made to Little Cherubs with £2,060 being taken from Earmarked Reserves and £940 from General Reserve. That any ongoing support is considered when the Council agrees a budget for 2023/24.

22/541 Motion from Councillor Adshead - This Council agrees to cancel the order placed with Batesons for the tipping trailer following advice received highlighting potential issues with towing. No further decisions will be made until the Council is in receipt of all the relevant information.

Councillor Adshead spoke to his motion that the order for the new trailer is cancelled and a further discussion takes place at the Amenities Committee to consider if and what type of trailer is required.

Councillor Sizeland proposed an amendment to the motion that the order for the trailer is put on hold rather than cancelled. Councillor Young seconded the motion. There were no further votes in favour and the original motion was carried.

RESOLVED: That if possible the order for the new trailer is cancelled and the matter is considered further by the Amenities Committee.

ACTION: The Assistant Clerk to contact the supplier to ascertain if the order can be cancelled and if the existing trailer is still legal to use.

22/542 Motion from Councillor Adshead – This Council agrees to receive legal advice with a view to withdrawing from the agreement between Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council and the PFI Agreement with Derbyshire Schools.

Councillor Adshead spoke to his motion that he was dissatisfied with the level of service at the Leisure Centre and that it is not being kept to a good standard. The original agreement allowed for the Council to benefit from profit sharing and the threshold has never been met in this respect.

The agreement states that a joint user meeting is held bi annually and it was felt that the concerns need to be brought to this meeting to give the leisure provider notice of the complaints and the ability to address them.

Councillor Adshead agreed to withdraw his motion and bring his concerns to the joint user meeting which is being held in April 2022.

The Member of the public was given the opportunity to speak following the discussion and he said that the Leisure Centre was a benefit for the community and that it would be very difficult and costly to withdraw from the agreement.

22/543 Motion from Councillor Hill – This Council looks to engage a 3rd party to deliver the recommendations made in the Memorial Park Consultation which received a majority backing of the aforementioned.

Councillor Hill spoke to his motion to propose that SHIFT are engaged to implement the proposals in their community consultation report undertaken in 2021.

The S106 money for Chapel-en-le-Frith amounting to £97,000 has to be used by the

end of 2022 and the proposals for the spending will need to have evidence of community support.

SHIFT have provided a proposal for the work at a cost of £4,500 which will be match funded with £5,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioner and £5,850 from other income streams which they will they will find. The total cost of the work being £14,850.

Councillor DePee seconded the motion.

RESOLVED: That the proposal and quote from SHIFT is accepted.

ACTION: The Clerk to place an order with SHIFT for the work.

22/544 Motion from Councillor Barton - "As a parish council, we cannot justify the running costs of the town hall to accommodate a part-time parish office. The building is currently under-utilised, not energy efficient or cost-effective to run and a liability in terms of ongoing repairs. The same applies to the adjacent building owned by the parish council that houses a business and a flat. They too need to be disposed of. I propose these assets are valued and considered being sold. The monies raised from the sale being re-invested into the new Community Hub that is being discussed with various parties to house multiple occupiers serving the community under one roof. And in the interim, I further propose that rent is reviewed for the space occupied by the library service."

Councillor Barton spoke to his motion and the proposal to consider selling the Town Hall to fund a purpose built Community Hub.

The building is not energy efficient, has limited parking and the rooms that are hired out are heavily subsidised.

The Clerk advised that the Finance Committee are considering a revaluation of the Library lease and it was agreed that this should continue.

Councillor Gourlay proposed that a working group is formed to look at the future use of the Town Hall, led by Councillor Barton. That the working group has terms of reference and that members of the public are invited to join the group.

Councillor DePee, Barton, Chantler and Hill all agreed to join the working group.

RESOLVED: That a working group is established with terms of reference led by Councillor Barton.

ACTION: Councillor Barton.

22/545 Motion from Councillor Adshead – To consider Disabled Parking Spots on Rowton Grange Road.

Councillor Adshead spoke to his motion which is a request for a disabled space to allow residents who want to use the Memorial Park easy access.

