

# CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 7pm in the Annexe, Town Hall, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

**Present:** Cllr Chris Sizeland (Chair)                      David Benning  
                 Andy Boundy    Tony Brackenbury  
                 Sandra Higgins    Mave Morrison  
                 Liz McCormick    Peter Soden

**Apologies:** John Brook    Joanne Carrington  
                 Alastair Carrington    Sue Stockdale (Parish Council Clerk)  
                 Cllr Nigel Gourlay    Cllr Stella Walters  
                 Rob Thompson

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**1 Formalities** **Action**

**1.1 Apologies for absence**  
Received as noted above.

**1.2 Attendee names and contact details**  
Attendance forms were circulated.

**1.3 Declarations of Interest**  
Attendees were asked to declare any interests.

Cllr Chris Sizeland owns two footpaths. One on the route and one just off it.

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**2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 January 2020**

**2.1 Amendments**  
Add another line to terms of reference "The emphasis will be on implementing the Proposed Extensions to the Warmbrook and Peak Forest Tramway Trails describe in the Summary Report, March 2018 and formally adopted by the Parish Council".

Para 3.1 Should be confirm a permanent route rather than agree. Delete bit about not agreeing to be taken forward.

Para 3.3 Trust does not own the land, it is Mr & Mrs MacDonald. We believe the Trust is responsible for the tunnel.

Para 3 Rob Thomson expressed concern about poor maintenance.

**2.2 Matters arising**  
Approved, with amendments noted above. Signage matters are included in the agenda.

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### 3 Peak Forest Tramway Trail

#### 3.1 Tramway overview report

David Benning clarified this report was not about the interim route, which did not exist when report was written. Highlights from the report are:

- This is a report on a previous report commissioned by High Peak Borough Council.
- The route should be attractive, safe and easy to use by both local residents and visitors.
- The route needs to go to Whaley Bridge to connect with other transport links.
- The original report did not consider how to cross the road safely at Sheffield Road. This is seen as a significant omission of a difficult issue.
- The original report pointed out that whole route would need to have Bridleway status as it is to be used by cyclists.
- A cost of £2.34m was originally estimated, but this considered to be too low as some costs have not been included.

#### 3.2 Proposed route agreed by High Peak Borough Council

David Benning continued where he left off at the last meeting explaining the proposed rural route on Plan RR1. There are still some areas of land for which ownership is unknown.

Plan RR2 relates to the urban route through Chapel. There are also issues with crossing the road as the original plan for a new crossing is now not possible and there is a proposed development along the route (Planning App no HPK/2020/0047 by Natural Stone Surfaces).

#### 3.3 To consider interim route for Tramway Trail

The interim route is for walkers only.

- W1 is the walking route that was originally proposed, similar to a previous route promoted by High Peak Borough Council in a Tramway Trail leaflet.
- W2 is the same as the urban route on Plan RR2. This is to be amended.
- W2 modified is proposed as a better alternative way onto the tramway, and there is a safer crossing option with a refuge in the middle of the road. A further modified version is to be prepared.
- W3 follows the rural route on Plan RR1 and is nearly all on existing public footpaths, but part would need access permission.
- W4 is the as the final version apart from the A6 bridge crossing.

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Since the last meeting the section from Chapel Milton has been walked and permission has now been obtained in writing from Derbyshire County Council to place stickers on lamposts to mark the route. Again, the main issue is where to cross the road. There are also access problems for buggies and wheelchairs. The route through Burnside was agreed as the interim route. Cllr Chris Sizeland is going to put up some temporary stickers for everyone to go and follow, with comments at the next meeting.

CS  
All

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**3.4 Trail signage**

It is believed that PVC own the section of the Tramway beside their works and further along. It seems it was their tree that fell on the sign and damaged it and they have previously offered to pay for the replacement. High Peak Borough Council are working on tidying up the artwork so that a replacement sign can be arranged.

David Benning commented that there are suitable lampposts available for signage. The new signs need to be compatible and not cause confusion with existing signs. There is money currently available to promote tourism in Chapel. CS to request funding for permanent signage.

CS

**3.5 Additional Tramway Access Permissions**

Cemex own part of the route in Dove Holes and are progressing the application for a permissive footpath over their land. Part of this section is currently waterlogged and an alternative path is precarious so work will be needed to improve any path here.

