

Minutes of the Chisworth Parish Council Meeting on 26th January 2023

Present: Councillor N. Jones (Chair); Councillor J. Sargent; Councillor Do Brereton; Councillor Da Brereton; A. Darkins (Clerk)

1. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th November 2022

It was **AGREED** that the amended minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th November 2022 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes to be signed by the Vice Chair.

2. Apologies – Councillor M. Bell; Councillor G. Wharmby; Councillor Jean Wharmby

3. Declarations of Interest – None

4. Public participation – Mr M. Cronshaw

5. Review of previous actions (where not included as an agenda item)

• Rec work

- Rec bramble management and sapling work is planned during February. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would send out possible Rec inspection dates for when Councillor Bell has returned.
Also to consider if a tractor and topper will be needed to help with the work.

• Environment

- The clerk is monitoring the outstanding reports and following up where necessary
- Clerk to report grids and gullies silted up on New Mills Rd and Sandy Lane
- Councillor Sargent will set a working party date for cutting the overhanging foliage around the hole in the wall on Marple Road.
- Councillor Bell awaiting price for steps up to the Rec top path, with potential to use the abandoned kerbstones.
- 'Pick it up' posters have been sent to clerk by Councillor George Wharmby.
- Councillor Bell has put up replacement 'No camping' signs at the Rec top stile.
- Map of Tree Protection Order (HPTPO50, made March 1989) at the rear of Chisworth House/Prisma distributed. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would review the planning application for the Prisma site. The TPO area sits outside the Prisma site, however, the Prisma site falls within the Holehouse Conservation Area, so the trees edging the road may already be protected. Clerk to investigate and if appropriate, request a site visit with the High Peak Arborocultural officer and Councillor Do Brereton

• Annual Plan

- Speed Indicator Device. DCC licence application now completed its public notification. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would contact Steve Alcock to ask him about the licence application and ordering the required post extension. The additional costs of £629 (due to an increase from 2022 prices) **APPROVED**. There is a 3 month lead in time for the contractors to fit the post extension once the work is approved and commissioned. This will likely mean that the SID will not be in operation until mid 2023.
- Bus shelter back wall. Councillor Do Brereton to bring Chisworth map to next meeting. The clerk and Mr Cronshaw also suggested the OS map option.
- Potential willow arch to be considered at February Rec site meeting. Councillor Jones to obtain more information for next meeting.

• Jubilee mugs

- Councillor Sargent collected £94 for the sale of the remaining Jubilee commemoration mugs. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would pay the funds, as agreed, to Glossop Food Bank. Thanks to Councillor

Sargent for managing the process. The three mugs left to be donated to Chisworth Methodist Church.

6. Finance

1. Q3 Finance Report and Bank reconciliation **APPROVED**
2. Draft Budget 2023.24. Discussed increased garden maintenance costs and areas where budget projections could be reduced. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would make the discussed amendments and distribute the update to all Councillors
3. Precept request 2023.24. Discussed precept requirement and the challenging financial and economic situation for residents. It was **APPROVED** that the precept request for the coming year would not increase to match our increased running costs. This will result in a deficit for the 2023/24 year of up to £357.62 if actual spend is in line with budget. This was discussed and agreed that given the current climate the Parish Council can, on a one off basis, absorb this potential shortfall from its limited reserves. However it was accepted that the figures within the budget are to be considered a maximum spend and in order to reduce any potential shortfall a) all spending will be carefully considered and prioritised; b) spending will be kept under review throughout the year and into 2024/25. This will mean that the precept will not have increased for the eighth year running. The clerk will submit the completed precept documents to High Peak.
4. Clerk to check with bank about a debit card with a set limit
5. Expenditure **APPROVED**.

a. Gardening	£85
b. Clerk salary Q3	£381.90
c. Defibrillator pads	£188.09 (this replaces the £175 spend approved in Nov 22)
d. Web site domain name	£14.39
e. Christmas Tree	£25

7. Meeting dates for 2023.24

All dates last Wednesday of the month, except May, which will meet one week earlier due to the Parish council elections at the beginning of May. Clerk to send out meeting date sheet.

8. Governance

- Amended wording in Code of Conduct sent through by High Peak Borough Council **APPROVED**

9. Correspondence

- DALC circular – noted
- PCC Update – noted
- HPBC Local Plan consultation – noted and distributed for completion

10. Date of next meeting – 22nd February 2023.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed..... Date.....

