

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 1st July 2025 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

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

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

26/0131 Apologies: none received. Cllr T Gouldburn was not in attendance.

26/0132 To make any Declarations of Interests - None

26/0133 To consider any applications for Dispensations - None

26/0134 It was resolved that there were no agenda items that required the exclusion of members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

26/0135 To agree any variations of order of business - none

26/0136 Police matters – PCSO Karen Green attended the meeting to report on the number of incidents in the parish over the last month. The incidents recorded were:

Theft x 12	4 x alcohol taken from local store 1 x theft over £200 from store 4 x theft of fuel 1 x theft from credit card (door to door seller) 1 x theft of motor vehicle
Stop and search x 2	child
Traffic offences x 3 –	1 x driving offence sent over by capture 1 x stolen vehicle fails to stop 1 x drink driving
Domestic offences x12	
Harassment x 6	
Burglary x 2	1 x suspect changes locks to property and removes item without permission 1 x unknown offender tries to gain access via a door; latch prevents entry gained
Road Traffic Collision x3	1 x parked car clipped by another vehicle on market place by another car 1 x damage to vehicle Thornbrook Road 1 x vehicle runs into back of another vehicle
Assault x 5	
Stalking x 4	
Criminal damage x 2	window smashed at property
Public Order x 1	

Councillor Adshead stated that the amount of incidents seemed high. Karen explained that there could be multiple incidents reported for one event, which would give the impression of higher incidents whilst this not necessarily being the case.

The Chair asked whether there is anything that residents should be watching for. The response was that there are no particular trends to note.

26/0137 Public Speaking – there was one member of the public, two County Councillors Nigel Gourlay and Angela Benham and Borough Councillor Sally DePee in attendance.

The member of the public stated that she would like to organise a community driven volunteer group to look after the Market Place and encourage the community to be proud of their area. It was stated that there is an agenda item on this matter where it will be discussed.

Councillor DePee stated that a public consultation was taking place regarding the future structure of local councils in Derbyshire which runs from Monday 30 June to Sunday 10 August 2025. Details on the plans and how to take part in the consultation can be found on the HPBC [website](#).

Major structural problems were found on the toilet block under the market Place when the flags were taken up and so work has stopped while structural engineers are consulted.

To approve minutes of the previous meeting Councillor Perkins **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 held on 3rd June. All **Agreed**.

26/0138 To consider Councillor applications received and to fill the vacant seats – There were 4 applicants for the 2 vacancies. Each applicant gave a brief presentation to Councillors. Nomination and voting to fill the first vacancy then took place.

Councillor Gilfillan **proposed** and Councillor Young **seconded** that Michaela Daniels be nominated for the first vacancy. Councillor Chantler **proposed** and Councillor Perkins **seconded** that Phil Ockendon also be nominated for the first vacancy. A vote by show of hands then took place and Michaela Daniels was co-opted to fill the first vacancy for the West Ward.

Councillor Chantler **proposed** and Councillor Dales **seconded** that Tony Gosling be nominated for the second vacancy. Councillor Gilfillan **proposed** and Councillor Melissa Drabble **seconded** that Phil Ockendon also be nominated for the second vacancy. A vote by show of hands then took place and Phil Ockendon was co-opted to fill the second vacancy for the West Ward.

Councillor Adshead abstained from the second vote.

26/0139 Chair's Report

The Chair stated that Mellor Homes have requested that they make a presentation to Councillors later in July, regarding their plans for the development of the land behind Miry Meadow. This would not be a councillor meeting, purely a presentation for those that are available to attend.

The 800th anniversary celebration of St Thomas' Church which took place on the last weekend of June was well attended and a great success. It is hoped that community volunteers can continue organising festivities on the Market Place annually.

To receive Actions on updates from previous Minutes

25/402 Missing bench on the Market Place damaged by a vehicle – No update. The Assistant Clerk will continue to chase DCC and County Councillor Gourlay was also asked if he could chase this up again. Councillor Adshead also offered to chase DCC.

25/403 Standardisation of the flower beds in Derbyshire stone including plaque acknowledging the bequest – The Assistant Clerk stated that this was ongoing. It was also **agreed** that a written report on how the bequest had been spent should be presented to full council.

26/018 Completion of Councillors Skills Audit – The Clerk stated that she was still waiting for a couple of the completed skills audit forms to be returned by councillors. It was **agreed** to send a list of the courses available from DALC over the next few months to the new Councillors as well as the skills audit template for completion.

26/0140 Planning applications - The following applications were considered:

- **HPK/2025/0196 - Kings Arms Hotel, Market Place, Chapel-en-le-Frith** - Change of use of the Kings Arms Hotel public house to short-stay serviced tourist accommodation (Use Class C1) – **resolved** that the application contain no new information and so the objection is still valid.
- **HPK/2025/0045 - 9 The Royal Bank Scotland, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith** - Variation of conditions 2,3 and 6 in relation to HPK/2023/0477 – **resolved** no objection.