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**4 Warmbrook Trail and Bridge**

Chapel Parish Council have written to the Trustees to ask if they have any objection to re-instating the bridge and the answer has been deferred until they have dealt with an ongoing drainage issue.

There is a problem with the road crossing as Derbyshire County Council do not want to provide the appropriate paving for the visually impaired.

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**5 Stodhart Tunnel Information Board**

There are various issues over land ownership and road crossing. A meeting with the Trustees was suggested as they are believed to think this is a good idea for the future. English Heritage have an interest and are expected to be involved. Chris Sizeland to make contact.

CS

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**6 Any Other Business**

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**7 Items for Next Meeting**

**7.1 Agenda items for next meeting**

None.

**7.2 Date of next Meeting**

Tuesday 21 April 2020

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The meeting closed at 20.50 pm.

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## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 21 April 2020 at 7pm online via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr Chris Sizeland (Chair)  
Jason Adhead  
David Benning  
Alastair Carrington  
Liz McCormick  
Cllr Stella Walters

Paddy Bann  
Tony Brackenbury  
Sandra Higgins  
Peter Soden

**Apologies:**

Andy Boundy  
Joanne Carrington  
Sue Stockdale (Parish Council Clerk)

John Brook  
Mave Morrison  
Rob Thompson

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| <b>1 Formalities</b> | <b>Action</b> |
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- Chris Sizeland welcomes everyone to the first Chapel Parish Council online meeting and went through basic procedures.
- 1.1 Apologies for absence**  
Received as noted above.
- 1.2 Attendee names and contact details**  
Attendance forms were completed by Sandra Higgins.
- 1.3 Declarations of interest**  
Attendees were asked to declare any interests.
- Cllr Chris Sizeland owns two footpaths. One on the route and one just off it.

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## 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020

### 2.1 Amendments

David Benning - Para 3.1 should say what the overview report is, which is a report written in 2016 that summarises a feasibility study report commissioned by HPBC around 2003. Para 3.2 heading should say the proposed route was informally accepted as a work in progress by HPBC and DCC officers who attended a meeting. Para 3.3 should say the safer crossing option is near Sovereign Way on Hayfield Road. Para 3.3 should add that the section from Chapel Milton is to Bowden Hey Road. Para 3.4 re suitable lampposts should specify this is between Chapel Milton and Sheffield Road. Para 4 should clarify the problem road crossing is on Long Lane.

Peter Soden - Pare 3.3 action should have been Peter Soden, and not David Benning.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### 2.2 Matters arising

Action

The minutes were approved, with amendments noted above.

Peter Soden talked everyone through the modified maps. In particular map W2 is has been changed by adopting a route through Burnside Avenue and the path up the steps near footpath 75 has been removed. Map W3 has been changed to add an option to carry on alongside the A6 to join footpath 75 which makes a circular walk not crossing the bypass, although the preferred route remains RN1 going through the wood. Tony Brackenbury expressed concern over part of the route. The aim is that the whole length from Charley Lane to Dove Holes should be suitable for disabled access as much as possible.

It was agreed to go forward with the maps as they are now drafted.

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### 3 Tramway trail

#### 3.1 Interim route and trail signage

Chris Sizeland has put stickers on lampposts, which some people have seen. The stickers need to be in the right place and some experimentation may be required for where to put them. David Benning has put forward a proposed signage scheme. It was agreed that the lamp posts were the most suitable places for signs to be placed. As at the moment it is not possible for us all to go out and agree sign positions together, Chris Sizeland suggested that the Group play with the design of the artwork for the signs at home, and we could individually add, remove and reposition stickers until final places are agreed on. David Benning felt that putting up the plastic stickers to replace the temporary paper ones could need two people so would need to be deferred until movement restrictions were lifted. Permission has been obtained for the plastic signs, which could be put up when lockdown is lifted. A plan is needed to move to the eventual permanent aluminium signs, for which DCC permission is needed, but this will be delayed until after the COVID-19 situation is over. A quote has been obtained for the aluminium signs so this could be progressed now in readiness.

It was agreed to continue with the paper signs until we are able to go out as a group and replace them with the plastic ones. David Benning and Chris Sizeland to work on contacting DCC regarding the finger post scheme.

