

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2019

Meeting Held: Tuesday 2 April 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, 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 K Sizeland – High Peak Borough Council

Apologies: Councillor C Lawley and D King.

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

Rev K Tankard said prayers.

19/361 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Adshead declared an interest in any matters relating to Chapel Junior Football Club as his children are members.

Councillor Gourlay declared an interest in Public Footpath 61 as he owns part of the path.

19/362 Police Matters

The latest crime figures and comparison were presented:

December 2018 January 2019

All crime	25	30
Anti-social behaviour	4	13
Bicycle theft	0	0
Burglary	3	1
Criminal damage and arson	3	4
Drugs	0	0
Other crime	0	1
Other theft	1	1
Possession of weapons	0	1
Public order	1	0
Robbery	0	0
Shoplifting	0	1
Theft from the person	0	0
Vehicle crime	2	3
Violence and sexual offences	11	5

An annual report of crime in the Parish was presented which confirmed that around 6% of crimes committed in the Parish are brought before the Court.

It was reported that prior to a recent burglary in Combs drone activity had been reported in the area of the crime. Information has been placed on the notice board in Combs alerting residents and asking them to be vigilant.

Members acknowledged that the Parish is a low crime area but all crime is a concern for residents and especially those who are victims.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Derbyshire Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable regarding the decision to close the Police Cells in Buxton as it was felt that this was not a good use of resources.

19/363 Open Forum

Mr Bannon addressed the meeting as the administrator of the High Peak Crime and Theft Alert Group to advise that he was trying to arrange a meeting with the Derbyshire Chief Constable and Crime Commissioner in respect of the decision to close the Police Cells in Buxton.

19/364 M.P., County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Councillor Perkins advised that the County Council Highways department are reviewing the surveys from residents in respect of the temporary one way system on Hayfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith. If the proposal is taken forward the County Council will undertake a further survey of all residents.

It was noted that residents of the Crescent are ignoring the road closure on Hayfield Road and this could invalidate their insurance if an accident occurs.

Sheffield Road will be closed from April to October 2019 and it was suggested that the signage of the closure needs to be more robust and some suggestions will be made to the County Council. The enforcement of parked cars on Buxton Road obscuring sight lines from Sheffield Road has not been effective.

Councillor Perkins advised that he has been able to give £15,000 to Chapel Junior School towards a new classroom.

The County Council are to run a smoke detector campaign in June with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue.

Councillor Sizeland reported that she is working with Derbyshire County Council and Seddon's in respect of highway issues on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith. The Clerk was asked to forward information regarding the S106 money in relation to highways for Long Lane.

The street light at the Stocks will be repaired when a unit is available to undertake the repair.

A new street sign has been put in place on Penny Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith. Councillor Sizeland was asked to look at obtaining replacement street signs on the junction of Alston Road and Rowton Grange Road and Frith View, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

It was noted that the street signs on Midland Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith are heritage signs and need painting but should not be replaced with new signs.

The litter bins on Chapel Market Place are too small and open topped and litter is being blow from the bins. It is hoped that new bins will be provided by High Peak that are in keeping with the area.

It was noted that some business owners on the Market Place are using the public bins rather than having trade waste bins.

Councillor Harrison declared an interest in the linear path as he owns a property on Longmeade Drive, Chapel-en-le-Frith. He reported to Councillor Sizeland that the fencing on the path is leaning towards the brook and may collapse.

19/365 Highways, Public Footpaths, Public Services and Parish Improvements

It was reported that two local businesses have attached advertising signs to the street signs on Sheffield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith and the Clerk was asked to report this to Derbyshire County Council and that they be removed.

Derbyshire County Council has reported that Sheffield Road will be closed from the junction with the B5470 to Frith Knoll Road from 29 April to 31 October 2019.

The consultation on the temporary One Way System on Hayfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith has closed and the findings have been sent to Derbyshire County Council for further consideration.

Members were circulated with minutes from the meeting held on 8 March 2019 regarding street scene and litter improvements. Members were disappointed that High Peak Borough Council do not have software that enables them to receive reports from Clean Streets or for the installation of Smart Litter Bins.

It was agreed that a suggestion is made that the timing of the litter pick on the A6 bypass is changed to January and July.

The Clerk was asked to write to Morrison's Head Office due to the failure at the local store to litter pick the areas around the car park and land at the rear of the store.

It was felt that the High School could engage better with the local community in respect of litter around the school site and to recycle single use plastics. High Peak Borough Council Enforcement Officer has been asked to liaise with both Morrison's and Aldi regarding litter on their sites.

Councillor Batterbee reported that following correspondence with Derbyshire County Council the A623 has now been litter picked.

