

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 5th September 2024 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

Present: Cllrs J Adshead, T Dales (Chair), M Drabble, A Foreshow-Cain, J Perkins, C Williams, S Young,

In Attendance: Ms G Turner (Locum Clerk). Mrs E Howe (Assistant Clerk), Borough/County Councillor N Gourlay, Borough Councillor S DePee

Apologies: Cllrs Beswick and Chantler.

25/198 To make any Declarations of Interests Nil

25/199 To consider any applications for Dispensations Nil

25/200 It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 17 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

25/201 To agree any variations of order of business Nil

25/202 Candidates for current Councillor Vacancies Nil

25/203 Police matters No police officers were in attendance however they did submit a Crime Statistics Report which was circulated to members.

25/204 Public Speaking There were three members of the public present at the meeting, who attended to observe as potential Councillor applicants.

Councillor Gourlay spoke again about the need for the Parish Council to improve its governance with regard to finance and its attitude to risk.

Borough Councillor DePee stated that additional litter bins are to be installed in Rowton Grange Road and Park Road. A bin survey is also to be carried out to determine the bin needs of Chapel en le Frith as a whole.

The owner of the Kings Arms is in the process of turning the pub into 6 rentable short term lets and Environmental Services have confirmed that they have no issue with the skip and other materials, associated with the conversion, currently on the front of the property. BC DePee confirmed that the exterior of the building will not be altered and that it is also not listed.

Following the rave/disorder in the car park at the Shoulder of Mutton in August there were 22 complaints made to HPBC Environmental Health and 12 to the police/licensing. The Landlady and Robinsons Brewery have been spoken with and the Landlady has been asked to apologise to the community.

It was noted that HPBC is putting together a plan with costings for the necessary repairs to 9 Market Street and costs will be recuperated in full via a charge on the property.

There have been reports of children entering the abandoned property on Grange Park Road. The police, fire and HPBC Building Inspectors have all inspected the

site and arrangements are being made to make the property more secure.

BC DePee asked the Parish Council what the current position is regarding the Market Cross. HPBC have said that they were contacting Historic England to request a survey on its safety.

Action: Assistant Clerk to chase HPBC

BC DePee stated that only one of the trees on Market Place needs to be removed to enable the refurbishment of the public toilets to take place and therefore could the Parish Council reconsider why it feels all 3 trees need removing. It was noted that although, due to public safety concerns, the Parish Council's preference would be for all the trees to be removed and new native trees planted elsewhere in the parish, it had not written to HPBC in this regard. The Parish Council is only a consultee in this matter and therefore the decision on which and how many trees need to be removed on the Market Place is the decision of the Borough Council.

It was noted that the refurbishment of the public toilets on Market Place will now take place in January 2025, so as not to disrupt any of the already planned events taking place over the next few months.

BC DePee suggested that the Parish Council could approach local businesses and community groups with a view to obtaining sponsorship for some of the flower tubs in the centre of the village.

25/205 To approve minutes of previous meeting It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign as being a true and correct record the minutes of the Council meeting of 6th August 2024.

25/206 Planning applications The following applications were considered:

- HPK/2024/0268 (Chapel-en-le-Frith Railway Station Marsh Green, Chapel): No objection.
- HPK/2024/0353 (1st Chapel en le Frith Scout Hut, Thornbrook Road, Chapel): No objection.
- NP/HPK/0724/0739 (Valley House, Lesser Lane, Combs): No objection.

25/207 Planning appeals Nil.

25/208 Planning Decision Notices

- HPK/2024/028 (Hardcastle Mews, Terrace Road, Chapel): Approved
- HPK/2024/0253 (41 Beresford Road, Chapel): Approved
- HPK/2024/0127 (Langness, Eccles Road, Chapel): Approved
- HPK/2023/0563 (The Smithy, Ashbourne Lane, Chapel): Approved

25/209 Reports from Council committees/working groups

- a. Personnel Committee: It was confirmed that the process and timeframe for the recruitment of a new Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer has been finalised.

The following policies were reviewed by the committee and will be circulated to the October full council meeting for approval:

- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Compassionate Leave Policy

- b. Police Liaison Working Group: Councillor Dale reported that PC Simpson has now left the area and PC Schofield will be taking over. PCSO Karen Green from the Buxton Safer Neighbourhood Team has recommenced periodic

surgeries in the Town Hall.

Key insights taken from the Crime Statistics Report are:

- Violent Crime: Notable decrease in incidents from 2023 to 2024.
- Theft: Number of incidents has remained relatively stable.
- Burglary: Slight decrease.
- Anti-Social Behaviour: Significant reduction in incidents.

It was also confirmed that there had been no recent incidents relating to the MUGA or Memorial Park.

c. Regeneration & Communications Committee:

Councillor Dale stated that the Newsletter is ready for publication. It will be sent out predominantly electronically but some copies will be printed for hand delivery in the Coombs area to gauge residents preferred format. If Councillors would like paper copies of the Newsletter please contact the Assistant Clerk.

The next edition will be the Christmas edition which will be published in November.

A donation of £1,306.79 has been received from the Little Cherubs Chairty to enable the swing at the War Memorial Park to be repaired.

Feedback on the recently installed trim trail has been positive and it was noted that the Memorial Park was well used over the summer.

The noticeboards and interpretation boards purchased using the S106 monies are progressing.

Following discussion Councillor Foreshew-Cain proposed and Councillor Perkins seconded that the noticeboard to be installed at the main entrance to the Memorial Park, and which will include a map, should be delayed until after the site for the new memorial garden has been established. All agreed.

d. Finance & Town Hall Committee: Councillor Williams stated that a meeting had not yet been arranged.

It was agreed that following the Bowling Club Working Group meeting, the Finance and Town Hall Committee would meet to consider any recommendations and review the Bowling Club contract.

e. Bowling Club Working Group:

It was noted that the Working Group had not yet had the opportunity to meet.

It was agreed that it was not in the remit of the Finance and Town Hall Committee to impose its will on the Bowling Club working group, but rather to receive and consider any recommendations made by them.

Councillor Williams proposed and Councillor Young seconded that Councillor Beswick should be co-opted onto the working group.

Action: Locum Clerk to arrange a meeting of the working group

- f. Town Hall & 47-49 Market Street Working Group:
A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 17th September.

25/210 Finance It was resolved to:

- a. Approve the attached schedule of accounts for payment (totals £13,433.66).

25/211 To discuss use of Social Media It was agreed that it was not appropriate for Councillors to comment on social medial posts relating to the Parish Council and that the Social Media Policy should be updated to reflect this.

25/212 Update Regarding the parking issues at the Town Hall including CCTV upgrade A quote in the sum of £696 plus VAT, from the Parish Council's CCTV provider, to extend coverage to the front of the Town Hall, was circulated to members.

It was agreed that the Parish Council has a duty of care to its staff and users of the Town Hall and Councillor Young therefore proposed and Councillor Williams seconded that the quote should be accepted and the CCTV coverage extended to the front of the Town Hall.

It was also agreed that a lone worker policy should also be put in place.

Action: Assistant Clerk to contact the CCTV provider

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25/213 To note any court-case matters.

It was noted that the Chair has contacted the barrister to arrange a site visit.

25/214 Date of next meeting It was resolved that this will be on Tuesday 1st October 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

CHAIR