DB  
CS

#### 3.2 Additional access permissions

No reply yet from Cemex, and approaching landowners in person is not possible at the moment.

Progressing the proposed path along the side the allotments to the top of the cinder path and on the bypass embankment is to be followed up by Jason Adshead as Chris Sizeland owns the adjacent land. David Benning to assist.

DB  
JA

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**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY**

- 4 Warmbrook trail and bridge** **Action**
- John Brook has been corresponding with Network Rail. David Benning raised the point in John's email about getting an opinion on construction, especially drainage. Peter Soden mentioned there was help available from a Scottish organisation called Paths For All. David Benning to look into the information John needs. Note that the DCC Footpaths Officer is currently re-assigned to COVID-19 duties. DB

Chris Sizeland has heard from Seddons about the section near Rosebank, and they are transferring their green field land to a trust company to look after. Indications are that they are sympathetic towards the trail.

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- 5 Stodhart tunnel information board** SS
- Sue Stockdale knows one of the trustees and will speak to them at the next suitable opportunity, ahead of arranging a meeting when possible.
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- 6 Any other business**
- Tony Brackenbury asked about the replacement sign at Whitehough. HPBC have agreed to tidy up the artwork and send it through but there may be a delay at the moment due to staffing shortages and other commitments.

David Benning spoke about report by Chris Sizeland from Forge Mill to Chinley School. Just to note for the record, when the public enquiry was held for the housing estate proposal there was a £25,000 section 106 agreement with the developer to build this footpath but the planning inspector said the footpath was not necessary, which was not the opinion of residents. The report was welcomed.

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**7 Items for next meeting**

- 7.1 Agenda items for next meeting**  
None.

- 7.2 Date of next meeting**  
Tuesday 2 June 2020. [Post meeting note – changed to 9 June 2020.]
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The first ever online Chapel Parish Council meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 16 June 2020 at 7pm online via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr Chris Sizeland (Chair)  
David Benning  
Sandra Higgins  
Peter Soden

Tony Brackenbury  
Liz McCormick  
Cllr Stella Walters

**Apologies:**

Andy Boundy  
Alastair Carrington  
Sue Stockdale (Parish Council Clerk)

John Brook  
Joanne Carrington  
Rob Thompson

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- 1 Formalities** **Action**  
Chris Sizeland welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.1 Apologies for absence**  
Received as noted above.
- 1.2 Attendee names and contact details**  
Attendance forms were completed by Sandra Higgins.
- Alistair and Joanne Carrington would like to be removed from the mailing list. SH
- 1.3 Declarations of interest**  
Attendees were asked to declare any interests.
- Cllr Chris Sizeland owns two footpaths. One on the route and one just off it.
- Post meeting note – Liz McCormick advised that she is a trustee for the G E Barratt estate which owns part of the land that Footpath 122 crosses at the Target Field and heads up to the railway embankment.

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## **2 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2020**

- 2.1 Amendments**  
Para 3.1. In view of DCC's desire to keep street clutter to a minimum PB is to draft an email to CS to send to DCC stating the case for the permanent signs.
- Para 4. The second paragraph should be Rosebay Long Lane Estate, not Rosebank.
- 2.2 Matters arising**  
The minutes were approved, with amendments noted above.
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## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### 3 Tramway trail

Action

#### 3.1 Interim route

SW said that the demolition of the wall at Town End had been raised by councillors at the Parish Council but there had been no public complaint. If a member of the public were to send her an email it can be put on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

#### 3.2 Trail signage

CS showed the meeting a purple finger sign with the logo for the permanent signage. A submission to DCC is being prepared by DB detailing where permanent signs are proposed as permission is needed to use their lamp posts. DB pointed out that these signs should also be an advertising tool as well as a directional tool so some signs would be double sided even when they don't need to be.

CS shared a street view of Charley Lane where the Trail crosses it and suitable places for a signage post were discussed. The grass area on the corner to the right of the trail was suggested as a site for a new pole. The existing pole on the left can no longer be seen as it is overgrown. There is a wooden fence where arrowed signage could be placed. DB suggested that this did not need to go to DCC as the sign would not be on the highway.

