

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2022

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 2 August 2022
Held in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Present:** Councillor M Chantler in the Chair
Councillors J Adshead, M Barton, A Beswick, N Gourlay, N Hill,
T Saxby, J Shephard, C Sizeland and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
- Apologies noted:** Councillor I DePee.

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

23/184 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Adshead declared an interest as a member of Chapel Bowling Club.
Councillor Hill declared an interest as a member of Chapel Bowling Club.
Councillor Barton declared an interest as he has an interest in a property adjacent to Chapel Memorial Park and will take no future part in any legal discussions.

23/185 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

23/186 Variation of Business

Councillor Sizeland advised that he wished to withdraw his motion listed as agenda item 18.
The Chairman advised that there were a number of agenda items he would be proposing are deferred until the next meeting.

23/187 Police Matters

There were no Police Officers present at the meeting.

22/188 Public Participation

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

23/189 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5 July 2022

Minutes numbered 23/136 to 23/166 were presented.

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

23/190 Matters arising from the minutes

The judging of the allotments will take place during August.

The Clerk was asked to contact Chinley and Buxworth Parish Council to see if they would support an application to Historic England for listed status on the Peak Forest Tramway.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Chinley and Buxworth Parish Council.

23/191 Outstanding actions from previous meetings

It was agreed that the revocation of the Memorial Park By-Laws is taken off the outstanding actions.

The newsletter has been produced and Councillors were asked to volunteer to deliver the newsletters in their Wards.

23/192 South Head Drive Play Area

A meeting has been arranged with the MP, local Councillors and residents on Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

The Clerk was asked to invite the Leader and Deputy Leader of High Peak Borough Council to the meeting together with the Head of Place.

It was agreed that following feedback from the meeting a further discussion will take place at the September Full Council Meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk to invite the Leader, Deputy Leader and Head of Place to the meeting.

23/193 Regulatory assessment of the proposed revocation of the Memorial Park By-Laws.

RESOLVED: That this is held in abeyance and revisited in six months.

23/194 Motion from Councillor Barton – That this Council bans the use of herbicides and pesticides, including slug pellets, with immediate effect. All existing stocks to be safely and legally disposed of.

After discussion Councillor Barton amended his motion to use organically certified herbicides and pesticides instead of banning all herbicides and pesticides including slug pellets. All existing stocks to be safely and legally disposed of.

RESOLVED: That the Council will only use organically certified herbicides and pesticides including slug pellets with immediate effect and dispose of existing stocks safely and legally.

That the Park staff are given training in the use of organic herbicides and pesticides.

ACTION: The Clerk to inform the Park Manager.

23/195 Motion from Councillor Barton – That the arrangements between this Council and the Bowling Club are agreed and formalised, after they have been scrutinised by a Working Group made up of members of this Council.

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting.

23/196 Motion from Councillor Chantler - It has been clear for some time that funding arrangements within local communities depend to a significant extent on the proactive willingness of organisations / Individuals.

To seek opportunities in obtaining funding for specific purposes, by way of grant and funding, applications set against defined criteria and outcomes.

Following discussions with interested and experienced parties I propose that Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council. Employees on a short term contract including on costs an individual to seek apply for and secure contain funding for the Parish Council.

The post holder would report directly with each committee on the PC to explain potential opportunities, secure agreement and inform on actions progress within agreed time scales.

It is the firm expectation that the anticipated that the post holder will be able to secure funding to cover all salary costs and associated expenditure associated with this development within the period of six months initially.

This post will be accordingly reviewed after this period. If the outcomes are achieved as expected, within the funding cycle, it is anticipated that the duration of the post will be extended by the PC by agreement with the post holder.

The Post will be FT 3 days per week equivalent.

The grade of this post and the salary scale will be determined by the HR Committee.

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting.

23/197 Motion from Councillor Adshead – To consider refurbishment of the paths and edging around the Bowling Green.

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting.

23/198 Motion from Councillor Adshead – To consider outsourcing of the Councils ground maintenance work.

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting.

