

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Present:** Councillor J Adshead in the chair.  
Councillors C Sizeland, S Walters, N Wetters-Gourlay  
and S Young.

**In Attendance:** Mrs E Howe – Assistant to the Clerk  
Mr P Brown – Park Manager

**Apologies:** None.

#### **21/302 Public Speaking**

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak.

#### **21/303 Report and update from Chairman and Assistant Clerk**

Cllr Sizeland left the meeting whilst the first item was discussed.  
The Assistant Clerk reported:-

HPBC have approved the planning application made by Natural Stone, a condition of the permitted application states the dry stone wall at the Leys site is to be reinstated.

Two quotes have been received for the inspections of the play areas.

**Resolved:** The Council will continue with the current provider for the next 12 months.

Applications have been made to DCC Highways for permission to install street planters at Sparrowpit on the junction, on the corner of Park Road/Grange Park Road and on the corner of Long Lane and Longmeade Drive.

Quotations have been received for the disabled access picnic benches and the traditional cast iron benches including the Parish Council logo.

**Resolved:** Quotations be sought for the benches for the play area in the Memorial Park and the Assistant Clerk investigate benches which allow easier access for the elderly/less mobile.

Contact has been made with Electricity Northwest, they have requested details of the increase in supply needed within the Park before they will provide a quote.

**Resolved:** It was agreed the Park Manager contact an electrician to establish what the current supply in the Park is.

HPBC Regeneration Officer has not confirmed the allocation of the bicycle racks.

**Resolved:** The Assistant Clerk to follow up.

Dove Holes allotment site currently has 1 person on the waiting list.

The light on the War Memorial in Chapel has been fixed.

### **21/304                      Play Area Inspections – December 2020-February 2021**

The issues identified within the reports have been resolved with the exception of the gate at Dove Holes, parts are being sourced by Alliance Environmental, and the gate does not pose any immediate risk.

### **21/305                      Solar Light**

Cllr Sizeland reported an electrician had visited and suggested the bulb was coming to the end of its life and the timer was faulty.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to spend up to £250 repairing the light/replacing the bulb.

### **21/306                      Tramway Trail Noticeboard**

It was reported a replacement noticeboard for the Tramway Trail in Whitehough would cost £401ex VAT and HPBC Regeneration Office had agreed to pay 50% of the cost.

**Resolved:** The noticeboard is to be ordered.

### **21/307                      Wildflower Verges**

Cllr Gourlay requested seed be purchased to sow on verges within the parish.

**Resolved:** The Park Manager will cultivate the wildflowers and Cllr Walters is to identify potentially suitable locations.

### **21/308                      Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme**

DCC Public Rights of Way Scheme have requested invoices for 2020/2021 claim, Cllr Sizeland reported the money was still to be spent due to COVID-19 and works not beginning until the spring.

**Resolved:** The Assistant Clerk contact DCC ETE to request the claim be carried over to next years to allow the works to be undertaken in the spring.

### **21/309                      Drainage – County Drains Survey**

County Drains have supplied a survey and videos of the drains in the park. Issues were raised by Cllr Sizeland about the quality of the videos.

**Resolved:** The Park Manager is to request an improvement in the videos supplied if possible.

**21/310 Market Place Information Board & Memorial Park Noticeboard**

It was reported one side of the new panel for information board on the Market Place has been installed the incorrect way round, it was also suggested the information board be moved slightly. The noticeboard in the Memorial Park is rotten and out of date.

**Resolved:** Cllr Walters to liaise with HPBC Regeneration Officer to have the panel installed correctly and to investigate a new board for the Memorial Park. It was agreed the Information board on the Market Place be moved slightly by the Park Manager.

**21/311 Damaged Railings**

It was reported the railings damaged have reported to the police however there are no lines of investigation so the incident has been closed. The cost of repairing/replacing the railings is £468ex VAT.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to replace the railings at a cost of £468 ex VAT.

**21/312 Motion from Cllr Gourlay** – “This council will provide more grit bins for the parish, and will choose locations by a fair method. However, resources are limited, and so the following policy will be used:

- Grit-bins will be considered only on county-council adopted highways.
- The gradient of the road will be considered.
- The number of residents who would benefit will be considered.
- The age and mobility of residents will be considered.
- Current distribution of grit bins will be considered.”

**Resolved:** The motion was amended and agreed. It was agreed the Assistant Clerk supply residents who have requested a grit bin informing with the agreed policy and inform them decisions will be made at the next Amenities meeting.

**21/313 Motion from Cllr Gourlay** - The signs in the memorial park asking people to keep their dogs on leads are confusing and lead to conflict. This council will remove them, and seek to purchase replacements saying ‘Please keep your dog under control’.”

**Resolved:** The motion was agreed and three quotes are to be obtained for new signs.

**21/314 Motion from Cllr Adshead – Bowling Green Lane entrance and planters within the Park.**

Cllr Adshead requested an improvement be made to the park entrance at Bowling Green Lane and requested suggestions from the Park Manager. Cllr Adshead also requested the existing flower beds mad with yellow coloured bricks be changed to gritstone to match the centenary flower bed.

**Resolved:** The Park Manager is to clad the existing flowerbeds with gritstone. It was agreed The Park Manager would provide an action plan for the Bowling green Lane entrance.

**21/315 Motion from Cllr Young – Lawn Mower**

Cllr Young proposed the Parish Council purchase a lawn mower instead of making a grant application. The Park Manager reported he had provided the members of the committee with three costs for used Ransome Highway/Parkway Lawn Mowers. Cllr Walters proposed and Cllr Adshead seconded the Park Manager purchase a lawn mower.

**Resolved:** All voted and agreed to purchase a lawn mower up to the value of £15,000.00.

**21/316 Park Managers Report**

It was agreed the Park Manager would report at each meeting to keep the members up to. It was agreed the Park Managers report would be at the beginning of each agenda.

**21/317 Correspondence**

Cllr Adshead reported positive feedback from Mr Howe regarding the bench located near the skate park at the Rowton Grange Road entrance.

Cllr Adshead reported correspondence had been received from DCC relating to the vegetation growing through the railings at the rear of the bowling green onto the public footpath.

**Resolved:** The Park Manager reported this vegetation has now been removed.

The Assistant Clerk reported correspondence has been received from the resident of Bowling Green Lane who reports an improvement in Anti-social behaviour since the gate has been locked at night however there still have been a few incidents which they have reported to the police.

**21/318 Any Other Business**

None.

**21/319 Date to be set for one item agenda**

**Resolved:** One item agenda will be take place on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.45pm.

**21/320 Date to be set for the next full Amenities Committee meeting**

**Resolved:** Next meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.30pm.

**21/321**

**Part 2 - Business transacted after the exclusion of the  
public and Press**

None.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at  
4.50pm

CHAIRMAN