## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on $10^{th}$ May 2022

Present:	Councillor J Adshead in the chair. Councillors M Barton and A Beswick
In Attendance:	Mrs E Howe – Assistant to the Clerk
Apologies:	Cllrs Hill and Sizeland
Absence:	None.

## 23/44 Election of Chairman

The first item of business transacted was the election of Chairman. Councillor Adshead proposed himself and Councillor Barton seconded that Councillor Adshead be elected as Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Adshead be elected as Chairman of the Amenities Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council.

### 23/45 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Adshead proposed, and Councillor Barton seconded that Councillor Hill be elected as Vice Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Hill be elected as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council.

#### 23/46 Public Speaking

There were no members of the public present.

## 23/47 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Minutes agreed and accepted.

#### 23/48 Variation of business

None.

#### 23/49 Leys Allotment update – Cllr Adshead

Cllr Adshead reported two quotes had been received to clear approx. 25% of the site:

S. Booth Millward Plant Ltd - £6680.00

M.J. Bowden - £4200.00 or £750 per day

The recent discovery of asbestos on the Leys has significantly impacted on the Councils wish to have these open in time for the growing season. Samples have been sent away for analysis and it is expected to take up to 7 weeks for the results to arrive.

It was also noted that delays to date have left any potential work needing to take place during the nesting season and that we would have to be mindful of this moving forward.

Further discussions about the general state of the Leys led to several suggestions on how to carry on moving forward.

One idea, being to explore the possibility of using our own Park staff during quieter times.

**Resolved:** To use the delay to try and obtain further quotes for clearing the site and the item to be revisited immediately once the test results have been received.

Action: Cllr Adshead.

## 23/50 Skate Park Surface Repair Quotations

It was reported three quotations have been received for repairs to the skate park surface:

M.J. Bowden - £3650.00 Chapel Tool Hire - £2190.00 Goddard Excavation - £3970.00

The Council would like to thank the 3 businesses who took time to quote. However, in the absence of a specification it was decided that we were not in a position to compare the quotes accurately.

**Resolved:** That a specification is written, and we return to those companies again for a revised quote, including the area that was repaired using the tamped finish rather than float to assist with noise levels.

**Action:** Park Manager to draw up a specification and obtain comparable quotations.

#### 23/51 Solar Light repair costings

It was reported a quotation has been received to repair the solar light in the Memorial Park:

Robert Cox - £580.00 plus parts.

The committee are conscious that the reinstatement of this light, is in a part of the park currently covered by the court proceedings and the receipt of only 1 quote to date meant a decision should not be made.

**Resolved:** Defer the matter until the court proceedings are concluded.

#### 23/52 Motion from Cllr Beswick – "To agree to widen all paths in the memorial park where possible to 2.5 metres, to allow better access for disabled persons, park vehicles, prams and to enable people using the park for different recreational purposed to pass safely and to socially distance".

It was agreed to investigate widening the main perimeter footpaths in the park to 2.5 metres and all the other paths to an appropriate width to improve access as identified in the SHIFT report, subject\_to meeting the correct criteria for S106 funding and arboriculture reports. **Resolved:** Identify possible widths of individual footpaths and obtain comparable quotations. Draw up a specification of works.

Action: Cllr Beswick, N Hill and Miss E Beswick

## 23/53 Date to be set for the next full Amenities Committee meeting.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.12

CHAIRMAN