

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2020

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 7 January 2020 of the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Present:** Councillor L McCarthy in the Chair
Councillors J Adshead, Mrs H Batterbee, P Bann, Mrs C Cobb, T Dales, N Gourlay, FP Harrison, C Lawley, C Sizeland and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
PC S Lomas
PCSO K Green
- Apologies:** Councillor Mrs L Green and Mrs S Walters

There were three members of the public and no members of the press present.

The Chairman welcomed Rev Colin Pearson who led the Council in prayers.

20/329 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor C Sizeland – Leys Allotment site as an adjoining land owner
Councillor C Sizeland – his wife is a substitute Councillor on the High Peak Borough Council Development Control Committee

20/330 Police Matters

The Chairman welcomed PC Lomas and PCSO Green to the meeting.

PC Lomas advised that he was in post following a reorganisation in the Division and that he would now be working in the Parish.

He reported that there had been 36 reported crimes in the last month in Chapel-en-le-Frith and Chinley.

Anti-social behaviour continues to be a priority including the Memorial Park.

Residents continue to be encouraged to report incidents to the Police.

The leaflets about Neighbourhood Watch are currently being distributed and there will be a further meeting of the Police Liaison working Group in February.

20/331 Open Forum

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in the Open Forum.

20/332 MP, County Councillors and Borough Councillors

It was reported that the new MP has held his first two surgeries in High Peak and one is planned for Chapel-en-le-Frith later in January.

The MP has tabled a question in Parliament about the Northern Rail Franchise.

High Peak Borough Councillors have met on site with officers to look at the CCTV camera on Chapel Market Place and the proposed extension to the Thornbrook Road Car Park.

The Chairman reported that a member of the public has obtained a copy of the Licence for the CCTV camera on the Kings Arms Hotel from High Peak Borough Council via a Freedom of Information request.

An electric charging point is to be installed in the Miry Meadow public car park and a second point is being considered at Eccles Fold.

Derbyshire County Council are looking at reinstating the path through the grass verge on Manchester Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

20/333 Matters relating to Highways, Public Footpaths, and Public Services and Parish Improvements

The section of the Peak Forest Tramway that was closed in Whitehough has now been re-opened.

The Footpaths Working Group will meet on Tuesday 29th January 2020 at 7pm in the Annexe of the Town Hall. It was agreed that this is advertised on the Council website and facebook page.

It was reported that new fencing has been erected at the High School and trees have been cut back.

Councillor Gourlay declared an interest as he owns a property adjacent to the High School.

Residents have contacted the Ward Member to complain about parking at Highfield Avenue in Dove Holes which is affecting their refuse collections as the vehicle has

been unable to access their properties. The matter has been reported to Derbyshire County Council and the Police are also aware.

A resident has complained about the deterioration of road to Chapel Station and it was agreed that this be passed onto Network Rail for further investigation.

The Clerk was asked to contact Derbyshire County Council to enquire about the current closure of public footpath 86 as details are on posted on their website.

A meeting has been held with residents of Park Road and it was noted that a complaint has been received from a resident about stone being tipped into a property without prior approval. Twenty residents attended a meeting with elected members and the majority welcomed any assistance with repairs to the road.

20/334 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3 December 2019

Minutes numbered 20/296 to 20/321 were presented.

Minute 20/297 was amended to read Councillor McCarthy proposed and Councillor Bann seconded a proposal that the Council adopt the draft policy and guidance for the recording of meetings subject to a further review in 6 months' time.

The date of the Personnel Committee was 28 November 2019.

The Clerk was asked to add the following to the minutes:

- 20/298 That the cost of the Neighbourhood Watch leaflets was reported to the Council as £300.00. Given this cost the Council agreed to make a grant of 50% of the cost, being £150.00.
- 20/301 That a better PA system was required for the Christmas tree lighting event and that the rides should be silent during the service. That the street traders should not take business from established businesses on the Market Place.
- 20/303 The date of the Planning Committee was 12 November 2019.
- 20/309 Councillor Young proposed that the new code of conduct be adopted.
- 20/317 Authorisation for cheque 008755. This was agreed at the Full Council meeting on 6 August 2019.
- 20/321 The Personnel Committee was held on 28 November 2019. The Chairman advised that the meeting would be held on a date to be agreed and the minutes of the meeting on 28 November 2019 were not ratified.
- The reason for closing the meeting was not minuted and this was because the Clerk was not in attendance. Members advised that the meeting closed at 21.10 hours.

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

20/335 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 December 2019

Minutes numbered 20/322 to 20/328 were presented.

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

20/336 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

All members have received a copy of the revised Code of Conduct.

20/337 Outside Bodies

Councillor Lawley advised that he has attended a meeting of the Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership and an issue was raised about the ticket machine at Chapel Station not being in a prominent position.

It was noted that there has been an article in the local press following a resident being fined for failure to obtain a ticket. The Clerk was asked to write to Northern Rail to highlight the problem.

20/338 Town Hall and 47/49 Market Street

High Peak Borough Council have requested permission to install a Wi-Fi connection in the Town Hall to service Development Control meeting.

Councillor Young proposed that permission be given subject to a detailed design and Councillor Bann seconded the motion.

RESOLVED: That permission is given to High Peak Borough Council to install a Wi-Fi connection in the Town Hall subject to a final design being submitted.

20/339 Parks and Open Spaces

It was reported that the lease for the Sparrowpit Play Area is still with Solicitors.

20/340 Allotment Sites

The Amenities Committee were asked to consider a request from a disabled resident wishing to take an allotment to see how this can be accommodated.

20/341 NALC Disciplinary and Grievance arrangements following the Ledbury High Court case.

Members had been circulated with revised documents from NALC to encompass recent case law in the High Court.

Councillor McCarthy proposed and Councillor Harrison seconded a motion that the Council adopted the updated policies.

RESOLVED: That the Council adopt the updated NALC Disciplinary and Grievance Policies.

20/342 Website Sub Page for Council Policies

RESOLVED: That a Sub Page be created on the Parish Council website to upload Policies at a cost of £70 plus VAT.

20/343 DBS checks

Members considered if there was a need for DBS checks for Councillors and Staff and concluded that it was not necessary.

Councillor Harrison proposed and Councillor Young seconded a motion that no further action be taken.

RESOLVED: That no further action is taken

20/344 Correspondence

The following correspondence was tabled:

- Notes from the Central Area Regeneration Meeting
- Correspondence from D Moorcroft and J Goodwin

20/345 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Cheques numbered 008770 to 008790 were presented amounting to £7,965.09

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

Councillor Gourlay noted that the cost of the Neighbourhood Watch leaflets was £220.00 and not £300.00 as previously reported and therefore the Council should be refunded 50% of the difference.

Councillor Lawley declared an interest in cheque 008789 as a friend

Councillor Adshead declared an interest in cheque 008783 as a member of Chapel Town Football Club.

20/346 Communications and Regeneration Committee

Meeting dates will be circulated to members.

20/347 Any Other Business (For discussion only)

None.

20/348 Press Releases

- Ticket machine at Chapel Station
- Footpaths Working Group
- Neighbourhood watch leaflets

20/349 Matters to be discussed following the exclusion of the Public and Press

None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15 hours.

CHAIRMAN