

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 11 June 2024 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

Present: Cllrs J Adshead (from agenda item 13), M Chantler, M Drabble, A Foreshew-Cain, J Perkins, C Williams, S Young

In Attendance: P Leppard (Locum Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs A Beswick, T Dales

25/85 To make any Declarations of Interests Cllr Williams declared an interest as a near neighbour to the site of Planning application HPK/2024/0143.

25/86 To consider any applications for Dispensations Nil

25/87 To agree any variations of order of business Nil

25/88 Candidates for current councillor vacancies Nil

25/89 Police matters No police officers were in attendance. A written report from them re recent incidents was noted.

25/90 Public Speaking No members of the public were present.

25/91 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 7 May.

25/92 Planning applications The following applications were considered:

- HPK/2024/0182 (4 Fern Bank): No objection, provided construction materials in-keeping with surrounding buildings
- HPK/2024/0127 (Langness, Eccles Rd): No objection, provided construction materials in-keeping with surrounding buildings
- DET/2024/0018 (37, Manchester Rd): Noted
- HPK/2024/0143 (former DCC works dept, Ashbourne La): The Council strongly objects on the following grounds:
 - Proposed buildings too tall by comparison with the adjacent houses, which will become unreasonably overshadowed
 - Part of the site is on the route of the former Peak Forest Tramway, and the application does not indicate how extant elements (some currently buried) will be appropriately protected.
 - The adjacent roads are unsuitable for heavy vehicles, yet these will surely need to be part of the business's operations, and thus the site appears intrinsically unsuitable for the intended use.
 - The junctions to which Ashbourne La leads at its respective ends are far from ideal for coping with the extra traffic generated.
 - The premises, once in use, will generate light- and noise-pollution and odours to an extent unacceptable in a residential area. There therefore needs to be a full environmental assessment of the proposals.
 - In the event that the application, despite the above, is approved, there needs to be a restriction on the hours of operation of the plant, to prevent disturbance to residents outside normal working hours.

25/93 Planning appeals Nil

25/94 Planning Decision Notices A number of these were noted.

25/95 Reports from Council committees/working groups

- a. Personnel Committee: Nil report
- b. Police Liaison Working Group: Nil report
- c. Regeneration & Communications Committee: Nil report

25/96 Recommendations from the Finance & Town Hall Committee's minutes of 7 June It was resolved to:

- a. approve the Committee's proposed changes to its Terms of Reference.
- b. adopt the draft revised Financial Regulations which had been circulated to members.
- c. note the Committee's decision to defer Town Hall roof repairs *sine die*.
- d. support the Committee's wish to create a 'Future of the Town Hall' working group. It was resolved that this be comprised of Cllrs Chantler, Drabble, Foresheew-Cain, Perkins, Williams and Young.
- e. *(was deferred to confidential section of the meeting)*

25/97 Finance It was resolved to:

- a. approve the attached schedule of accounts for payment (totals £80,007.29 + £1,587.86).
- b. authorise the Clerk to draw down £80,000.00 from the Council's agreed loan arrangement. **Action: Clerk**

25/98 Chapel Park Bowling Club It was noted that the Council's working-group had not yet met. It was resolved that the Asst Clerk would now call a meeting.

Action: Asst Clerk

25/99 Chapel war memorial Noting that an offer to fully fund the cleaning had now been received, it was resolved to obtain an estimate from the provider of the already-approved method of work. **Action: Clerk**

25/100 Court-case matters It was noted that there will be a case-management hearing on 21 June.

25/101 Date of next meeting It was resolved that this will be on Tuesday 2 July.

25/102 Exclusion of press & public It was resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the following items, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1.

25/103 Filling of Parish Clerk vacancy Applications received to date were noted, and next steps were agreed.

25/104 47/49 High St A number of possible actions re this property were discussed. They will be considered further by the 'Future of the Town Hall' working group alluded to above.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

CHAIR