The design of the disc signage was discussed. It was suggested that there should be an arrow, the words "Tramway Trail" and the logo. DB pointed out problems with including the logo as it would not always appear the right way up. SW suggested just have the logo on the bigger signs and PS agreed it was more important to have the writing. It was agreed to do two designs with the purple background white writing: One with the logo in the middle for straight ahead and slightly tilted arrows; and another without the logo when the arrow needed to be tilted more.

CS showed a virtual walkthrough along Hayfield Road. DB described how the signs would be placed. There is already a cast iron sign, which would stay there, and everyone agreed that the new signs would go on the lamp post.

Continuing along Hayfield Road, no signs would be needed until the Ferodo roundabout, where two signs could be placed back to back on the post on the island outside the Ferodo entrance. There is concern that lorries may take out the signs so the next lamp post back would be better. The signs would always be side-hung so they would be no closer to the road than the post. DB to double check all sites before submission is made to DCC. Over the roundabout, there is another lamp post where two signs would go, along with an additional sign up Burrfields Road to the Market Place (this would be fixing an existing missing sign on the corner of the road).

DB

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### Trail signage – continued

Crossing the brook over to Burnside Road and Brook Fold will be more of a challenge as there are right and left turns and many of the lamp posts are hidden by trees. Suitable posts have been identified. Picking up the route in Bowden Lane by the path from Brook Fold, there are suitable posts for signs along the route. Also along Sheffield Road. Signs are needed wherever there is a change in direction and they need to be easy to spot. Additional sign pointing to town centre is needed here as well. DB to progress.

The DCC submission is on a form. Some answers will need to be completed later and others will need to be written as attachments to go with the form. This includes the notes to the map and the email from DB to CS includes a lot of the required wording. DB

### 3.3 Additional access permissions

CS chased Cemex and will do so again as they still have a lot of staff furloughed. The exact land they own is unclear and Network Rail own a small part near the roundabout, but this will be clarified when they reply.

Top of the Plain own a lot of land and Chris has sent them a message in the last few days but has not heard back yet.

PS send JA some maps for the area around Town End and SW will remind JA. There are other areas where ownership is unclear. The general approach will be to put up signs in these areas and respond to anyone who comments. SW

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| <b>4 Warmbrook trail and bridge</b>  | <b>Action</b> |
| JB has contacted Network Rail and drainage will be a key issue. CS will chase Seddons. | CS            |

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| <b>5 Stodhart tunnel information board</b>  |
| TB has been looking at old photos on Growing Up In Chinley from Chris Pearson. He has been in contact with Chris and a meetup will probably be arranged when circumstances allow. |

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| <b>6 Annual Footpath Maintenance Grant</b>      |
| This has been delegated to the group by the PC. |

Terms are so narrow that the money can only really be mainly spent on chippings and round direction signs for footpaths. The Cinder path and various parts on the Tramway Trail would qualify.

LM suggested better signage around Eaves Hall.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### **Annual Footpath Maintenance Grant - continued**

Various suggestions were made for paths that need chippings.

Any further ideas to be emailed to CS.

All

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### **7 Any other business**

CS raised the litter and fouling on the footpath up to the station and HPBC are going to put a bin near the crossing, which is being sponsored.

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### **8 Items for next meeting**

DB suggested more information on funding available from the Parish Council and possible other sources. DB to contact Lindsay Wetton.

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#### **8.1 Agenda items for next meeting**

None.

#### **8.2 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 28 July 2020.

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The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 28 July 2020 at 7pm online via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr Chris Sizeland (Chair) David Benning  
Tony Brackenbury Sandra Higgins  
Liz McCormick Peter Soden

**Apologies:**

John Brook Sue Stockdale (Parish Council Clerk)  
Cllr Stella Walters Cllr Jason Adshead

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**1 Formalities Action**

Chris Sizeland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1.1 Apologies for absence**  
Received as noted above.

**1.2 Attendee names and contact details**  
Attendance recorded by Sandra Higgins.

Andy Boundy has asked to leave the group as he does not get on with online meetings. He was thanked for his contribution and it is hoped it will be possible to welcome him back at a later date.

**1.3 Declarations of interest**  
Attendees were asked to declare any interests.

Cllr Chris Sizeland owns two footpaths. One on the route and one just off it.

