



# CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter



Welcome to the Parish Councils monthly newsletter for March 2020.

This newsletter is the first one to be published on a monthly basis following the Parish Council meetings to let residents of the Parish know the decisions of the Council together with the reasons why decisions are made. There has over, the last eighteen months, been inaccurate information about the Council and individual Councillors. The newsletter will give residents information from the Council that reinforces collective responsibility, transparency and accountability.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2020

- The Parish Councils Neighbourhood Watch initiative continues to be rolled out across the Parish area and beyond. So far 641 residents have responded to the leaflets and a number have agreed to be street/area coordinators, which is a responsible role. A meeting will be held in the Town Hall on 24th March 2020 at 7pm for street/area coordinators. In addition 60 residents have expressed an interest in joining Community Speed Watch and will receive training.
- A number of new planters will be ordered and placed at the town entrance signs within the Parish.
- A written presentation was circulated from the Manchester and East Midlands Rail Action Partnership (MEMRAC) who are bidding for funding to re-open the former Midland Railway line from Chinley to Derby, including a connection to Buxton. MEMRAC have offered to send a representative to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss this project.
- An initial survey of the cobbled surface of Church Brow has been undertaken by Derbyshire County Council and a further in depth inspection will now take place.
- A meeting between High Peak Borough Council and their recently appointed CCTV contractors to discuss improving the town centre CCTV cameras in Chapel-en-le-Frith was postponed due to bad weather and will be rescheduled.
- Residents of Bank Hall Drive contacted the Parish Council regarding the removal of historic stone gateposts. The matter was referred to High Peak Borough Council for action.

## THIS MONTHS SPOTLIGHT

- The Committee received a presentation on how broadband works and issues with broadband services specific to the Parish area.
- A scheme will be put in place to provide grants towards the replacement of traditional shop fronts which would be administered by the Parish Council with funding from the High Peak Borough Council Regeneration grant scheme. A similar scheme is already operating in other parts of High Peak.
- Improvements to Chapel-en-le-Frith Market Place, including work on the cobbles, re-siting the noticeboard and a cycle rack.
- An updated Welcome Pack, a re-design of the leaflets of walks in and around the Parish.
- Explore improvements to street lighting on the footpath from Danesway to Morrisons.

## WHAT YOUR COUNCIL DOES

Parish Councils are at the heart of local communities and form a key part of the democratic process. They give people a say at a very local level on proposals which affect them. Parish Councillors are elected members who are volunteers.

In addition to the monthly Full Council meetings there are a number of committees which include Planning, Amenities, Regeneration, Town Hall, Finance & General Purposes and Communications.

These Committees meet periodically and deal with matters in depth reporting back to the Full Council Meeting.

The Police attend Full Council meetings and give a report on crime in the Parish for the previous month.

The MP, County and Borough Councillors also give a report at the Full Council meetings.

Parish Council meetings are open to all and there is an open forum at the start of the Full Council meeting where members of the public can speak and ask questions on issues in the Parish.

On occasions the Council does exclude members of the public from meetings due to the confidential nature of the business being discussed. This can include personnel matters, contracts and disputes.

In 2015 the Council produced the Chapel-en-le-Frith Neighbourhood Plan which will help determine future development in the Parish until 2028.

The Council is a Statutory Consultee on planning applications within the Parish boundary.

The Council works in partnership with the Peak District National Park, High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council on projects from time to time.

In addition the Parish Council also owns and maintains local facilities:

- Chapel Town Hall, which has rooms for hire, the Parish Office and Library.
- Parks and open spaces including Chapel Memorial Park, Needham Recreation Ground, Dove Holes Play Area, Combs Play Area, Sparrowpit Play Area, Nanny's Well and the Well in Whitehough.
- Street planters in Chapel and hanging baskets in Dove Holes.
- Allotments in Chapel and Dove Holes.

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