23/199 Motion from Councillor Adshead – To avoid a possible £10K fine, hedge cutting in any of its parks and open spaces, including the Bowling Green, will cease from 1 April until 31 August annually in line with RSPB advice.

RESOLVED: That the Council will comply with Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and will not cut any hedges between 1 April and 31 August annually.

ACTION: The Clerk to inform the Park Manager.

23/200 Motion from Councillor Chantler – To ensure that the awarding panel for Community Awards is independent and not biased, the composition of the panel will include two Councillors and three members of the public. The proposal therefore is that the panel will be chaired by the Chairman of the Council with Councillor Hill and three members of the public making up the panel.

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting and members asked to make suggestions on the makeup of the awarding panel.

23/201 Motion from Councillor Sizeland – Councillors are to receive the full legal judgement of the original Court Case, in order that they can make fully informed decisions going forward, financial or otherwise.

The motion was withdrawn.

23/202 Motion from Councillor Barton – The Council agree to update its website, to include a .gov.uk domain name, improve accessibility which is good practice and to enhance communications between parishioners and this Council.

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting.

23/203 To agree the quote from 1st Alarm Security for automatic door closers

Three quotes have been sought for this work and only one company have provided a quote for the work.

Councillor Barton declared an interest in this agenda item as he knows the Directors of the Company and did not vote.

RESOLVED: That the quote of £354.60 plus VAT from 1st Alarm Security is accepted and an order is placed for the work.

23/204 Update on the Local Council Award Scheme

Members were updated on the progress with the application to the Local Council Award Scheme. At present there are five outstanding actions. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting in more detail and that the Communications Committee will consider a new Council website.

23/205 To agree the Member/Officer Communication Protocol as agreed by the Personnel Committee

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting.

23/206 To agree an amended shop front grant for 6 High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith

RESOLVED: That the offer of the shop front grant to 6 High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith is increased by £2,352, taking account of the Conservation Area uplift.

23/207 To consider signing the NALC Civility and Respect Pledge

RESOLVED: That this is deferred until the next Full Council Meeting.

23/208 Request from Chapel Business Association requesting a grant towards Christmas lights

RESOLVED: That a grant of £750 is made to purchase 50 sets of Christmas lights at £15 per set.

23/209 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Bankline payments were presented amounting to £20082.11.

Cheques numbered 009256 (Void) and 009257 amounting to £250.00 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.

Income and Expenditure to 31 July 2022 was presented to members.

23/210 Correspondence

The Financial Ombudsman have advised that they will investigate the complaint made by the Council.

A resident has made a complaint to the External Auditor who have advised that they will investigate this and there will be a fee of £355 per hour which will be charged to the Council in this respect.

23/211 Any Other Business

It was reported that a number of road traffic signs have been removed in the Parish, meaning that the traffic wardens are not able to issue parking tickets where this has happened.

The County Councillor agreed to investigate this as civil parking enforcement is a function of the County Council.

There have been a number of complaints about parking of vehicles on double yellow lines by the Kings Arms Hotel together with the number of trade waste bins that are left on the highway.

The County Council have written to the licensee of the Kings Arms Hotel and fixed penalty notices have been issued in respect of the parking of vehicles on double yellow lines.

High Peak Borough Council Environmental Health department have been asked to look at the issue with the bins.

It was noted that in the Planning consent for the bakery they were only allowed one trade waste bin.

High Peak Borough Council Licencing have been asked to confirm the arrangements for trade waste bins as part of the licence that has been granted to the Kings Arms Hotel.

Councillor Young was asked to report back to the Council on proposed actions and enforcement by Environmental Health and Licencing by High Peak Borough Council.

ACTION: Councillor Young.

23/212 Press Releases

None.

Councillor Barton left the meeting at 8pm.

**23/213 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the
Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

Update on the Appeal lodged in the High Court in respect of the Noise Abatement Order requested for Chapel Memorial Park. Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Wednesday 3 August 2022

Information on the current legal position was shared with members prior to the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 3 August 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN