

Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council

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Clerk's Report – Parish Council Meeting 27 November 2024

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 including an update on the contribution from Wain Homes. Any action relating to this to be considered. An invoice from the contractor will be presented for consideration in respect of Cost Certificate 7 for works related to the project.

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) – Co-option – One vacancy is available to be filled by co-option. One application has been received and circulated in advance of the meeting. Any candidates present at the meeting will be invited to make a short address to the Parish Council. All co-opted candidates will be required to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form after the meeting in order to take up their role as Parish Councillor. They must also declare that they meet the relevant eligibility criteria.

Agenda Item 6 (d) – Grit Bins – The latest grit bin audit will be considered and any matters arising to be discussed.

Agenda Item 6 (e) – Species Survival Fund – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have now made their final proposals for intervention work at Buxworth Recreation Ground as part of the Species Survival Fund project. They require the parish council's agreement for the works to proceed. The proposed interventions are as follows. A map is attached.

- Meadow improvement: meadow to be scarified in patches and seeded in spring 2025 to diversify the sward. Neutral seed mix to be used. Yellow rattle seeds to be supplied to the volunteer group for autumn 2025 sowing. Five 2mx2m patches in each of the two sections. This will add to diversity and help wildflowers to compete with coarse grasses but most improvement will come through future management. Cutting, raking and piling annually is recommended.
- Bramble removal: removal of encroaching bramble to increase meadow area.
- Tree planting: to mitigate loss of mature ash trees. Species to include oak, birch and willow.
- Footpath clearance: removal of encroaching bramble to allow access to former footpath and increase meadow area.
- Wildflower patches: three patches close to the main amenities area (playground/football field) to be scarified and seeded with native wildflowers. 3 small areas to be decided by council. 3 suggested areas are:
 - o Banking between main playing field and lower grassy area close to short informal track
 - o Area between allotment and playing field
 - o Banking on south side of allotments close to recently planted fruit trees

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