

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2020

- Meeting Held:** Tuesday 4 February 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, Mrs C Cobb, T Dales, N Gourlay, FP Harrison, C Lawley, C Sizeland, Mrs S Walters and S Young.
- In Attendance:** Mrs S E Stockdale – Clerk to the Council
PC S Lomas
- Apologies:** Councillor P Bann and Mrs L Green

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

20/360 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
Councillor Gourlay declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda as he has a planning application under consideration. He advised it was his intention to leave the meeting when the Planning Committee minutes were being considered.
Councillor Gourlay declared an interest in land at the Leys Allotments as he knows someone who owns adjoining land.
Councillor Mrs Walters declared an interest in land at the Leys Allotments as a friend of Councillor and Mrs Sizeland.

20/361 Police Matters

PC Lomas reported that the number of crimes in the last month has fallen from 36 to 31.

The Police priorities for the last month have been off road vehicles using Public Footpath 76.

Support to the Pastoral Staff at the High School around drug abuse in School. There has been two incidents in the last 12 months which have both led to permanent exclusions. The Police continue to work with Schools over pupil's behaviour off School premises and can only undertake body searches if they have information leading to reasonable suspicion.

Working in partnership with local Licensees over licensing issues.

The Police are continuing to patrol areas where anti-social behaviour is reported.

There have been a number of thefts of similar type vehicles locally and residents are advised to protect vehicles with steering wheel locks.

There have been two incidents reported about drug dealing at Chapel Station.

Councillor Dales reported that 10,000 Neighbourhood Watch leaflets are currently being delivered around the Parish and beyond and so far, 540 positive responses have been received. This is an initiative that is being supported by the Police and the co-ordinators are liaising with the Police regarding street co-ordinators.

It is anticipated that there will be a public meeting held in March with a venue to be confirmed.

It was reported that the private sector funding for the leaflets had not been forthcoming due to current issues around the Council.

Councillor McCarthy proposed and Councillor Dales seconded a motion that the Council should cover the shortfall of £70 for the printing costs of the leaflets as this is a community project backed by the Police.

Six members voted in favour and five members abstained.

RESOLVED: That the Council cover the £70 shortfall in the printing of the Neighbourhood Watch leaflets.

It was noted that Councillor Bann has advised that he has taken advice from the Monitoring Officer at High Peak Borough Council regarding the leaflets and his involvement in the Whaley Bridge By-Election.

Councillor Young advised that there is a meeting with the new company who will be maintaining and running the CCTV cameras in High Peak on 25 February 2020.

20/362 Open Forum

A member of the public spoke about the new Neighbourhood Watch initiative and it was explained how it will work in practice.

A member of the public spoke about the play areas in Combs and Sparrowpit and asked why the Council was considering removing them. She was advised that the Council are committed to the ongoing provision of play areas in Combs and Sparrowpit

as they are an important part of the local community. She referred to information in a newsletter and it was confirmed that this was the view of one member of the Council and did not reflect the wider Council view.

It was noted that there is some reinstatement work required by Contractors at the Combs site and that the South Head Drive Play Area is the responsibility of High Peak Borough Council.

20/363 MP, County Councillors and Borough Councillors

A report was given on behalf of the MP who is currently involved in the proposals for Stepping Hill Hospital and has lobbied the Transport Secretary over Northern Rail and the re-opening of the Matlock to Buxton rail line.

His constituency office will be opening soon in Whaley Bridge.

It was reported that the Derbyshire County Council Highways officer who deals with highway matters in the Parish is leaving the County Council and the Clerk was asked to pass on the Council's good wishes for the future.

It was reported that a new pipe is to be installed under Forge Road to alleviate surface water issues.

20/364 Matters relating to Highways, Public Footpaths, and Public Services and Parish Improvements

The minutes of the Footpaths Working Group held on 28 January 2020 were tabled.

STWA have advised that the water main on Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith will be replaced. Work is proceeding on the water main on Hayfield Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith and it was noted that this has caused excess traffic on Charley Lane leading to a deterioration in the highway surface.

It was reported that Rowton Grange Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith is due to be re-surfaced.

Residents have contacted elected members to raise concerns about street lights that are not working and the County Councils policy not to repair as they are in the process of changing to LED lights.

It was reported that the public telephone box outside the Co-op is being decommissioned.

It was agreed that the 'flying litter bin' proposal should be considered by the Amenities Committee with a report back to the Full Council on the following:

- A list of potential sites and any liability issues.
- Who will move the bin between locations
- Who will have the responsibility for emptying the bin.

20/365 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7 January 2020

Minutes numbered 20/329 to 20/349 were presented.

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

20/366 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 January 2020

Minutes numbered 20/350 to 20/355 were presented.

It was noted that Planning Application HPK/2019/0566 was duplicated in the minutes.

