

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 20th June 2019 in the Annexe of the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Councillor FP Harrison in the chair.
Councillors J Adshead, P Bann, T Dales, C Sizeland

In Attendance: P Brown – Parks Manager
Mrs E Howe – Assistant to the Clerk
Mrs S Stockdale – Clerk to the Council

Apologies: None.

20/70 Appointment of Chairman

The first item of business transacted was the election of Chairman. Councillor Bann proposed and Councillor Dales seconded that Councillor Harrison be elected as Chairman.

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

20/71 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Councillor Harrison proposed and Councillor Bann seconded that Councillor Adshead be elected as Vice Chairman.

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

20/72 Memorial Park

The request from Cllr Gourlay to update the Memorial Park Byelaws was discussed. To update the Byelaws would be a lengthy and complex process. It was agreed to circulate a copy of the Byelaws to all Amenities Committee members and to discuss any possibility of updating the Byelaws at the next Amenities Committee meeting. The Byelaws relating to Dogs was also discussed and the issue of enforcement arose, the possibility of holding a dog education course in the Memorial Park was suggested. It was agreed that a post be added to the Parish Councils Facebook page asking if this would be something members of the public would be interested in attending.

Cllr Gourlay requested the committee discuss the possibility of installing a water fountain in the park. It was agreed a drinking water fountain would not be viable at the present time due to health and safety concerns.

Cllr Gourlay requested the Committee discuss the possibility of creating a wildflower verge along the verge outside the park along Rowton Grange Road. The verge is owned by DCC as it forms part of the highway and has a large utilities tunnel directly underneath. It was agreed the Parks Manager

would investigate the possibility of having a wildflower area somewhere else in the park and is to report back at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that 2020 marks the parks centenary. The Parks Manager suggested installing a raised flowerbed at the main entrance to the park and installing an inlaid plaque marking the centenary. It was agreed the parks manager is to start works on the flowerbed as soon as possible.

Cllr Sizeland asked why the solar light does not work. The Assistant Clerk reported the Parks Manager has on many occasions requested companies come and investigate for us however, none have actually visited. Cllr Sizeland suggested he might be able to source a company and the Assistant Clerk is to forward any relevant details regarding the solar light to him.

The Assistant Clerk reported the play area signs are no longer adequate due to the lack of emergency contact details. It was agreed to replace all signs in all play areas with the necessary new format.

It was suggested the newly formed committee should visit all the play areas, allotments and other areas the Parks team maintain to enable them to fully understand what and where is being discussed at future meetings. The Assistant Clerk is to set a date.

20/73 Five Year Maintenance Plan

The current five year maintenance plan for the Parks Manger is coming to an end and requires updating. It was agreed the current plan be emailed to all committee members and revisited at the next meeting after the parish play area visit has been conducted.

20/74 Allotment Judging

It was agreed Cllr Bann & Cllr Adshead would judge this year's allotment competition accompanied by the Parks Manager and the Assistant Clerk.

20/75 Right of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme

DCC have invited us to participate in the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme this year. It was agreed to once again request the £675 contribution be added to the ongoing maintenance of the Peak Trail from Charley Lane in Whitehough.

20/76 Any Other Business

Cllr Sizeland requested the Amenities agendas be added to the Facebook page.

Cllr Adshead asked the Parks Manager for his opinion about the current ride on mower. The Park Manager reported the mower is adequate although he prefers a cylinder mower however, the current mower is in full working order.

It was requested the Parks Staff and the parks equipment could help with the clear up of St Thomas Becket Churchyard. The Parks staff do not have enough time to help and unfortunately the equipment cannot be lent out due to insurance and health and safety issues.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm

CHAIRMAN