

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on 12th November 2024 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

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

In Attendance: Ms. G Turner (Clerk). Mrs E Howe (Assistant Clerk),

Apologies: Cllrs A Beswick, T Gilfillan and J Perkins

25/270 To make any Declarations of Interests

Councillor Dales declared an interest in Agenda item 13c as the Finance & Town Hall Committee will include details of a meeting held with the Bowling Club as part of its update.

25/271 To consider any applications for Dispensations Nil

25/272 It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 20 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

25/273 To agree any variations of order of business Nil

25/274 To consider co-option of any known candidates for current Councillor Vacancies

The Assistant Clerk reported that she had received an application from a candidate who was eligible for co-opt to the Parish Council.

Councillor Dales proposed and Councillor Williams seconded that Tom Gouldburn should be co-opted as Parish Councillor. All unanimously **agreed** and Tom Gouldburn was duly co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

25/275 Police matters Neither PCSO Karen Green nor PC Jake Schofield were able to attend the meeting, however they submitted a summary of incidents in the parish over the last month.

There were 5 residential burglaries, which do not appear to be linked. This included a distraction burglary where 2 males completed minimal garden work for an excessive fee and then one of the males entered the property and stole £1,600.

Councillor Dales stated that he had spoken with the PSCO regarding adding a piece from the Police in the newsletter.

25/276 Public Speaking There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Borough Councillor DePee spoke about the success of the recent Pension Credit event, where 8 organisations attended, offering advice to between 15 and 20 people. It is hoped that further sessions will be arranged in different locations so that a wider area can be reached.

Following a complaint a bin survey has been undertaken by HPBC which has highlighted that there are over 50 waste bins in Chapel. The results of the survey show that in general the bins are not full, however BC DePee has asked HPBC to continue to monitor them.

BC Sally DePee had a walk around the traffic lighted house on High Street with Andrew Stokes and HPBC are now waiting for the architectural drawings and costings. It has been reported to Environment Services that two children were hit by fireworks at last week's event on the Market Place. BC DePee asked whether the fireworks could be moved next year to the hard standing area in the Memorial Park.

Another Councillor Surgery is being organised at Morrisons in December and asked whether the Chair could invite the Police to also attend to advise on how residents can protect themselves against scams.

BC De Pee stated that she had contacted the police about setting up a community speed watch group in Chapel. She advised that they had said that 6 volunteers were needed but that there was no funding available for set up costs. The initial outlay would be in the region of £500.

25/277 To approve minutes of previous meeting Councillor Williams proposed and Councillor Chantler seconded that the Chair be authorised to sign as being a true and correct record the minutes of the Council meeting of 8th October 2024. All agreed.

25/278 Planning applications The following applications were considered:

- **HPK/2024/0428 – 36 Thornbrook Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith** - First floor extension over existing attached garage to form additional bedroom. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objection to this application.
- **HPK/2024/0437 - 9 Netherfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith** – Detached garage and workshop – It was **resolved** to object to the application as it appears that it will result in overdevelopment of the plot and will impact on the privacy and light of the neighbouring property.

If however, HPBC are minded to were mindful to approve the application the Parish Council request a condition be added that the proposed garage be used solely for that purpose and remain part of the existing dwelling.

- **NP/HPK/1024/1067 - Old Post House, Lesser Lane, Combs** - Add a rear extension to the rear of the property and a porch to the front. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objection to this application.

25/279 Planning appeals Nil.

25/280 Planning Decision Notices

- HPK/2024/0353 (1st Chapel Scout Group Hut, Thornbrook Road): Approved
- HPK/2024/0268 (Chapel Railway Station, Marsh Green, Chapel): Approved
- HPK/2024/0360 (21 Peak Pharmacy, High Street, Chapel): Approved

25/281 Reports from Council committees/working groups

- a. Personnel Committee: Councillor Foreshew-Cain stated that there had been 3 applicants for the role and that Gill Turner had been appointed as permanent Clerk to the Parish Council.
- b. Regeneration & Communications Committee: The Chair stated the all the S106 money had now been spent or allocated. The Noticeboards had been ordered and the only outstanding items is the Sherwood Foresters Statue.

