

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2022

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 6 December 2022
Held in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith at 7pm.
- Present:** Councillor M Chantler in the Chair
Councillors M Barton, A Beswick, I DePee, N Hill, T Saxby,
J Shephard, C Sizeland and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
Ms E Beswick - SHIFT
- Apologies noted:** Councillors Adshead and Gourlay

At the commencement of the meeting there were no members of the public present.

23/375 Declarations of Interest

None.

23/376 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

23/377 Variation of Business

It was agreed that agenda item 13 is taken as next business.

23/378 Report on the current position of S106 funded projects for Chapel-en-le-Frith Memorial Park.

Emma Beswick reported that a meeting has been held with High Peak Borough Council procurement department with the Clerk and Councillor Hill to understand the tendering process for equipment which it is proposed to provide in Chapel Memorial Park.

Confirmation is being sought about the possible use of S106 money to pay High Peak Borough Council to undertake the tendering process.

Councillor Beswick joined the meeting.

The Derbyshire Environmental Trust are meeting in the next week in respect of the grant application submitted to them and is anticipated that there will be a decision made at that meeting.

The result of the grant application to Awards of All is still awaited and will come to the Council as SHIFT will have completed their work by the end of December.

Norse have been asked if they are able to write a tender specification for the path resurfacing.

There will be a planned handover from SHIFT handover to the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked SHIFT for the support given with the S106 money spend where they have been sensitive to recent difficulties and remained focused on the best outcome for the community.

23/379 Police Matters

PC Carl Davies provided a report of crime that has taken place in Dove Holes in the last month. PC Davies advised that he will be looking to undertake some community engagement in the New Year.

The Clerk has asked if a similar report can be presented to the Council for the remainder of the Parish.

It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the local Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and the anti-social behaviour officer at High Peak Borough Council to arrange to meet on a regular basis to monitor noise and anti-social behaviour issues in Chapel Memorial Park, following the issuing by the Court of an Abatement Order. The Council will be looking to receive a monthly report on this issue.

Derbyshire Police have responded to a Freedom of Information request regarding the number of noise/antisocial behaviour incidents reported to them in the 12 month period from October 2021. The same information has been provided by High Peak Borough Council.

Members have volunteered to accompany the Police on patrols in the Parish.

22/380 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

23/381 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1 November 2022

Minutes numbered 23/326 to 23/350 were presented.

Minute number 23/648 was amended to read that it has been suggested in the future Councillors make a contribution towards the poppy wreaths...

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

23/382 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 3 November 2022

Minutes numbered 23/358 to 23/359 were presented.

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

23/383 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 1 December 2022

Minutes numbered 23/373 to 23/374 were presented.

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

23/384 Matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk reported that the Water Plus have not yet resolved the problem with the Town Hall water supply billing and the Council will be updated at the next meeting.

Derbyshire County Council have confirmed that the proposed increase in fees at Chapel Leisure Centre has been confirmed against the formula in the contract and is acceptable.

23/385 Outstanding actions from previous meetings

Land purchase at Whitehough – Wain Homes have confirmed that they are unable to deal with the transfer of land until all their planning conditions have been signed off by High Peak Borough Council.

Leaflet Dispensers – All the leaflet dispensers are in place.

Litter Bins – This matter is currently being dealt with by the Amenities Committee.

Chapel Market Rights – The Office of the MP have confirmed that they continue to pursue the matter with the Duchy of Lancaster.

Registration of Title Deeds and Documents –A cost for the registration of Deeds and Documents has been requested from the Councils Solicitors.

Derbyshire County Council Rights of Way department have not yet given a view on a change of status of part of the Peak Forest Tramway to designate it as a bridleway.

The Community Payback team have been approached to paint railings in Chapel Memorial Park and have not yet responded.

There is some updating of the defibrillator sites on the website that is outstanding.

A quote for a new Freedom of the Parish board has been requested.

23/386 Update on South Head Drive Play Area

Councillor Hill reported that despite agreeing to a further public meeting High Peak Borough Council have now advised that they will not be attending as they do not want to undertake a negotiation in the public arena.

Members were disappointed that this matter has remained unresolved for over 20 years and there appears to be no forthcoming resolution from High Peak Borough Council, despite a S106 agreement which has not been fulfilled.

In addition to the play area it was noted that there are four areas of public open space with no agreed maintenance plan.

The Clerk was asked to contact the MP to ask if he will again raise these issues with High Peak Borough Council as the situation for residents needs to be resolved as a matter of urgency.

It was agreed that a further public meeting is called to update residents and that the Communications Committee consider issuing a press release about this matter.