Liz McCormick is a trustee for the G E Barratt estate which owns part of the land that Footpath 122 crosses at the Target Field and heads up to the railway embankment.

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**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2020**

**2.1 Amendments**  
Para 2.1 DB not PB.

Para 3.2 At the end of the first paragraph DB clarify replace even when with in order to achieve that objective.

Para 3.2 Refers to permanent signing scheme except for third paragraph, which is for the temporary scheme.

Para 6 Cinder Path referred to is the one to Bowden Hall.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

- 2.2 Matters arising** **Action**
- The minutes were approved, with amendments noted above.
- DB asked if there was any progress on item 3.1. PS contacted member of public who raised the issue and who had contacted SW and had provided photos. The tramway used to be between walls and hedgerow. The pictures show the removal of the stone wall and the hedgerow.
- DB noted re last sentence of para 3.2 that cast iron heritage signpost at bottom of Burrfields has now been replaced. Thanks to HPB Councillor Kath Sizeland who arranged for this to be done.
- Re last para of para 3.2 DB has sent off information as agreed and final papers for submission to DCC are nearly complete and should be sent off in the next few days. CS  
DB
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### 3 Tramway trail

#### 3.1 Interim route

PS will send photos to SH to send to SW. SW asked send notes on wall from meeting to SH. PS  
SH  
SW

Post meeting note from SW - Natural Stone have taken responsibility for the wall being taken down and they are going to rebuild it. They say it wasn't all there and they had no idea it was being taken down. When it will be rebuilt is uncertain as half the stone has gone missing from the original wall and they nothing about that. Also the land is higher now. Natural Stone need to provide a time frame for when they are going to undertake the work.

#### 3.2 Trail signage

CS showed pictures of the proposed semi-permanent signs for the interim route and to supplement the whole route. The first was for straight ahead with the Trail logo in white on purple and the arrow pointing straight up. The second had an arrow in the middle with the writing around the edge in a circle so the sign can be positioned to point the arrow in any direction.

The signs will be circular. The people who produce the signs will be able to refine the font, size etc. A local company would be preferred. CS to go ahead and get the signs produced in conjunction with DB. CS  
DB

DB contacted Lindsay Wetton from HPBC to get access to the Toddbrook Reservoir money. CS explained that we would need to have DCC approval before being eligible for any HPBC money that might be available so this is unlikely. Funding from CPC for the permanent signs is more likely.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

|            |   | Action |
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|            | <b>Trail Signage – continued</b><br>HPBC have produced a design for the Whitehough information board but some of the logos need updating. CS now needs to confirm PVC will pay for it.  | CS     |
| <b>3.3</b> | <b>Additional access permissions</b><br>CS has still been unable to get a response from the owners of the land from Ashbourne Lane to Barmaclough.  | CS     |
|            | CS reported that due to local events around the Blue Lagoon and unauthorised access to their quarry it is unlikely any access will be considered until next year. Still waiting for clarification on the extent of their ownership.   | CS     |
|            | PS contacted Jason Adshead and sent him two of the maps. PS to chase.   | PS     |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>Warmbrook trail and bridge</b><br>Unable to progress until the land has been passed by Seddons from the development company to the company which will look after the land.<br><br>PS noted that the connection to Market Street will need some work and requested that CPC contact HPBC about considerations when the Thornbrook car park is extended. CS will follow this up. | CS     |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>Stodhart tunnel information board</b><br>No progress.  |        |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>Annual Footpath Maintenance Grant</b><br>£650pa available to maintain 54 miles of footpath in the parish. CS to chase application.   | CS     |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>Community Safety Clean up Application.</b><br>CS has asked for top end of Tramway from Charley Lane to Whitehough to be cleaned up.  |        |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>Countryside Code Leaflet</b><br>Highlighted by LM as a reminder of our responsibilities. All agreed that it is a very good leaflet.<br><br>PS suggested CPC and HPBC distribute the leaflet more widely. At the moment it is available online only.  |        |

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### **9 Any other business**

PS commented on a news item that promoted cycling. DB noted that DCC have said that the Tramway Trail should be part of their cycle network.