It was noted that the red roof on the property in the Chapel Conservation Area is being replaced following enforcement action.

The Parish Planning Committee was asked to make representation to High Peak Borough Council regarding the veranda on Chapel Market Place to see if a regeneration grant could be made available to the owner to undertake restoration work.

Residents have contacted members regarding speeding on Manchester Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith and this will be passed onto the Police Traffic Unit.

19/366 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5 March 2019

Minutes numbered 19/335 to 19/354 were presented.

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

19/367 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 March 2019

Minutes numbered 19/355 to 19/360 were presented.

The minutes were amended to correct a factual inaccuracy.

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

19/368 Matters arising from the above Minutes

Derbyshire County Council have agreed that work carried out on the cobbles on Chapel Market Place was not to an acceptable standard and will rectify the situation. They have also advised that they look at a substandard repair to footpath 73.

The owner of the Stodhart Tunnel has been located and a response has also been received from the Preservation Trust who do not feel it is appropriate at the present time to erect an interpretation board on the site.

Residents of Whitehough Head Lane have contacted their Ward Members in respect of a Planning Application for Whitehall and the Planning Committee were asked to consider the comments from residents.

19/369 Leisure Centre All Weather Pitch

Derbyshire County Council have responded to issues raised by the Council in relation to the High School site and Leisure Centre.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the 2015 condition survey.

Members were disappointed that the High School has indicated that they do not want to embrace new technology to upgrade the all-weather pitch as this would be a benefit for both the school and community.

It was agreed that a meeting is sought with the High School to discuss the issues further.

19/370 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

Councillor Mrs Street reported that she had attended a meeting of the Peak Parks Parish Forum, who will be looking for new members following the elections in May 2019.

She also reported that Cemex Quarry in Dove Holes have agreed to sponsor the hanging baskets along the A6 in Dove Holes again this year.

Councillor Brook advised that he would be attending a meeting of the Community Rail Partnership and brought to the attention of members that the Buxton to Manchester rail line is now a fixed penalty fare line. There have been issues in Dove Holes with the ticket machine which have been brought to the attention of Network Rail.

He was asked to report that contractors working on the goods line are not disposing of their litter.

19/371 Economic Regeneration

To be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting.

19/372 Town Hall/47/49 Market Street

A local person who had expressed an interest in renting the shop premises at 47/49 Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith had complained that he did not feel that the reasons given for rejection of his proposal were clear. The letting is being dealt with by Estate Agents and they have been asked to make contact and reiterate the Councils decision.

19/373 Parks and Open Spaces

The Insurance Assessor has made a site visit to the Memorial Park in respect of the Insurance claim.

It was noted that the Park Keeper is leaving his post in April and the Clerk was asked to pass on the thanks of the Council for his service over the past 10 years.

The Amenities Committee were asked to look at how the areas at the edges of the Councils parks could be improved.

The F & GP Committee will consider the Park By-Laws and it was noted that the current By-Laws will have been superseded by recent legislation.

19/374 Correspondence

The Peak District National Park Authority have advised that following elections in May the Parish member appointments will expire. Nomination papers will be posted on 22 April 2019 and following the election in May, members can nominate one member to stand for the High Peak and Metropolitan Area.

An email has been received from Mr T Beswick to complain about a response he has received from a member of the Council and has asked that the

content of the email be read out in the meeting. The Chairman read out the content of the complaint and suggested that the member concerned communicate directly with Mr Beswick.

19/375 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment

The Clerk submitted a list of accounts for which cheques numbered 008548 to 008570 amounting to £15,689.32 has been drawn.

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

19/376 Any Other Business

Councillor Norton advised that he would not be standing for re-election after 28 years' service, joining the Council in 1991.

He noted that at his first meeting the Chairman had to use his casting vote to stay in the chair and paid tribute to former Councillor Mrs Bradbury who had acted as a mentor to him.

He paid tribute to the work undertaken by the Council and the majority of Councillors who have put a lot of time and effort into making the community a better place. Some of the achievements have included the provision of two new schools and a leisure centre together with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council has been non-political and this has been part of the success in working with other authorities and stakeholders.

He expressed his disappointment that Councillor Gourlay had not embraced the spirit of working together with other members and hoped that when the new Council is in place after the elections, new members do not come onto the Council with personal agendas but work together to achieve the best outcome for the community.

He paid thanks to the Clerk and noted that he was on the panel that made the appointment.

Members expressed their sadness that Councillor Norton had made the decision to stand down and would miss his immense local knowledge and thanked him for his service to the Parish.

19/377 Press Releases

None due to purdah.

Councillor Gourlay left the meeting at 21.50 hours.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.00 hours.

CHAIRMAN

