

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2019

Meeting Held: Tuesday 8 January 2019 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Councillor M Evanson in the Chair.
Councillors J Adshead, Mrs H Batterbee, J Brook, N Gourlay, FP Harrison, C Lawley, Mrs M Morrison, T Norton, M Smith, Mrs J Street and S Young.

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale - Clerk of the Council.
Councillor J Perkins – Derbyshire County Council.
Councillor Mrs A Fox – Derbyshire County Council.

Apologies: Councillor D King

Prior to the meeting Mrs Beryl Martin presented a lectern to the Council in memory of the late Councillor Guy Martin.

At the commencement of the meeting there were three members of the public and no members of the press present.

Rev K Tankard said prayers.

19/265 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Adshead declared a non-pecuniary interest in Chapel Junior Football Club as his children are members.

Councillor Mrs Street advised that she would be making a declaration in Part 2 of the meeting.

19/266 Police Matters

Members were circulated with the data received from Derbyshire Constabulary which corresponds to the reported crimes advised at the previous meeting.

Crime data for October and November 2018 will be circulated to members. It was noted that residents should be encouraged to report crimes to ensure policing numbers are kept at a proportionate level locally.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Inspector for an update on the proposed replacement for Safer Neighbourhood Meetings.

It was noted that the Derbyshire Crime and Police Commissioner will be re-elected in November 2019.

19/267 Open Forum

Mr Bannon addressed the Council to ask for their support in obtaining a Cultivation Licence for a grass verge area on Thornbrook Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, which local residents wish to cultivate.

He was advised that the land was owned by High Peak Borough Council and they would need to be the authority entering into the agreement with Derbyshire County Council.

Members indicated that they would be happy to support the proposed project.

19/268 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Perkins advised members that Derbyshire County Council have dealt with 56,000 pot holes in the County and that they have a further £8m to spend, with Class A,B and C roads taking priority. Members asked for information as to the amount of surface the £8m would cover.

Councillor Fox also indicated that she would be happy to take up any issues regarding pot holes if members wished to contact her.

Derbyshire County Council are consulting on Traffic Regulations Orders for Market Street, Eccles Road, Long Land and Hayfield Road Chapel-en-le-Frith. Members confirmed that they had no issues relating to the proposals.

Councillor Perkins indicated that residents would be consulted over a request by residents to make Hayfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith into a permanent One Way system.

Members agreed that they would submit a formal comment after the consultation which would give residents the opportunity to make views known to local members.

Councillor Perkins advised that work has not yet commenced on the culvert on Sheffield Road as funding has not yet been approved.

It was reported that the vehicle repair garage at the junction of Sheffield Road and Buxton Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith are parking vehicles which are obstructing the sight lines for vehicles exiting Sheffield Road. Councillor Perkins advised that he has spoken to the owners and the parking enforcement officers on this issue.

It was reported that the County Council have enforced some highway works on Whitehough Head Lane but that works will not be fully completed until the Spring due to the gas main being replaced.

The County Councillors were made aware that more traffic is using Charley Lane due to the temporary one way system in Chapel-en-le-Frith and members have received reports of speeding vehicles.

The County Councillors were asked to provide a copy of the schedules relating to litter picking on the A roads in the Parish, which is their responsibility and also for grass cutting of roadside verges in the Parish.

Councillor Young reported that High Peak Borough Council had closed the public toilets on Chapel Market Place over the Christmas period due to staff shortages. Councillor Young was asked to enquire if there is a contingency plan for such circumstances.

19/269 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

High Peak Borough Council are consulting on their draft Street Trading Policy and details can be viewed on their website.

Members had received a communication from a member of the public regarding the amount of litter and dog fouling in and around the Parish. A number of members confirmed that they have engaged in litter picking on a voluntary basis for a considerable number of years and felt that the resident who had contacted them did not recognise the efforts made by members as they were not publicised for any political gain.

The Clerk was asked to write to the owners of land off Long Lane together with Morrison's and Aldi to alert them to the issues of litter in and around their premises.

It was suggested that the Community Payback Team could be contacted to see if they would look at littering picking areas around the High School where there is a persistent problem.

It was noted that High Peak Borough Council are funding some additional litter bins and the seated area leading to Morrison's in Chapel-en-le-Frith would benefit from a litter bin. The land is owned by Morrison's and their permission would need to be sought.

Councillor Perkins was asked to look into the problems with flooding on the highway adjacent to the tactile paving at the entrance to Morrison's petrol station.

19/270 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4 December 2018

Minutes numbered 19/238 to 19/258 were presented.

Councillor Norton advised that he had declared an interest in 19/238 as a member of Chapel Park Bowling Club.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the amended Minutes as being a true and correct record.

19/271 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 December 2018

Minutes numbered 19/259 to 19/264 were presented.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes as being a true and correct record.

19/272 Matters arising from the above Minutes

The Council's Insurers have advised that should the defamatory comments be posted or shared by a councillor (on social media or otherwise), this would not be insured by the policy as for the purposes of insurance this would fall into the category of being a deliberate act or intentional breach by an insured person acting for the Council.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the position relating to the Council as a body in this respect.