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### **10 Items for next meeting**

#### **10.1 Agenda items for next meeting**

Tramway drainage - AB has been chasing whether the Council is going to continue to repair the culvert at Whitehough and there is a meeting next week at which this is one of the priority matters.

#### **10.2 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 8 September 2020.

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The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 7pm online via Zoom

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| <b>Present:</b> | Cllr Chris Sizeland (Chair) | Jason Adshead    |
|                 | David Benning               | Tony Brackenbury |
|                 | Sandra Higgins              | Liz McCormick    |
|                 | Mave Morrison               | Peter Soden      |
|                 | Cllr Stella Walters         | Lindsay Wetton   |

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#### 1 Formalities Action

Chris Sizeland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A minute's silence was observed for Rob Thompson, who sadly passed away recently. Chris Sizeland and Tony Brackenbury paid grateful tributes to his work on the tramway over many years. His contribution will be missed.

##### 1.2 Attendee names and contact details

Attendance recorded by Sandra Higgins.

Chris welcomed Lindsay Wetton from High Peak Borough Council, who is working with a matched funding grant for local tourism and businesses, including footpaths. A hypothetical example of a possible grant might be £2,000 matched with £2,000 from Chapel Parish Council for fingerposts. Lindsay is in contact with Sue Stockdale to progress any proposals.

##### 1.3 Declarations of interest

Attendees were asked to declare any interests.

Cllr Chris Sizeland has two footpaths on his land. One on the route and one just off it.

Liz McCormick is a trustee for the G E Barratt estate which incorporates part of the land that Footpath 122 crosses at the Target Field and heads up to the railway embankment.

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#### 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2020

##### 2.1 Amendments

Para 3.1 – PS will send photos of the wall that has disappeared at Natural Stone before it was removed.

Para 3.2 – Last paragraph is about the permanent signs.

Para 3.3 – Second paragraph is about the section from Barmoor Clough to Dove Holes.

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## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

### Amendments - continued

Action

Para 3.3 – Last paragraph refers to route between the trees adjacent to Leys allotment.

### 2.2 Matters arising

The minutes were approved, with amendments noted above.

Para 3.3 – David Benning reported that he and Jason went on the walk on the section near the industrial estate off Sheffield Road. Jason has walked the route several times and spoken to Sue Stockdale and Monica (HPBC tree person). He has looked at the map and the route is not as clear cut as it might look and some discussion is still needed. The trees have a preservation order (4 June 1992), but they may still be felled with good reason or in defiance of any fine. DCC view is that they would support keeping the trees but could not guarantee that some might not be lost.

Peter Soden noted that the Tramway Trail is marked as a footpath as part of the CPC neighbourhood plan even where it is not a public right of way, and also that crossing the A6 is very dangerous and there should be a safe way of crossing the bypass. Various options for safer crossing of the bypass were discussed, including our own plan for a circular walk between the tops of footpaths 75 and 83 without having to cross the bypass. Jason has spoken to Sue about a safer crossing, and David Benning suggested that CPC writes to DCC about their responsibilities for safety, which would be enhanced by creating the circular route on the Chapel side of the bypass. Jason and David will look into making a circular route a reality for the next meeting. Tony commented that these rights of way have been there long before the bypass, and he was involved with various bypass crossing improvements after the bypass was opened.

JA  
DB

It was also noted that this map shows footpaths where we already have a public right of way as well, Footpath 75 (Bowden Lane to Bypass cinder path) is in very poor condition and needs some attention, and DCC should be contacted regarding the Tramway route being potentially part of the new cycle network.

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## 3 Tramway trail

### 3.1 Interim route

Chris has ordered two designs for the temporary signs from Chapel Milton to Sheffield Road. The first with the arrow at the side pointing straight ahead and the second with the arrow running through the middle for left and right indicators. David Benning suggested a third sign with the logo to go with the second sign as it does not include the logo and would also compensate for being a relatively small size and make them easier to spot. It was agreed to consider this at a later time once the other signs were in place.

