

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 5th August 2025 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

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

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

26/0187 Apologies were received from Cllr J Perkins who was unable to attend due to illness. Cllr T Gouldburn was also not in attendance.

26/0188 To make any Declarations of Interests - None

26/0189 To consider any applications for Dispensations - None

26/0190 It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 25 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

26/0191 To agree any variations of order of business – It was **agreed** that agenda items 18, 19, 21 and 22 could be deferred to the October and September meetings respectively.

26/0192 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:

- 7 x Thefts (combination of motor vehicles, goods from shops, bank cards and fuel)
- 4 x Road Traffic Accidents involving 2 x cyclists, 1 x pedestrian and 1 x car
- 2 x Sexual offences
- 2 x Stop and search
- 5 x Assault
- 1 x Harassment
- 3 x Criminal damage
- 2 x Public order
- 3 x Antisocial behaviour behaviour (ASB) letter sent out relating to the trees in the memorial park
- 1 x traffic offences – e-scooter seized
- 2 x Domestic
- 2 x Drug offences
- 1 x Burglary

The Chair asked whether the ASB related to the MUGA and PCSO Green stated that it related to youths trying to burn a tree with a lighter in the park and nothing to do with the MUGA.

26/0193 Public Speaking – there was one County Councillor, Ruth George in attendance at the meeting who gave the following update.

County Councillor George stated that she had visited Whitestones Care Home with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care. Eighteen of the forty beds are not occupied because of staffing issues.

They also visited Eccles Fold Day Centre where there are 58 people who regularly use the facility over over a 7-day period.

There are ongoing issues with Coombes Road with various utility companies wanting to close it. However, currently DCC have placed a ban on the road being closed.

There are also ongoing issues relating to the footpath for the new estate at Blackbrook. DCC are currently negotiating with landowners regarding the possibility of the footpath going across their land.

Horwich End traffic lights are currently being replaced, which could take up to 11 weeks to complete. Temporary lights are currently in place which is causing delays.

The annual uniform sale was well attended again this year.

Peak School are wishing to expand into Alderbrook Day Centre, as enhanced resource places in Chapel are scarce. However, financial constraints are proving to be a barrier.

Due to financial and recruitment issues with SEND educational assessments are now taking around 13 months to complete.

Councillor Adshead thanked County Councillor George for her comprehensive update and all **agreed** that it was very useful and informative.

26/0194 To approve minutes of the previous meetings. Councillor Forechew-Cain proposed and Councillor Gilfillan seconded that the Chair be authorised to sign as being a true and correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st July and the extraordinary meeting of 24th and 29th July. All **Agreed**.

26/0195 Chair's Report

The Chair stated that the Councillor Essentials training which was due to take place on 2nd September has now been postponed until 6pm on 13th September.

To receive Actions on updates from previous Minutes

25/402 Missing bench on the Market Place damaged by a vehicle – This will no longer be progressed as the original bench was placed in front of a dropped kerb. Councillor Adshead will speak with the interested party about placing the plaque which was on the bench elsewhere.

25/403 Standardisation of the flower beds in Derbyshire stone including plaque acknowledging the bequest – This is nearly complete, the park staff are waiting for a small amount of stone to be delivered so they can finish the job.

26/018 Completion of Councillors Skills Audit – The Clerk stated that she was still waiting for 3 Councillors to return their completed skills audit forms.

26/089 Response from DCC regarding HGVs using inappropriate roads to avoid road closures – It was **agreed** to defer this item to the September meeting.

26/149 Swift box installation on the Town Hall – This item has been referred to the Regeneration & Communications Committee.

26/150 Confirmation of Market Place railings ownership/responsibility – The Clerk said that she had emailed HPBC for clarification on ownership and Borough Councillor Sally DePee said she would also chase.

26/151 Regeneration Committee and HPBC joint co-operation on regeneration/ongoing maintenance of Market Place – This has been delegated to the Regeneration & Communication Committee who will set up a meeting with the different stakeholders.

26/0196 Planning applications - The following applications were considered:

- **HPK/2025/0236 - Newfield Garage, Manchester Road, Tunstead Milton** - Certificate of lawfulness for an existing construction of 4 x silos and 1 x water tank
- **HPK/2025/0238 - Newfield Garage, Manchester Road, Tunstead Milton** - Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use or development for existing tanks and silos

It was **resolved** to object to these applications, and request that they are referred to HPBC Development Control for their consideration, along with the previous two recent applications, as well as undertaking a site visit.

- **HPK/2025/0242 - Naze View Farm, Sparkbottom Lane, Tunstead Milton** - Use of a mobile home lodge for accessible short term holiday let – it was **resolved** to object to this planning application as it is in open countryside and refer to HPBC Development Control for a site visit and decision at

committee.

- **NP/HPK/0725/0677 - Pritchard Green Barn, Lesser Lane, Combs** - Construction of single storey extension to the rear of property – It was **resolved** that the Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- **HPK/2025/0230 - 28 & 30 Horderns Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith** - New pitched roof to replace existing flat roof to both semi-detached properties at 28 & 30 Horderns Park Road. Rear single storey kitchen extension to number 30. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- **HPK/2025/0268 - 154 Manchester Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith - Twos storey side and single storey rear extension** – It was **resolved** that the Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- **HPK/2025/0270 - 12 Netherfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith** - Two storey and single storey rear and side extension with raised patio to rear - It was **resolved** that the Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- **HPK/2025/0223 - 1,3,5, and 8 Terrace Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith** - Replacement of existing timber windows and doors with uPVC type windows and complimentary timber doors. It was **resolved** that as this property sits within the Conservation Area, it should be referred to the Conservation Officer for comment.