Councillor Gourlay advised that any resident can request Derbyshire County Council to provide a disabled parking space. However, a request from the Council will carry more weight.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a request to Derbyshire County Council for a disabled parking space between the main gates of the Memorial Park and the first

traffic calming hump.

ACTION: The Clerk to submit a request to Derbyshire County Council.

22/546 Report from Councillor Young – Updates required to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Young for his report and information about the High Peak Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan.

As Councillor Young has the most experience on the Council in respect of planning matters he asked if he would set up a working group which he would Chair and coordinate the updating of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Young advised that he would have to check if there would be any conflicts of interest with his membership of the Development Control Committee at High Peak Borough Council.

ACTION: Councillor Young.

22/547 To agree the Councils Learning and Development Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Councils Learning and Development Policy is adopted.

22/548 To agree the Staff Policy and Procedure Handbook.

RESOLVED: That the consideration of Handbook is deferred to the Full Council meeting in May to allow for further amendment.

22/549 To agree the Councils Employer Pension Discretion Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Councils Employer Pension Discretion Policy is adopted.

Councillor Adshead left the meeting at 9.10pm.

22/550 To agree that Concertus manage the design, procurement and delivery of a new flat roof on the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith to completion.

The Clerk provided details of a quote from Concertus to project manage the delivery of a new flat roof on the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith at a cost of £4,200 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: That the quote from Concertus is accepted and that they be appointed to manage the delivery of a new roof on the Annexe of the Town Hall.

ACTION: The Clerk to place the order with Concertus.

22/551 Councils Privacy Notice.

RESOLVED: That the Councils Privacy Notice is adopted.

22/552 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Members were provided with the details of the next meeting that is being arranged by the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

22/553 Discussion in respect of the current situation in Ukraine, including leafleting of the parish and the display of flags.

Councillor Chantler made the following proposal:

A joint public meeting is held in conjunction with Whaley Bridge Parish Council. The subject being a joint approach and responses to Ukrainian displaced people in line with the Government guidance for Local Authorities.

The Parish Council supports and endorses the locally agreed delivery model centering on the developing work of Little Cherubs in conjunction with the ongoing work being undertaken by Cllrs Chantler, Gourlay and Saxby directly with representatives of the Ukrainian authorities in Ukraine, for a pipeline of identified Ukrainian nationals arriving in the High Peak and East Cheshire areas.

It is also proposed that information will be delivered to all households in the Parish at no cost to the Council.

An offer was made by a member of the public who is able to make the Over 60's hall in Dove Holes available to provide a space for Ukrainian families to meet together. The Chairman expressed his thanks for the offer.

It was agreed that the Council will fly a Ukrainian flag on the Town Hall in Chapel-en-le-Frith.

22/554 To appoint four Nominative Trustees to the Victor Burdekin Trust.

RESOLVED: That the Councillors who are Trustees of Chapel-en-le-Frith United Charities are appointed to the Victor Burdekin Trust.

ACTION: The Clerk to advise the Victor Burdekin Trust of the appointment of new Nominative Trustees.

22/555 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Bankline payments were presented amounting to £22,468.40.

Cheques numbered 009243 to 009248 amounting to £912.50 were presented.

RESOLVED: That the authorised signatories approve the payments on Bankline payments and cheques and the accounts to which they relate be paid electronically.

22/556 Correspondence

- Response from complaint made to AXA Insurance.
- Email regarding Ukraine.
- Letter of thanks for the Community Award from Friends of Chapel Station.
- Letter from Chapel Memorial Trust offering a grant of £1,000 towards the tree sculpture in Chapel Memorial Park.

22/557 Any Other Business

- Date of the Annual Parish Meeting 20 April 2022 at 7.30pm.

22/558 Press Releases

None

22/559 Date and place of next meeting.

Tuesday 3 May 2022 in the Annexe of the Town Hall.

22/560 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Chairman gave members and update on Court proceedings in respect of the Appeal and the awarding of costs in relation to Chapel Memorial Park.

The Chairman and Clerk were asked to speak to the legal team regarding insurance indemnities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

CHAIRMAN