Minute 20/352 should read Beelow Close.

Councillor Gourlay left the room whilst the following item was discussed.

HPK/2019/0558 – Ashworth House, Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith. That the minute be amended to ‘The Council declared in interest as the applicant is a Parish Councillor and are therefore unable to make a decision. The matter should be referred back to High Peak Borough Council’

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

20/367 Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 14 January 2020

Minutes numbered 20/356 were presented.

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

20/368 Minutes of the Town Hall Committee held on 14 January 2020

Minutes numbered 20/357 were presented.

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

20/369 Minutes of the F & GP Committee held on 14 January 2020

Minutes numbered 20/358 to 20/359 were presented.

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

20/370 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

Derbyshire County Council advised that they have visited Public Footpath 86 and it is fully open to the public.

Residents have forwarded complaints about the ticket machines at Chapel-en-le-Frith and Dove Holes Stations and it was agreed that these be raised with the MP, Rail Operator and Community Rail Partnership.

The Amenities Committee were asked to consider if the Park Staff should have DBS checks after the Council decision that there was no responsibility to undertake checks.

Councillor Adshead left the meeting at 21.05 hours.

A resident of Longmeade Drive, Chapel-en-le-Frith has volunteered to maintain the street planter at the junction with Long Lane and it was agreed that this be referred back to the Amenities Committee to ensure the correct permissions are put in place.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk be delegated to agree compensation with the Zumba class hirer.

Two members commented on the Parish proportion of the Council Tax not keeping up with inflation and the level of reserves held by the Council.

20/371 Precept 2020/21

Councillor Young proposed and Councillor Harrison seconded that the 2020/21 Precept be set at £125,152 subject to receiving the Council Tax Support Grant of £9,992.62 and the Concurrent Function Grant for Parks and Open Spaces of £56,726. This is a 4% increase on 2019/20 budget, but due to the number of extra Band D houses will keep the Parish Rate at £36.15.

Eight members voted in favour with two abstentions.

RESOLVED: That the 2020/21 Precept be set at £125,152 subject to receiving grants of £56,726 and £9,992.62.

20/372 Committee Membership

It was agreed that the following members be added to Committees:

Communications Committee

Councillor Adshead

Councillor Bann

Councillor McCarthy

Councillor Sizeland

Market Place Working Group
Councillor Harrison

20/373 Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan

No matters to report.

20/374 Economic regeneration

No matters to report.

20/375 Outside Bodies

The Chapel Leisure Centre Fees for the coming year were presented.

20/376 Town Hall and 47/49 Market Street

It was reported that there has been an incident at the Town Hall where young people have been entering the building and throwing leaflets around. The Town Hall Committee is currently considering CCTV.

The Glossop Chronicle is now a free newspaper and there are copies available in the Library.

20/377 DALC

No matters to report.

20/378 Parks and Open Spaces

The Amenities Committee were asked to consider the purchase of a new trailer which is able to carry heavier equipment.

20/379 Allotment Sites

The Chairman reported that two enquiries regarding land at the Leys Allotment site have been received.

The Clerk was asked to provide details of vacant plots at Dove Holes and the Courses site to the April Full Council meeting.

The disabled person who has enquired about an allotment has been advised to speak to the organisers of the Community Garden to see if they can accommodate disabled use.

20/380 Correspondence

- Freedom of Information requests:
 1. Details of grants made by the Council from 2009 – 2019
 2. For minutes of any council decisions taken at the 5th November 2019 Parish Council meeting, after the public were excluded.
- Email from Royal British Legion re VE Day
- Chapel Community Group Annual report
- Letter from High Peak Community First Responders
- Email from T Gloster. This matter has been referred to the Monitoring Officer as a complaint
- Mayor and Mayoress Charity Ball

20/381 Schedule of Accounts presented for payment.

Cheques numbered 008791 to 008808 were presented amounting to £20,876.78.

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

20/382 Communications and Regeneration Committee

The Regeneration Committee will meet on Tuesday 11th February 2020.

A date will be arranged for the Communications Committee. The Communications Committee were asked to consider Councillor Gourlays newsletter as the views expressed are his own and not necessarily the views of the Council. The member of the public who spoke in the Open Forum was not aware of this leading to confusion.

20/383 Any Other Business (For discussion only)

As the Council are funding the Neighbourhood Watch leaflets it was agreed that Councillor Bann should not deliver in the Whaley Bridge Ward where he is standing for election until after 14 February 2020.

20/384 Press Releases

- 2020/21 Precept
- Update on issues at Chapel-en-le-Frith and Dove Holes Station

20/385 Matters to be discussed following the exclusion of the Public and Press

Councillor Young proposed and Councillor McCarthy seconded a motion to move into confidential business.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 hours.

CHAIRMAN