

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JANUARY 2023

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 3 January 2023
Held in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith at 7pm.
- 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

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

The Chairman wished members a Happy New Year and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

Councillor Barton left the meeting after sharing his views about the meeting being recorded.

The Chairman asked members to stand for a minutes silence following the death of Peter Harrison who was a former Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Council.

23/412 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hill declared an interest as a member of Chapel Bowling Club and advised that he would leave the room when Bowling Club matters were being discussed. Councillor Adshead declared an interest as a member of Chapel Bowling Club and advised that he would take part in any discussion but not vote on any matters. Councillor Sizeland declared an interest as he is an adjacent landowner to the Leys Allotment site.

23/413 Dispensations

Two dispensations have been granted to Councillor Sizeland.

23/414 Variation of Business

Councillor Chantler advised that he was withdrawing his motion - agenda item 13.

23/415 Police Matters

The Police provided crime statistics for December 2022, covering Chapel-en-le-Frith and Dove Holes.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the reports to members so they are able to read them prior to the meeting if possible.

It was noted that there have been road traffic incidents reported to members in relation to the traffic lights outside 9 High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith, that have not been reported to the Police.

Ongoing anti-social behaviour has been dealt with by the Police at Dove Holes Station and it was noted that needs to be resolved before any artwork is placed on the Station platform in Dove Holes.

The report gave details of a child being enticed into a vehicle and the Clerk was asked to query why this was reported under anti-social behaviour.

ACTIONS: The Clerk.

22/416 Public Participation

Councillor Saxby left the meeting to read out a letter from a member of the public about the delay in re-opening the Leys Allotment Site.

Councillor Sizeland left the meeting for this agenda item.

The Clerk was asked to provide a response to the member of the public outlining the reasons for the delay.

ACTIONS: The Clerk

Councillor Saxby re-joined the meeting.

23/417 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6 December 2022

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

It was noted that the minutes did not make clear that the sale of the trailer was to a person connected to the Council.

The Clerk advised that the sale had not progressed and the trailer had now been scrapped in line with the Amenities Committee resolution.

It was noted that the matter had been referred to the Monitoring Officer and no further action had been taken.

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

23/418 Matters arising from the minutes

Derbyshire County Council have confirmed that they will consider the application in respect of the Peak Forest Tramway for bridleway status as part of the National Cycle Network initiative.

The Clerk was asked to escalate the lack of response from the Community Payback team regarding the painting of the Memorial Park railings.

It was agreed that the future locations of Council meetings will be left for the new Council to decide after the May elections.

It was agreed that the Council will consider at the February Full Council meeting the date of the Annual Meeting in May 2023 in relation to local elections.

ACTIONS: The Clerk

23/419 Outstanding actions from previous meeting

- Update on the disposal of tractor tyres
- Updating the website defibrillator site page using 'what three words'
- Update on the new Townsman board

23/420 Update on South Head Drive Play Area

Members were circulated with a response from High Peak Borough Council to a question raised at their last meeting by a member of the public about the play area. It was noted that the response was the same as that given to Councillor Hill.

Councillor Hill advised that he had been contacted by a member of the public about the broken fence by the brook and the health and safety implications. He advised that he has passed on contact details for High Peak Borough Council and Barratt Homes.

It was agreed that the maintenance of the public open space areas together with the play area falls under the S106 agreement and also needs to be addressed.

It was agreed that a further public meeting is held in the next 6 weeks and an invitation is sent to all who attended the last meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact the MP for an update.

ACTIONS: The Clerk

23/421 Update on 9 High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Members were circulated with a response from High Peak Borough Council to a question raised at their last meeting by a member of the public about 9 High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Members were advised that High Peak Borough Councillor Kath Sizeland is still pursuing enforcement action and that a number of options are being considered.

Councillor Young was asked to report back with an update on any enforcement at the February meeting.

Members were concerned that there have been a number of near misses with drivers not stopping at red lights together with the businesses in the immediate area suffering a loss of earnings.

It was also noted that when the road closes in Whaley Bridge for bridge repairs additional traffic will be using the route through Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Councillor Saxby proposed that High Peak Borough Council are asked if there has been a further structural survey undertaken by either the Borough Council or the owner since the initial survey and if so has there been any further movement of the wall increasing the safety risk.

Councillor Hill seconded the motion and all members were in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact High Peak Borough Council to ask if a further structural survey has been undertaken and if this has shown any further movement in the wall and increased risk to public safety.

ACTIONS: The Clerk

23/422 Report on the current position of S106 funded projects for Chapel-en-le-Frith Memorial Park.

A final report from SHIFT has been produced and circulated.

The outcome of the funding bid to Derbyshire Environmental Trust should be made in early January.

Members were advised that a further meeting has been arranged with the Procurement Officer at High Peak Borough Council in relation to the procurement of equipment and paths using the S106 money.

23/423 Motion from Councillor Chantler – That the Council agrees to publish along with the minutes of the Council meeting the full details of the commentary as read out at the Community Awards Ceremony.

The Clerk reported that there was no written commentary from the Community Awards Ceremony.

It was noted that one of the recipients asked that their details or any photograph is not publically released.

It was agreed that the Communications Committee will deal with the matter and any GDPR issues.

ACTION: Communications Committee.