23/387 Update on 9 High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith

It was noted that the property is prominent in the Conservation Area and that a resolution to the public safety order that High Peak Borough Council served on the owners of the property has not been actioned in over 2 years.

The Planning Manager at High Peak Borough Council has advised that a report will be presented to members and therefore they are unable to comment further on any proposed actions until a member decision has been made.

Members advised that they receive complaints from the public on a regular basis about the length of time it is taking to seek a resolution and there are real concerns for public safety.

23/388 Motion from Councillor Barton deferred from the Council meeting on 1 November 2022 – To agree an increase in the Chairmans Allowance for 2022/23 to £750 to take account of the additional time incurred during the year over and above the normal duties expected of the Chairman.

Councillor Chantler left the room whilst this agenda item was discussed.

Councillor Barton proposed that the Chairman receive a further payment of £450 as an allowance for the current year. That this is funded by the Councillors Allowances not taken up due to vacancies and Councillors who have declined to take an allowance.

Councillor Young seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman should receive an additional allowance of £450 for £2022/23 due to exceptional duties he has had to undertake in the year.

23/389 Remembrance Sunday wreaths – agreement to seek legal advice from NALC.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Clerks in neighbouring Parishes who also make a \$137 donation to the Royal British Legion in respect of wreaths laid at the War Memorials in the Parish on behalf of residents.

It was noted that High Peak Borough Council supply wreaths to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to lay wreaths at the War Memorials in Glossop and Buxton. If individual Borough Councillors wish to lay wreaths at War Memorials in their local community the Councillor pays for that wreath.

Councillor Barton proposed that no advice was necessary from NALC as the Parish Council wreaths are laid on behalf of residents. Councillor Hill seconded the motion.

RESOLVED: That it is not necessary to seek advice from NALC.

23/390 Sale of redundant trailer.

The Amenities Committee have agreed to scrap the redundant trailer (Minute 23/299), as it is not roadworthy, following the purchase of a new trailer.

An offer of £25 has been received.

Councillor Young proposed that the offer is accepted which was seconded by Councillor De Pee.

A recorded vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTION
Councillor Chanter	Councillor Sizeland	Councillor Shephard
Councillor Young		Councillor Saxby
Councillor Barton		
Councillor Beswick		
Councillor DePee		
Councillor Hill		

RESOLVED: That the offer of £25 is accepted.

23/391 To agree the mechanism for calculating the Bowling Club rent.

RESOLVED: That a 10% inflationary increase is applied to the rent for 2022/23. That discussions take place with the Bowling Club about the management of the Bowling Green and associated fees for 2023/24.

23/392 Motion from Councillor Sizeland - It has transpired that we have been using a bowser trailer that was not at any time authorised to use the British road network. Can the PC conduct a due diligence check to confirm that there is no other equipment in a similar state.

RESOLVED: That the motion is added to the next Amenities Committee agenda.

23/393 To agree a budget of £400 plus Vat for an independent review of Park and Town Hall staff pay scales.

RESOLVED: That DALC HR are asked to review pay scales against the Green Book for three roles at a cost of £300 plus VAT.

23/394 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Bankline payments were presented amounting to £19579.92.
Cheques numbered 009265 to 009269 amounting to £243.00 were presented.
The Clerk was asked to check if disposal of tractor tyres was included in the quote.
It was confirmed that the Risk Management report will be provided by PIB once payment has been received.

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

Income and Expenditure to 30 November 2022 was presented to members.

23/395 Correspondence

- Email re Chapel Market Cross. The Duchy of Lancaster are preparing plan of works for the maintenance of the Cross.
- Email from Historic England re Peak Forest Tramway Listing to advise they are not able to progress the Listing application. Councillor Sizeland and the Clerk were thanked for their work in presenting the case to Historic England.
- Confirmation from DCC that a Warm Space Grant has been agreed.

23/396 Finance and Town Hall Committee proposed meeting date 15 December 2022 at 7pm.

RESOLVED: That the meeting is deferred until January 2023.

23/397 Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Council will look at meeting in different locations in the Spring.

It was reported that two new commercial bins have been placed on the highway by the Kings Arms Hotel.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all the members and staff who helped with the organisation of the Community Awards event.

23/398 Press Releases

Community Awards
South Head Drive Play Area
9 High Street

**23/399 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the
Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

Correspondence from Rradar Solicitors was presented in relation to the forthcoming conclusion of the Court proceedings.

It was agreed at the end of the Court proceedings a joint statement with the Councils legal representatives will be issued as the matter remains confidential at present. At the same time the Council will consider instigating an independent review.

The Chairman wished all members and staff a Happy Christmas and New Year and it was confirmed that staff will work until 11am on 23 December 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN