

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on 2nd September 2025 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

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

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

26/210 Apologies were received from Cllr J Perkins and C Williams who were unable to attend due to illness and Cllr M Chantler who was on holiday. Cllr T Gouldburn was also not in attendance.

26/211 To make any Declarations of Interests - None

26/212 To consider any applications for Dispensations - None

26/213 It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 6 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

26/214 Public Speaking – there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

PCSO Karen Green attended the meeting and gave the following incident report covering the period 2nd August to 1st September 2025.

5 x Assaults – referred to British transport Police
8 x Assaults
1 x Drugs Possession
2 x Road Traffic Collision
1 x Stalking
5 x Theft
1 x Domestic Incident
1 x Public Order
2 x Criminal Damage
1 x Speeding Offence
2 x Action Fraud
1 x Harrassment
1 x Malicious Communication

Councillor M Drabble asked whether the police still take witness statements when an incident is reported. PCSO Green stated that all incidents are allocated to an officer who is responsible for following up on the incident.

Councillor Adshead asked how Chapel compares with other towns of a comparable size. PCSO Green said that this information can be found on the Derbyshire Constabulary website.

Councillor Gilfillan asked whether detection rates are also on the website. PCSO Green responded that they possibly would be but she wasn't certain.

26/215 To consider next steps following the court hearing

In depth discussions took place regarding whether it was now in the best interests of the community that the MUGA be removed. Consideration was given to the potential for continuing, and escalating, court and legal fees.

It was reluctantly agreed that the MUGA should be removed, and a consultation take place with the local community about how to mitigate its loss to the local community.

A named vote took place; in favour Councillors J Adshead, T Dales, M Daniels, Mrs. M Drabble, M Drabble, A Foreshew-Cain, T Gilfillan, P Ockenden; against Councillor S Young

It was therefore reluctantly **resolved** that it was in the best interests of the community that the MUGA is removed.

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

CHAIR