23/424 Motion from Councillor Chantler – That following the meeting between representatives of the Council and Chapel Bowling Club the sum of £20,000 is added to next year’s budget for improvements as identified at the meeting.

Motion withdrawn.

23/425 Motion from Councillor Gourlay – ‘This Council resolves to apply for a new grit bin from Derbyshire County Council, to be sited at Needhams Recreation Ground, and to be available for residents of Ashbourne Lane’.

Members were informed that there is a list of all grit bins on the Derbyshire County Council mapping portal.

RESOLVED: That an application is made to Derbyshire County Council for the grit bin. In addition that a call is put out on the Councils Facebook page asking people to put forward sites for additional grit bins, to be considered by the Amenities Committee.

ACTIONS: The Clerk and Amenities Committee.

Councillor Hill left the meeting for the next agenda item.

23/426 Motion from Councillor Adshead –

1. That the Council agrees to put £22k into the budget in 2023 for Health & Safety improvements around the Bowling Green including the building of a Ladies toilet. The full budget will take Chapel Bowling Green to the standards of the membership.

2. That the council gives the green light to the latest quote from Melvyn Bowden re the Leys Allotments. Despite efforts to get others to quote he is still the cheapest at £950 per day. My recommendation is we allow £6K to be allocated.

3. That the Council agree to put money into the next year's budget for a refurb and upgrade to the staff canteen.

4. That the Council puts £15k into the budget that will allow the MUGA to be covered creating a better user experience and that the Council are mindful of the aesthetics when procuring.

5. That the Council allow a budget to be fixed by all members, that our Park Manager alongside the Nature Group can be used to encourage wildlife into the park. Bug Hotels, Nesting Boxes etc

6. That the Council agree to a budget of £5K to Repair / Refurb / Upgrade all entrances to the Memorial Park and to seek assistance with the painting of all external railings.

Councillor Adshead advised that the improvements to the bowling green can be broken down into three areas of work. These being the wooden sleepers around the bowling green, the reinstatement of the paths around the bowling green and the provision of a ladies toilet.

It was noted that there may be grant funding available for some of the proposed work. It was agreed that the health and safety issues should be prioritised and that other work is undertaken over a two year period.

It was felt that the bowling club needs to make it clearer how members of the public can join the bowling club if the Council are to fund major improvements.

Councillor Hill re-joined the meeting.

Councillor Sizeland left the meeting while the Leys Allotments were discussed.

It was agreed that quotes for work on the Leys Allotments will be presented to the next Full Council meeting for approval.

RESOLVED: That the Amenities Committee consider the work proposed in the motion when setting the 2023/24 budget and precept.

ACTION: The Clerk and Amenities Committee.

23/427 Motion from Councillor Adshead - That the Council considers who is nominated as a group first before submitting to any panel for judging and that the awards are limited so that it does not cheapen them.

RESOLVED: That the Communications Committee consider some guidelines as to the number of Awards to make each year together with the criteria and matrix for judging, when the new Council is in place in May.

23/428 Update on Memorial Park CCTV.

The Clerk reported that four quotes have been sought. To date one has been received and a second quote is expected following a site visit in December. One company has indicated that they will not be able to quote due to commencing a large contract and the fourth company has not engaged.

ACTIONS: The Clerk to chase up the quotes.

23/429 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Bankline payments were presented amounting to £11,388.23.
Cheque numbered 009270 amounting to £300.00 were presented.

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.

23/430 Correspondence

- Email from Rural/Market Towns Group

The Council agreed not to renew the subscription and it was agreed that no further action is required.

- Correspondence from Water Plus

The Clerk was asked to obtain further information from WaterPlus regarding the acceptance of the liability from the Council in relation to water payments.

- Letter from D Pilkington

The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Pilkington to advise that the County Councillor will consider requests for disabled spaces to pass on to officers. Also to note that blue badge holders are allowed to park on yellow lines in addition to marked disabled spaces.

- Notification of external auditor appointment for 2022 -23 financial year for the 5 year period to 2026-27
- Email from M Davidson

The Clerk was asked to respond to say that his email regarding the number of meetings that have not been quorate has been brought to the attention of the Council. However, the Council does not have a full complement of members at present and from time to time members have personal/work commitments that come before Council meetings.

- Letter from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

Councillor Gourlay declared an interest in the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service as a County Council member.

The Clerk reported that the Fire and Rescue Service did an unannounced visit to the Town Hall in respect of the 'Warm Room' provision. The Clerk reported that

members of staff undertook fore training in 2022 and there were no matters to bring to the attention of the Council.

23/431 Meeting to agree budgets for the Amenities Committee, Town Hall and Finance Committee and Communications Committee on 17 January 2023 at 7.15pm.

RESOLVED: That the meeting to agree budgets is arranged for 17 January 2023.

23/432 Any Other Business (For discussion only)

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the gutters on the Townend Bus Shelter need some attention.

It was confirmed that the Communications Committee will consider any celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles 111.

It was noted that Derbyshire County Council have advised that they will undertake some maintenance work on the tramway and the Clerk advised that they have been provided with a key to the gate to allow access.

23/433 Press Releases

To be considered by the Communications Committee.

23/434 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

- Update on the legal proceedings from Rradar Solicitors

The expected correspondence from the Councils Solicitors has not yet been received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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