

# **Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council**

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## **Clerk's Report – Parish Council Meeting 22 January 2025**

**Agenda Item 6 (a) – Chinley Community Centre Project** – An update on progress on the project will be provided. An overview of the funding status of the project to be given. Any action relating to this to be considered. An invoice from the contractor will be presented for consideration in respect of Cost Certificate 9 for works related to the project. A quote will be presented for works to clear the ivy from the wall in the car park further to site works here.

**Agenda Item 6 (b) – Play Area and Parish Land Inspection Reports** – Inspection reports to be presented and any matters arising to be discussed.

**Agenda Item 6 (c) – Christmas 2024** – Any feedback on the Christmas lights and provision in 2024 would be welcomed to feed into planning for 2025.

**Agenda Item 6 (d) – Grit Bins** – After the recent wintry weather, all grit bins previously topped up in December have been emptied. Consideration to be given to approving additional expenditure to top them up.

**Agenda Item 6 (e) – Squirrel Green Arches** – To receive an update on correspondence sent to the landowner adjacent to Squirrel Green regarding monitoring of the condition of the arches.

**Agenda Item 6 (f) – Buxton Road Parking Restrictions** – Further to the December meeting, where parking issues outside Deacons Farm on Buxton Road next to Chinley Primary School were raised, the council to consider whether and how to support to this issue.

**Agenda Item 6 (g) – Buxworth Recreation Ground** – a quote will be presented to trim the following areas in Buxworth Recreation Ground to allow access to start Himalayan Balsam bashing here later in the spring:

- Area bounded by the playing field, access track from the car park to the allotments and the path from the car park to the playground
- Overgrown area above access track to allotments
- Overgrown area above car park

**Agenda Item 6 (h) – Buxworth Recreation Ground** – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has recently assessed the land at Buxworth Recreation Ground and concluded that it qualifies to be designated as a Local Wildlife Site (LWS) in recognition of its conservation value. The report produced to be circulated. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust maintains the system of non-statutory Local Wildlife Sites in Derbyshire. Local Wildlife Sites are non-statutory and do not impose any land management responsibilities or obligations on the landowner. However, they do help to raise awareness and can assist when seeking grant aid for management work. If registered, the site would be added to the High Peak LWS register and the Local Planning Authority would be notified. The parish council to consider whether they have any questions about the proposals and/or whether to formally accept the designation.

**Agenda Item 6 (i) – Chinley Station Car Park Charges** – Further to previous correspondence with Northern Trains in spring 2024, when they advised they would delay the introduction of charges at Chinley Station until spring 2025 in recognition that construction of the new Community Centre in Chinley had impacted upon available parking within the village, they have written again advising that car parking charges will now be introduced from Monday 31st March 2025 and posters informing customers will be in place from week commencing Monday 3rd March. The Parish Council had previously strongly objected to the proposals and consideration to be given to submitting any further response to Northern Trains.