26/0197 To consider any Planning Appeals notified to the Parish Council – none

26/0198 To comment on any Planning Decision Notices

HPK/2025/0194 – 38 Grange Park Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith – Two storey side and single storey rear extension - Granted.

HPK/2025/0147 – Lilac Cottage, Crossing Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith – Replacement windows & doors, drive to be made wider to allow for 2no parking spaces. Stone building to replace existing shed & carport. Internal remodeling – new staircase, internal partitions removed, wood burning stove, plasterboard & skim ceilings. Listed building consent granted.

HPK/2025/0118 – 46 Blackbrook Drive, Chinley – Addition of two storey extension to aside of existing dwelling, along with a single storey extension to the rear, with associated internal alterations - Granted.

26/0199 To discuss further confidential issues arising from the court case – The Chair updated members on the responses from the Council's legal representatives in respect of the questions raised by Councillors at the recent extraordinary meeting. It was noted that the District Judge has placed an embargo on all parties involved in the court case, which prevents informing anyone of the outcome of the hearing, until after 13th November 2025. The Council's Barrister has written to the District Judge asking for the embargo to be removed, however in the meantime anyone who breaches this embargo will be held in contempt of court.

It was **agreed** to meet on 2nd September with a one item agenda to discuss further.

26/0200 To receive any reports from Committees/working groups (except if the issue is elsewhere on agenda):

- (a) **Regeneration & Communications Committee** – no update.
- (b) **Finance & Assets Committee** – consideration of the following motions:
 - i. to market the flat in its current condition for £650 per calendar month, with a view to a stepped approach to refurbishment over the next 2 years, with an associated uplift in rent at each stage. This would need to be agreed with the tenant.
 - ii. to get new leases prepared for both the flat and shop at 47/49 Market Street initially for 2 years and then on expiry for 4 years.

- iii. to obtain a damp survey on bed room 1 of the flat.
- iv. to investigate whether it is possible to sell 47/49 Market Street.
- v. to establish over the next 2 years whether the Council is getting value for money from the Town Hall and 47/49 Market Street.

The Assistant Clerk left the meeting as her husband rents the shop at 47/49 Market Street.

It was **resolved** that motions (i), (ii), (iv) and (v) should go back to the Town Hall & Assets Committee for further discussion.

It was **resolved** to obtain a damp survey on 47/49 Market Street.

The Assistant Clerk rejoined the meeting.

(c) **Personnel Committee** – no update.

26/0201 Finance – it was **resolved** to:

- (a) Authorise the schedule of accounts presented for payment totaling £24,730.17 (including VAT).
- (b) The year-to-date income and expenditure schedule was circulated to Councillors and noted.

26/0202 Motion from Councillor Gilfillan that the council explores the potential for the purchase of a large screen monitor to be placed in the meeting room. The motion was seconded by Councillor Adshead and all **agreed** with the motion.

26/0203 Motion from Councillor Chantler that in light of the forthcoming changes in local government and the future devolved responsibilities and administration to all Parish Councils. For Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council to formally approach both Whaley Bridge and New Mills parish councils to invite both to a future joint working group from October 2025 to consider and to undertake initial planning for the ongoing development and implementation of models of service delivery as information on the duties and changes evolve. It was **agreed** to defer this motion to the October meeting.

26/0204 Motion from Councillor Adshead that the Council progresses the cleaning of the Dove Holes War Memorial quickly in the hope we can get it done before Remembrance Sunday this year. It was **agreed** to defer this motion to the September meeting.

26/0205 Proposed initial discussion by Councillor Adshead that the Parish Council considers its relationship with all the Churches in the Parish particularly St Thomas Beckett and how it might develop that further for the benefits of the families that use it. Councillor Foreshow-Cain stated that he supported building relationships with all organisations and inviting each one to attend a Council meeting to give a 10 minute precis of what they do. The idea would be to start this next year. All **agreed** that this should be progressed.

26/0206 Motion from Councillor Adshead that when any Councillor wishes to propose a motion, he should/can use the lectern purchased for such things. It was **agreed** to defer this motion to the September meeting.

26/0207 To consider non-financial social value activities in Chapel that the construction company completing the work on the Chapel Milton Viaducts can get involved in. It was **agreed** to defer this motion to the September meeting.

26/0208 To consider a grant application from St Thomas' Church for funds towards its 800th anniversary celebrations. Councillor Foreshow-Cain proposed and Councillor Chantler seconded that based on the financial information presented to the Parish Council it was not appropriate to award a grant to St Thomas' Church. All **agreed** not to award a grant towards the 800th anniversary celebrations

26/0209 To consider arrangements for VJ80 commemorations in the Town Hall. It was noted that there will be tea and cake served in the Annexe after the commemoration service held at the war memorial on Friday 15th August, followed by Afternoon Tea from 3.30pm to 5pm in the Town Hall.

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

CHAIR