A meeting has been arranged with Derbyshire County Council regarding the Leisure Centre on 29th January 2019.

Councillor Mrs Batterbee declared an interest in the Planning Committee minutes and did not take part in any discussion relating to them due to an application by a family member.

19/273 Chapel Town FC New Pitch

The Clerk was asked to contact the Chapel Football Club to ask for an update on their plans which they are seeking support from the Council as outlined in the Open Forum at the December Council meeting.

It was noted that the Football Club had leafleted neighbours about proposals but only those living on Rowton Grange Road.

19/274 Chapel Leisure Centre

Councillor Gourlay has obtained a copy of the Management Agreement from Derbyshire County Council in relation to the Leisure Centre.

Members of the Joint User Committee were asked to seek information relating to the net income, threshold for profit sharing and confirmation that the maintenance contributions from the Leisure Centre has been made.

He noted that the hours in the agreement are different to the current operation hours and members commented residents were getting a better service due to extended opening hours.

Councillor Gourlay had written to all members regarding the Leisure Centre and in particular funds raised by the community for a swimming pool. The Council were accused of not being open and dispelling rumours about the use of the funds in the last 16 years.

Councillor Norton asked to address this issue as he took exception to the comments made by Councillor Gourlay in his letter.

Councillor Norton advised that he joined the Council in 1991 with the aspiration that a Leisure Centre was needed for the local community. He persuaded the Council at the time to allocate money that was held in reserves for an extension at the Town Hall, to be re-allocated for Leisure provision in the Parish.

A local group had raised money locally around the same time to build a Leisure Centre on the Ferodo site and residents locally had indicated that they wanted a swimming pool to be included in this plan.

The Parish Council employed Consultants to assist with the preparation of a bid to the National Lottery in respect of provision of a Leisure Centre. Sport England were consulted and they confirmed that they would not support a swimming pool in Chapel-en-le-Frith due to the demographics of High Peak where there were swimming pools in Buxton, New Mills and Glossop. In addition to this the maintenance costs related to a swimming pool would be outside the budgetary capabilities of the Parish Council.

When proposals were put forward for a new School in Chapel-en-le-Frith as part of a Private Finance Initiative the County Council and Borough Council were persuaded to include the provision of Leisure Facilities as part of the scheme.

The money raised by the local group together with contributions from local business and the Parish Council was made available to ensure the provision of a Leisure Centre as part of the PFI scheme.

As part of this process local groups were consulted and all matters were in the public realm.

It was agreed that this matter be addressed in the next Parish Council newsletter to dispel unfounded rumours.

19/275 Elections in 2019

Councillor Gourlay had submitted a draft letter that he suggested should go out to all households in the Parish to encourage residents to consider standing for election.

It was noted that High Peak Borough Council have the legal responsibility in respect of advertising local elections and that they will be holding public briefing sessions for interested parties.

It was agreed that the Communications Committee will look to include an item in the next newsletter which will need to be delivered prior to 23 February 2019 due to Purdah.

19/276 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

A meeting of the Regeneration Committee was arranged for 17 January 2019 at 10.30am to discuss proposals from the Footpath Working Group.

19/277 Economic Regeneration

To be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting.

19/278 Outside Bodies

Councillor Mrs Street advised that she will be attending a meeting of the Peak Park Parishes Forum in January.

19/279 Town Hall

Three quotes have been received for the replacement of the Annexe carpet:

Jackson Carpets - £975 plus VAT
 Carpet Creations - ££721.36 inc VAT
 Hunt Carpets - £730 plus VAT

It was agreed that the quote from Carpet Creations be accepted and an order place.

19/280 Parks and Open Spaces

Councillor Mrs Batterbee reported that she had been contacted by a resident from Dove Holes regarding effluent leaking from the Trent Bus site. She confirmed that she had visited the site and that High Peak Borough Council have now resolved the matter.

The Clerk was asked to express concern regarding the lack of any action to repair or replace the play area on South Head Drive, Chapel-en-le-Frith and to seek an urgent resolution to the issue.

19/281 Correspondence

A letter of thanks has been received from Buxton Mountain Rescue Team in respect of the grant made to them.

High Peak Borough Council have advised that they will be holding a briefing session for Clerks, Agents and Candidates in respect of elections due to be held on 2 May 2019.

Further information has been received from Chapel Community Group which was requested by the F & GP Committee following their application for a

grant. It was agreed that the F & GP Committee will consider the information. Councillor Gourlay declared an interest in this item as he is a member of the Chapel Community Group.

19/282 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008488 to 008504 amounting to £9,701.50 has been drawn.

RESOLVED: That the cheques be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid.

19/283 Any Other Business

Councillor Adshead asked if the Clerk could make available details of the Highway contribution outlined in the S106 agreement for the Seddon development on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

19/284 Press Releases

Presentation of the lectern in memory of former Councillor Guy Martin.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.15 hours.

CHAIRMAN

