

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Regeneration Committee held on 16 February 2022 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Councillors M Barton, M Chantler, N Hill, T Saxby, C Sizeland and S Young.

Apologies: Councillor N Gourlay

In Attendance: Mrs SE Stockdale – Clerk to the Council

22/464 Election of Chairman

Councillor M Chantler proposed and Councillor S Young seconded a proposal that Councillor N Hill be elected as Chairman of this committee.

RESOLVED: That Councillor N Hill be elected as Chairman of the Regeneration Committee until the next Annual meeting of the Council.

Councillor Hill took the Chair.

22/465 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor N Hill proposed and Councillor S Young seconded a proposal that Councillor M Chantler be elected as Vice Chairman of this committee.

RESOLVED: That Councillor M Chantler be elected as Vice Chairman of the Regeneration Committee until the next Annual meeting of the Council.

22/466 Draft terms of Reference

The draft terms of reference were amended:

- The Regeneration Committee will meet monthly
- The functions of the Committee (4) will be to work with other Town and Parish Councils and organisations.

It was noted that High Peak Borough Council will be offering a grant of £750 for events organised as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee and the Council will be able to make this available to local organisations holding events.

22/467

Shop Front Grants

Applications under the current scheme will need to be submitted for consideration by 31 March 2022.

Local businesses who have expressed an interest will be reminded of the cut-off date for the submission of applications.

It was agreed that if possible the scheme could be extended to businesses without a trading shop frontage.

22/468

Old Town Rejuvenation Plan

The Chairman advised that he will be carrying out a car parking survey following comments from residents about the lack of car parking spaces and will report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk requests a meeting with the MP, County Councillor and the architect of the Plan to see how this can be taken forward.

22/469

Market Place

The previous Market Place Working Group had found that it was difficult to consider any projects for the improvement of the Market Place due to the issues with the land ownership.

They had concluded that it would give more leverage if the Council held the Market Rights and had approached the current owner to see if he would be interested in the Council taking them over. This was declined.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts the MP to see if he is able to assist with any liaison with the Duchy of Lancaster in respect of the Market Rights as part of an overall regeneration plan for the area.

The Clerk advised that given the unknown ownership of the land the Council would need to take legal advice from NALC in respect of the powers they would be able to spend money on a regeneration project given the unknown land ownership.

The Clerk was asked to contact Derbyshire County Council as some repair work on the setts is needed at the bottom of Church Brow.

22/470

Community Hub

Councillor Chantler outlined a project that Little Cherubs charity were looking at to provide a Community Hub that would have multi agency use.

Councillor Sizeland declared an interest in this item as Little Cherubs charity are currently renting premises from him.

The charity is in the process of preparing a business plan to enable them to apply for grant funding.

It was noted that the Council have earmarked £6,000 in the 2022/23 budget to assist with professional fees.

It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the charity in respect of available premises in the Parish to assess availability and cost.

The Committee were reminded that any financial investment in this project would need to be proportionate to the amount of residents in the Parish who would benefit.

22/471 Thornbrook Shop frontages

RESOLVED: That the clerk contacts the owner to see if they would be willing to discuss a project to enhance area in front of the shops.

22/472 Street Furniture

It was noted that the cast iron street signs are being repainted and any requests for repainting should be sent to Councillor Mrs Sizeland.

It was agreed that one of the new planters will be placed in Whitehough and one on the Methodist Church frontages. The remainder in the Memorial Park.

22/473 Zero Carbon Plan

It was agreed that this is currently under consideration by High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council. However, comments on planning applications can be made to include zero carbon enhancements to developments.

22/474 Greening Projects

It was agreed that the Amenities Committee are asked to consider this.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 6.45pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN

