

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 6th August 2024 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

**Present:** Cllrs J Adshead (from agenda item 13(c)), A Beswick, M Chantler, T Dales (Chair), A Foreshew-Cain, J Perkins, C Williams, S Young,

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

**Apologies:** Cllr M Drabble.

**25/154 To make any Declarations of Interests** Nil

**25/155 To consider any applications for Dispensations** Nil

**25/156 It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda items 18, 21 and 23 (2450) on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

**25/157 To agree any variations of order of business** It was agreed to move items 18, 21 and 23 to be the last 3 items on the Agenda.

**25/158 Candidates for current Councillor vacancies** Nil

**25/159 Police matters** No police officers were in attendance.

**25/160 Public Speaking** There were two members of the public present at the meeting, who attended to observe as potential Councillor applicants.

Councillor Goulay spoke on behalf of a family who wished to place a memorial bench in the park. It was noted that memorials in the park will be an agenda item for the Regeneration and Communications Committee meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

It was also noted that one of the trees on the marketplace is causing problems with the toilet block and flag stones. HPBC are intending to refurbish the toilets and as part of the refurbishment the large tree in the marketplace will need to be removed.

It was also suggested that the Parish Council could consider publishing monthly accounts showing where the finances are compared to the budget and aid residents understanding of the Parish Council's medium to longer term plans.

Councillor Goulay also gave an update on the house on High Street where the temporary traffic lights are sited. The Planning Office is putting together the papers for the Executive, however no action is likely until the next financial year due to HPBC spending constraints.

Alistair Beswick spoke as a member of the Chapel-en-le-Frith Biodiversity Group about the incident over the weekend at the memorial park, that involved children abusing hedgehogs that were about during the day. He commented that the Parish Council needs to raise awareness in the community of this issue and consider contacting the Wildlife Police if it continues. It was decided that this item should be discussed at the next Regeneration and Communications Committee Meeting.

**25/161 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

**25/162 Planning applications** The following applications were considered:

- HPK/2024/0253 (41 Beresford Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith): No Objection
- HPK/2024/0274 (111 Moorings, Manchester Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith): No Objection
- HPK/2024/0288 Sutton Grange, Hardcastle Mews, Terrace Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith): No Objection
- HPK/2024/0290 (Land off Bowden Hey Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith): No Objection
- HPK/2024/0307 (Meadow Bank, Whitehough Head Lane, Whitehough): No Objection
- HPK/2024/0313 (Highleigh, Ashbourne Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith): No Objection

**25/163 Planning appeals** 36 Burnfield Road – no further comment.

**25/164 Planning Decision Notices** Nil.

**25/165 Reports from Council committees/working groups**

- a. Personnel Committee: The job description and personal spec have been finalised as has where to advertise the vacancy to maximise applications. It was agreed to wait until Autumn before advertising the vacancy.
- b. Police Liaison Working Group: Nil report
- c. Regeneration & Communications Committee:

Councillor Adshead joined the meeting.

The accounts relating to the S106 money was circulated to members. It was noted that the total unallocated amount remaining is £324.

It was suggested that perhaps this money could be used towards putting bark down around the trim trail where water tends to collect.

The Assistant Clerk informed members that the Park Manager has already put some bark in the area and is also looking at potential drainage solutions to the waterlogging that occurs during periods of wet weather.

Councillor Adshead reported that a survey of the drains at the memorial park had been undertaken a number of years ago and this would be a good starting point for any discussions.

**Action: Ast Clerk to find plans for next week's Regeneration & Communications meeting**

The Chair stated that Councillor Drabble is continuing to work on adding linktree to the website and requested that Councillors send their profiles and photos (if they feel comfortable with these being on the website) to her as soon as possible.

The Chair informed members that the Newsletter is ready for publication and will be circulated to the next Regeneration & Communications Committee meeting for approval. A draft will be circulated to all Councillors.

The Council is still looking to build on the Newsletter's distribution list and anyone interested in receiving a copy should contact the Locum Clerk or Assistant Clerk.

- d. Finance & Town Hall Committee: Councillor Chantler expressed his dissatisfaction that the meeting scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> July had been cancelled without consultation with the other attendees and that no explanation of the reason had been given.

Councillor Williams apologised for taking the decision to cancel the meeting without consultation and outlined to members his reasons for making the decision.

It was agreed that communication between the Committees, Working Groups and Full Council needs to be improved.

- e. Bowling Club Working Group: Councillor Foreshaw-Cain proposed and Councillor Chantler seconded that the Bowling Club Working Group should sit as a sub-Group of the Finance & Town Hall Committee. All agreed.
- f. Town Hall & 47-49 Market Street Working Group: Locum Clerk to arrange a meeting.

**25/166 Finance** It was resolved to:

- a. Approve the attached schedule of accounts for payment (totals £27,887.84).

**25/167 To review updated Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee and the Regeneration & Communications Committee** The updated Terms of Reference for both Committees were approved.

**25/168 Motion from Councillor Adshead: That this Parish Council reviews the policy in place that covers bereaved families wanting to donate benches in memory of lost ones** Councillor Adshead proposed and Councillor Beswick seconded that the Parish Council reviews its inferred policy on memorials and puts a proper written policy in place. This will be an agenda item for the Regeneration and Communications Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**25/169 To discuss parking issues at the Town Hall** It was noted that local residents have taken to parking their vehicles in the parking area in front of the Town Hall and that both the Caretaker and Assistant Clerk have been verbally abused when asking the residents not to do so.

It was agreed that if any further verbal abuse is experienced the police should be notified.

Councillor Beswick proposed and Councillor Chantler seconded that the Parish Council should investigate engaging a parking management company to monitor the parking spaces.

It was also agreed that the CCTV should be extended to cover the front parking area.

**Action: Ast Clerk to contact the CCTV provider**

**25/170 To consider correspondence from Hathersage Parish Council re the Swimming Pool** Follow discussion it was resolved that due to financial constraints the Parish Council is unable to support the proposal at the current time.

**25/171 To consider plans from HPBC to remove a tree from the Market Place as part of the toilet facility renovations** It was agreed that the Parish Council's preference would be that all 3 trees are removed and the flags that have been pushed up by the tree roots relayed. It was agreed that due to health and safety concerns the trees should not be replaced in the Market Place but an alternative site for 3 new trees should be found.

It was also noted that during the last works undertaken on the toilets the drainage grid became blocked which causes it to now overflow and water to run down the steps. In winter this water freezes causing the steps to be extremely hazardous.

It was agreed that this item should be placed on the next Regeneration and Communications Committee agenda for further consideration of this matter.

**25/172 Date of next meeting** It was resolved that this will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

### **FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**25/173 Motion from Cllr Chantler: As a matter of some urgency to analyse and if required take immediate remedial measures. In the contract with the external monthly provider of the inspection reports of parks and open spaces. Including the accuracy quality detail of all reports. When they are received and how and when these are acted on by council staff. Including how these are reported to members of the council and any previous concerns raised.**

Following discussion it was resolved to write to the Playground Inspection Company regarding the Parish Council's concerns about the quality of the reports.

It was agreed that the monthly Playground Inspection Reports should be presented at the Regeneration and Communications Committee meetings.

**25/174 Complaint received regarding governance during the budget process** Noted.

**25/175 To note any court-case matters** It was agreed that it is necessary to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council's solicitors prior to the court case taking place.

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.19pm

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CHAIR