- **HPK/2025/0182 – Bank Hall Lodge, Bank Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith** - Replacement of existing timber conservatory and replacement kitchen door and window to rear elevation – **resolved** no objection.

26/0141 To consider any Planning Appeals notified to the Parish Council – none

26/0142 To comment on any Planning Decision Notices

HPK/2025/0176 – 21 Brookside Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith – Proposed single storey rear extension to full width - Granted.

HPK/2024/0143 – DCC Works Department, Ashbourne Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith – Demolition of existing workshops and retaining walls and erection of 3 new workshops with new retaining structure, landscaping and car parking - Granted.

26/0143 To receive any reports from Committees/working groups (except if the issue is elsewhere on agenda):

(a) **Regeneration & Communications Committee**

- The newsletter has gone out and there has been a real push to get people to sign up for an electronic copy via the QR codes. Councillor Melissa Drabble said that a few requests had been received.
- It was suggested that the Ukrainian website should be closed as it is no longer up to date and traffic over the last year had been minimal. Councillor Chantler stated that as there were other stakeholders involved in the website they should be consulted before a decision could be made. It was **agreed** that this should be a full council agenda item in the future.

(b) **Finance & Assets Committee**

- It was agreed that the recommendation made at the Finance & Assets Committee meeting on 13th June 2025 should be motions on the August full council meeting.

(c) **Personnel Committee** – consideration of a Motion: Proposed that the Council and associated committees undertake a review of current work with a particular focus on the potential for development of the service to the local community, to report at the September meeting, with a view to setting goals for the years 2026-2028. Where necessary this review to involve consultation with local community groups, Borough and County Councillors and the wider community.

Councillor Chantler **proposed** an amendment to the motion and Councillor Dales **seconded** that due to holidays etc an initial report be presented to the September meeting, rather than a full report. All **agreed**.

26/145 Finance – it was **resolved** to:

- (a) Authorise the schedule of accounts presented for payment totaling £57,210.08 (including VAT).
- (b) The year-to-date income and expenditure schedule was circulated to Councilors and noted.

26/146 Councillor Foreshew-Cain **proposed** a motion to establish a Town Square Working Group - to organise local volunteers to regularly clear weeds and litter from the Town Square. Councillor Adshead **seconded** the motion and Councillors Adshead and Gilfillan said they were happy to spend a few hours tidying the Market Place.

Councillor Perkins suggested that the Council could apply to Cemex for some help tidying the area as part of their community engagement scheme. The Chair stated that he thought it would have more success if it was community led. All **agreed** with the motion.

26/147 The Chair **proposed** a motion that mobile phones should be switched off during all meetings so that they do not cause a distraction to members. Councillor Foreshew-Cain **seconded** the motion. All **agreed**.

26/148 Motion from Councillor Adshead that the Council receives an update on the War Memorial and considers adding Dove Holes to the project. Councillor Adshead stated that the Council still have not received confirmation from HPBC that the roots from the tree on the Market Place have not damaged the war memorial or market cross. He also stated that he would like the condition of Dove Holes war memorial to also be assessed as part of the current project.

Councillor Adshead also informed members that the person the British Legion had appointed to clean the war memorial is available on 15th July to undertake the work and could also clean Dove Holes war memorial for £1,800 at the same time. Councillor Chantler **proposed** and Councillor Foreshew-Cain **seconded** that this decision should be delegated to the next Regeneration and Communications Committee meeting on 10th July.

26/149 Councillor Foreshew-Cain **proposed** a motion **seconded** by Councillor Chantler that the Council should install swift boxes on the Town Hall. All **agreed**. Councillor Adshead said that he would investigate the cost involved.

26/150 Motion from Councillor Dales that the Council contacts HPBC Assets Department to ascertain who owns the marketplace railings. This follows the confusion over the siting of a banner promoting the 800th celebrations on the marketplace railings which HPBC authorised. Further motion that once a definitive reply is received from HPBC, the full council discuss the ongoing policy regarding the siting of banners on the marketplace. Councillor Dales **proposed** and Councillor Ockendon **seconded** that that the Clerk write to HPBC for clarification on responsibilities. All **agreed**.

26/151 Motion from Councillor Dales that the regeneration & Communications committee meet with HPBC councillors, to determine a joint approach to regeneration/maintenance of the marketplace. Councillor Adshead **proposed** and Councillor Dales **seconded** that as the condition of the marketplace is a health and safety issue, the Borough Councillors responsible for Chapel should be invited to a full Council to discuss its condition and ongoing maintenance.

26/152 Consideration of request raised at the Annual Parish Meeting from resident that the Parish Council supports a call for the National Park to be extended to take over the industrially developed areas along the A6 and A515 corridors. This area is about 1 to 2 miles wide, and almost 15 miles in length, starting in the Disley/New Mills area, and terminating near Flagg. Councillor Foreshew-Cain **proposed** and Councillor Adshead **seconded** that this item be postponed to the August full council meeting so that more time can be allocated to consideration.

26/153 Consideration of grant applications received – none

26/154 To note any court case matters – It was noted that the court case will take place on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

CHAIR