

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 25th October 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
Cllr N Wetters-Gourlay

Apologies: None.

Cllr Wetters-Gourlay attended the meeting with video recording equipment. The Park Manager and the Assistant Clerk refused to be recorded.

The Park Manager refused to remain at the meeting and left before the meeting started.

Cllr Bann refused to remain at the meeting and left before the meeting started.

The Assistant Clerk agreed to take part in the meeting after assurances were given by Cllr Wetters-Gourlay that only an audio recording would be taken and then a transcription of the audio recording would be typed up.

It was agreed the transcription was not to be published on social media or made public but it could be made available for individual councillors at their request.

The meeting started at 1.10pm

20/238 Public Speaking

There was one member of the public present who did not wish to speak.

20/239 Memorial Park

Three quotations have been received for the tarmacking of paths in the Memorial Park.

Joule Brady Ltd - £13509.60 Ex. VAT
CR Civil Engineering Ltd - £15822.00 Ex. VAT
Peak Surfacing Co. - £19000.00 Inc. VAT

Cllr Adshead, Harrison and Sizeland declared an interest.

The Committee discussed and all agreed to accept the quote from Joule Brady Ltd.

The Memorial Park's centenary is July 2020. It was agreed a Working Group be formed to organise the celebrations with the Amenities Committee authorised to Co-opt members onto the Working Group by extending an invitation to join the group to the Full Council members and members of the Parish. It was requested a budget of approximately £2000 for the necessary celebration arrangements to be put in place.

Cllr Sizeland provided the Committee with an estimated quotation for installation of CCTV in the Park. It was agreed to use the Specification provided by Cllr Sizeland to obtain three additional quotations for installation of CCTV.

The removal of all the roofs from the skate park shelters was discussed, it was reported the roofs cannot be removed without compromising the structural integrity of the shelters. It was agreed to dismantle and temporarily remove the shelters if the Park Manger has space to store them and see if there is any improvement in anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Sizeland reported an attachment could be purchased as an addition to the current ride on lawn mower which could aid in quicker cutting of the grass. It was agreed the Park Manager should obtain three quotations and report at the next meeting.

Cllr Sizeland suggested a flying litter bin be purchased and moved around locations in Chapel where reports of excess litter have been received. If the bin is used in certain locations a request for a permanent litter bin could then be submitted to HPBC.

It was agreed for Cllr Sizeland to obtain the litter bin at a cost of no more than £150.00.

The Assistant Clerk reported a new litter bin to match the Teddy Bear shaped one in the play area is required, it was agreed to purchase the bin.

Cllr Adshead reported the grass in the park has grown over the edge of the paths, it was agreed for the Park Manager to start a schedule of works to take the grass back to the edge of the paths. It was suggested the Park Manger could have a working group of volunteers to aid him.

It was reported that scattering and burial of ashes has taken place in the Park without the consent of the Council. It was agreed that no permission should be given for any disposal of ashes within the Memorial Park.

It was reported that an email has been received from the Royal British Legion Independent Living Advisor requesting direct access from a property on Jubilee Road into the Memorial Park. This request has been received and discussed early in the year and the committee agreed the same decision not to allow access should be confirmed.

It was reported that prices and a brochure for adult gym equipment has been received. It was agreed to email the link and costs to the committee members and discuss at the next meeting. It was discussed that the Friends of the Park have disbanded and the possible resurrection of the group should be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed the Assistant Clerk is to provide a list each year of the exact dates on which the flag will be flown and for the Clerk to forward a copy of the Flag Flying Policy to all Amenities Committee members.

20/240 Repair of the wall at Dove Holes Playing Field

It was reported that after contacting the Derbyshire Eco Centre that they are still not in a position to aid in the rebuilding of the wall. It was agreed to contact Dove Holes Community Association to ask if they oppose the removal of the wall.

20/241 Planter on Long Lane / Longmeade Drive, Chapel

It was reported that HPBC and DCC have responded to confirm they have no knowledge of a street planter and therefore there is no permission for the planter. Chapel Garden Club has also confirmed they have not installed nor maintained the planter and will not take on responsibility for its upkeep.

It was agreed a request for the removal of the planter be made to the family of the person named on the memorial plaque and the plaque be returned to the family.

20/242 Metal detecting on land owner by the Parish Council

It was reported a request has been received for permission to metal detect on land owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the request should be denied.

20/243 Time of meeting

Cllr Sizeland stated the item in Part 2 regarding Time of the Meeting did not need to be a part 2 item.

It was discussed that the Assistant Clerk and the Park Manager would be available to attend Amenities Committee meetings in the afternoon not in the evenings. It was agreed with Committee members who work, that the meetings will take place on a Friday at 2.15pm.

Cllr Dales left at 2.49pm

20/244 Any Other Business

Cllr Sizeland reported the Friends of the Station have now completed their works to improve Chapel-en-le-Frith Railway Station.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm

CHAIRMAN