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

|  |  | Action |
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| <b>3.2 Trail signage</b>                   | David Benning described the signage through Chapel, with signs into Chapel town from Hayfield Road and Sheffield Road, to Lindsay. He explained that businesses had been considered throughout and how the Tramway Trail signage will help promote local tourism and economic development and meet the objectives of the grant money she has available. Lindsay responded very positively and encouraged the group apply with details if costings and permissions as soon as they can. |        |
| <b>3.3 Additional access permissions</b>   | No progress since the last meeting.  |        |
| <b>4 Warmbrook trail and bridge</b>        | Nothing to report.   |        |
| <b>5 Stodhart tunnel information board</b> | Noted this is on the English Heritage at risk register and Chris suggested contacting them.  | CS     |
| <b>6 Annual Footpath Maintenance Grant</b> | Nothing to report.   |        |
| <b>7 Tramway drainage</b>                  | More water is running onto the tramway from the bypass in Whitehough. DCC are responsible for some of the drains and the developers are responsible for other parts and have applied to start work but have not yet received the go ahead from DCC.  |        |
| <b>8 Any other business</b>                |  |        |
| <b>8.1 Combs Reservoir path</b>            | Chris asked Lindsay whether help would be available for improving the path around Combs Reservoir. Lindsay thought that the link to economic development for the regeneration grant was not strong enough, but there may be other ways to pursue that project. Gill Renshaw is a suggested contact.  |        |
| <b>8.2 Peak Forest Tramway</b>             | David Benning asked Lindsay whether there might be money available for a bigger project regarding the Peak Forest Tramway. Lindsay agreed that this could be a good larger project, maybe with Derbyshire County Council, for the future.  |        |

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### 8.3 Derbyshire Cey Cycle Network

Action

Peter shared a map and referred to papers circulated prior to the meeting. DCC have proposed their final version of linked cycle routes in Derbyshire. They have included all of the recommendations for Chapel in their plan but they long term (5+ years) on their list of priorities. Ruth George is keen to support a cycle route from Disley through Whaley, Chapel and Dove on to Buxton and would support the plan. There is quite a lot of government money becoming available for cycling and walking facilities and support from other organisations such as Sustrans and it may be able to do something sooner.

David questioned why we are so far down the list of priorities and will come back next time with some ideas of how to make Chapel a higher priority. He will contact the National Trust regarding their scheme.

DB

Lindsay mentioned there may be money available from the current grant to promote cycling in Chapel in the immediate future.

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## 9 Items for next meeting

9.1 Agenda items for next meeting  
Cycle network.

9.2 Date of next meeting  
Tuesday 8 December 2020.

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The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 7pm online via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr Chris Sizeland (Chair)  
David Benning  
Sandra Higgins  
Mave Morrison  
Tony Brackenbury  
Liz McCormick  
Peter Soden

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### **1 Formalities Action**

Chris Sizeland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **1.2 Attendee names and contact details**

Attendance recorded by Sandra Higgins.

#### **1.3 Declarations of interest**

Attendees were asked to declare any interests.

Cllr Chris Sizeland has two footpaths on his land. One on the route and one just off it.

Liz McCormick is a trustee for the G E Barratt estate which incorporates part of the land that Footpath 122 crosses at the Target Field and heads up to the railway embankment.

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### **2 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2020**

#### **2.1 Amendments**

2.2 Matters arising re Para 3.3 – First paragraph second line from the bottom “DCC” should be “High Peak Borough Council”.

2.2 Matters arising re Para 3.3 – Second paragraph insert “and Sheffield Road” after “83”, delete end of sentence from “which would ... bypass”, and delete “Jason and” and the word “circular”.

3.2 Trail signage last sentence – Clarification that there is no formal application process to be undertaken at the moment.

8.3 Typo correction “Key”.

#### **2.2 Matters arising**

The minutes were approved, with amendments noted above.

Item 2.2 - Tony raised the point of safety, pointing out that many road crossing places are safe when approached with appropriate care. Chris added that there are others that could be improved.

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### Matters arising ...continued

### Action

Peter shared the map of the interim route and referred to the HPBC interactive planning map which shows protected tree areas on the route and that the Tramway Trail is one of the footpaths on the Neighbourhood Plan. Other footpaths also shown on the Plan include those going through the trees and others that are not rights of way but have been recognised as footpaths. There is a footpath on the Plan from A to Y on the map alongside the allotments which is part of the interim route.