The Committee has agreed that its next focus will be on the Market Place.

The next edition of the Newsletter will be published on 23rd November and Councillors should contact the Chair or Cathy if they have any news items or events during the

Christmas period that they would like included.

- c. Finance & Town Hall Committee: It was reported that the Committee had met with the Bowling Club and both parties had agreed to propose a rent increase for 2025 of 11% to the Full Council. All **agreed**.

The next step will be to obtain an independent rent valuation of the bowling green and to calculate the actual costs involved in its upkeep. This will then form the basis of discussions around a proposed maintenance charge.

Following discussion Councillor Foreshew-Cain proposed that the Finance & Town Hall Committee and Bowling Club Working Group should each set out their terms of reference in writing. Councillor Williams seconded the proposal and a vote was taken by show of hands. Those in favour of the proposal were Councillors Bancroft, Chantler, Dales, Drabble, Foreshew-Cain, Gouldburn, Williams and Young. Those against Councillor Adshead.

Councillor Adshead proposed that the Parish Council should cease all financial negotiations until a meeting has been arranged between the Bowling Club Working Group and the Bowling Club. The proposal was not seconded and therefore could not be voted upon.

25/282 Chair's Report

Following the suggestion from BC DePee, the Chair asked Councillors to consider whether they would like to get involved in a Community Speedwatch Scheme.

As mentioned above the Pension Credit Drop-in held on 5th November was a great success with residents being helped with a wide range of issues.

PCSO Karen Green has asked if they can include a regular piece in the Newsletter going forward.

The new part for the swing at The Memorial Park that Little Cherubs funded has now been installed.

That the proposal for next year's fireworks from BC DePee will be placed on the next Regeneration and Communications agenda.

PDNPA are delivering some Peak-Park-specific Planning training for Parishes, and any Councillor wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.

25/283 Finance It was resolved to:

- a. Approve the attached schedule of accounts for payment (totals £18,506.78).
- b. A comparison of year-to-date budget compared to actual income and expenditure was circulated to members. The Clerk stated that the comparisons were still a work in progress and that she and the Assistant Clerk were continuing to make the necessary changes to reflect the new committees.

25/284 Motion from Councillor Chantler – decision to allocate vacant wards to co-opted Councillors. Councillor Chantler stated that he felt that a Councillor should be allocated to Dove Holes to support Councillor Drabble. Councillor Drabble indicated that it would be good to have an extra Councillor in Dove Holes, but not until the new year.

Councillor Young proposed that the 3 new Councillors be allocated to Chapel West Ward. All **agreed**.

The Chair will meet with the new Councillors to explain the role of the Parish Councils Committees so that they can decide which ones they would be interested in joining.

25/285 To consider duties required by the Environmental Act 2021.

A draft Model Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan were circulated to members. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council needs to consider what action it can take for increasing biodiversity in the Parish and that a Biodiversity Action Plan needs to be developed over the coming months.

It is anticipated that a Working Group made up of both Councillors and members of the Parish will be formed to carry out the actions identified in the Action Plan.

25/286 To agree the Council's sexual harassment policy and risk assessment

An amended draft sexual harassment policy and risk assessment were circulated to members. All **agreed** to adopt the sexual harassment policy.

25/287 To agree the update to the Council's disciplinary policy

An amended disciplinary policy was circulated to members. It was **agreed** that the Clerk will check that the reference to the 2009 ACAS Code of Practise is correct as the code was updated in 2015.

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25/288 To note any court-case matters.

It was noted that the disclosure documents have now been submitted to the Court.

25/289 Date of next meeting It was **resolved** that the December meeting should be held after the Court Case to allow the reporting of the outcome. The next Full Council Meeting will therefore take place on 10th December 2024.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

CHAIR