Item 2.2 – A draft letter to DCC has been circulated to the group. It summarises what is trying to be achieved and asks for the length of footpath from Y to Z which does not currently show on the HPBC map to be reinstated. There is a gap in the public right of way in the section above Frithknoll Road and parts of the route need to be cleared. Tony pointed out that if this is to be part of the Trail and meet bridleway requirements it must be three metres wide, which is not achievable on this section. David clarified that this request was just for the interim walking route and the request is for bushes to be cut back for this purpose, and any later rural route would need to be much wider. He also reported that while he did not personally have any difficulty crossing the road it needed to be safe for everyone, for example a family with young children, and signs and clearing the footpath were being requested for this reason. Chris will send David the contact details for Thom Howe from DCC to take this matter further.

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### 3 Tramway trail

#### 3.1 Interim route

Chris will progress communication with PVC.

CS

#### 3.2 Trail signage

Chris reported that the stickers have arrived. Chris and David will go out and put them on the lamp posts. A test sticker will be put up to test durability in wet weather.

CS  
DB

The fingerpost application has now been sent to DCC. The possible HPBC Funding runs to March 2022.

#### 3.3 Additional access permissions

Access over Cemex land at Dove will be tried for again at early next year.

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### 4 Warmbrook trail and bridge

Chris will follow up on the land being looked after by the Rosebay Trust.

CS

Peter questioned why the sections from Thornbrook Road to Market Street and round the back of the Scout hut do not seem to have any progress being made despite this supposing to be a priority.

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### **Warmbrook trail and bridge ...continued**

Part of the Thornbrook car park will probably be needed when it is extended. There is a potential route behind Horderns Motors and down the side of NFU. Chris to follow up with HPBC and Horderns for the next meeting.

**Action**

CS

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### **5 Stodhart tunnel information board**

Chris approached English Heritage about it being on the "At Risk" register but no reply received yet.

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### **6 Annual Footpath Maintenance Grant**

Chris reported that the Canal Trust wants to improve the footpath alongside Combs Reservoir, Cemex will provide resources along with other volunteers and they have put crushed slate on a section which seems to be working well.

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### **7 Tramway drainage**

There was another flood recently and both Tony and Chris are following up the drainage issues. The damage to the banking by the housing developers has now been rectified after being raised by Tony 13 months ago, but the culvert issue has still not been addressed, meaning that flooding will continue to occur on the tramway. Chris said this was an issue between DCC and the developers.

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### **8 Any other business**

#### **8.1 Derbyshire Key Cycle Network**

David reported that as per the last meeting he has contacted the National Trust about their strategy to promote cycle routes linking cities to the countryside. No reply has yet been received.

Ruth George, DCC Councillor for Whaley Bridge, is campaigning for the Tramway Trail to be further up the list of priorities for the Cycle Network development. DCC have been awarded £1.7m under the government's active travel scheme, and she is trying to access some of that funding for part of the Tramway Trail.

The ranking is based on a complicated scoring system and the following points have been given to Ruth for inclusion in her argument:

- The Peak Forest Tramway Trail is unique because it is an historic tourist attraction in its own right, and no account of this special factor seems to have been taken into account.
- The active travel scheme should be for both cyclists and walkers, but DCC only seems to have considered the cycling aspect and none of walking.

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### **Any other business ... continued**

**Action**

- Value for money regarding the construction cost giving both a quality cycle route and a tourist attraction as “two for the price of one” has not been considered. Also, The Group has already done much of the preparation work, and there will not be complicated construction issues and costs as the tramway foundations still exist.

Peter pointed out that DCC’s draft cycle route goes through houses and needs a lot of refining, which a lot of our route deals with. As the group has already considered suitability for both cycling and walking this should be shared with DCC directly, and it maybe that separate routes are needed for some sections. The summary report of recommendations for extending the Tramway and Warmbrook trails will be shared with the group before the next meeting.

SH

David and Peter will liaise with Sue Stockdale re contacting DCC and sending them the information.

DB  
PS

### **8.2 Path adjacent to new housing development**

Tony reported that the développeurs had put a fence on the tramway stones and he has requested that it moved back as it is eroding the trail.

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## **9 Items for next meeting**

### **9.1 Agenda items for next meeting**

Warmbrook Trail to be prioritised.

### **9.2 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 26 January 2021.

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The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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