

Full Council minutes of Cheddleton Parish Council
held at Wetley Rocks Village Hall, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks on Tuesday 16th December 2025
at 7.30 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present Councillors: K. Grocott (Chair), S. Rogers, M. Cunningham, M. Worthington, S. Beardmore, T. Williamson, M. Ahmad, V Cornes, G. Grocott, K Harvey, S. Johnson

Absent Councillors: V. Salt, L. Shaw, S. Bagnall, J. Fernihough, A Grocott, O. Pointon

Clerk: Melanie Mathews

Members of the public: 15

1. Apologies
Apologies were received from Councillors A Grocott, L Shaw and S Bagnall
Noted
2. Declarations of Interest
None
3. Members' Sec. 33 Dispensation Requests
Cllrs V Salt and J Ferihough asked for 6 months to care for new born baby
Agreed that more information needed, Clerk to correspond with Cllrs Salt and Ferihough
Cllr G Grocott asked for leave for 3 months February – March for arrival of new baby
Agreed Cllr G Grocott to be allowed leave
4. Announcements
None
5. Standing Orders 2025 Update
Deferred until Clerk can review
6. Media Policy
Deferred until Clerk can review
7. Data Protection Policy
Deferred until Clerk can review
8. ICO Data Protection Certificate
Noted
9. Pubic Question Time

A member of the public requested clarification regarding dispensations and requests for leave. The Clerk advised that agendas will be amended going forward to include full and clear information and agreed to circulate an explanatory breakdown to councillors outlining the differences between each item.

Another member of the public referred to wording in the minutes and sought clarification regarding a statement recorded in relation to Councillor Ahmad. It was confirmed that the

Councillor's family had not stated that his stroke was a direct result of comments made online, to confirm this had not been said.

A further member of the public requested an update on the progress of removing hay bales and a curtain-sided lorry located in close proximity to a resident who is experiencing ongoing difficulties as a result.

Agreed that Councillor Rogers would write to the farm tenant to seek a resolution to the matter.

10. Minutes of the meeting 28th November 2025

Agreed with the amendments for: spelling errors, personal names of public taking out, date of meeting corrected, item 21 is taken out and paragraph about competency changing to about GPC that the minutes are a true and accurate record.

11. Matters Arising Therefrom

- a. Confirmation of reasoning on outgoing Clerk's two payments in September. This discussion moved this to confidential section once detail had been received.
- b. Declaration of interest was questioned if Cllr Fernihough's had been received. Clerk will look into this.
- c. Question whether fire alarm had been sorted. Cllr Ahmad had been speaking to electrician if there was a need. Clerk stated as there had been a resolution this would be actioned at earliest convenience.

12. Events

Reported that on 15th January there is an SMDC Tourism event priced at £40 a ticket, circulated the detail. Thanks goes to those who supported the Flint Mill Santa, where £622 was raised at event. Circulated the Christmas Community Roadshow Police on 17th December.

13. Correspondence

14. Financial Matters

Agreed payments list for December to be paid accordingly

Noted that the tax base has now come through in readiness for precept discussions and pleased to announce it has gone down from 2292 to 2281.

15. Wetley Rocks Garages

Agreed for extraordinary meeting to discuss garages, payments, progress and business plan.

16. Attendance at Committee Meetings and vacancies

Agreed for Clerk to present a committee members poster at next meeting and formalise any changes and fill vacancies.

17. Rest Centre

Deferred until Clerk can review

18. Community Centre Fire Alarm

Agreed for Clerk to arrange the work to be completed

19. TV Screen

No decision until Cllr Rogers has looked into current assets

20. Proposal on Local Government Re-organisation
Circulated new update of executive summary and council will continue to update accordingly.
21. Update of Defibrillators
2 pads that were due renewal have been completed, Wetley Rocks battery issue continues and decisions continue for moving Red Lion defibrillator to Flint Mill and new location of Moorside are still on going. Defibrillator at Boat Inn had been activated but on checking hasn't been used, therefore now back online.
22. Update Highways Issues with Staffordshire County Council
Thorney Edge Road moving into second phase so will be possible closed this week and over Christmas. Also second phase of Wetley Rocks is due to begin middle of January.
23. Reports of Committees and Outside Bodies: -
- a. Burial Ground Committee
Meeting of 2nd December was not quorate so only discussion took place as there has been thefts and needs to be dealt with sensitively
 - b. CCLT
Nothing to report
 - c. CCMC
Nothing to report
 - d. Advanced Proteins
Nothing to report
24. Website, Suggestions for Improvement
Deferred until Clerk can review
25. Community Centre Fire Alarm
Repeated agenda item
26. Any Other Business
Concerns on zebra crossing outside Red Lion on Cheadle Road due to poorly illuminated, **Cllr Beardmore to report to county.**
- Fire service completed but needs work to make satisfactory with 2 new 6Ltr Water and Additive Extinguisher and 2 Environmentally Friendly Recovery Extinguishers
Agreed for extinguisher quote to be authorised to total of £201 plus VAT to bring fire service status to a pass.
- Letter received from Jim Gibson, Groundsman regarding a 4% increase. **Clerk to justify increase and bring back and clarify who does what.**
- Council send condolences to the family of Barbra Tunna who has sadly passed away.
Barabara's husband John was a long serving councillor.
Agreed for Clerk to check if flowers would be appropriate with the family and sort accordingly.
27. Public Question Time
Member asked for Cllr Beardmore to request to be put in that zebra crossing on Cheadle Road to be changed to pelican crossing.

Another member thanked Clerk and Cllr Williamson for getting back to him so quickly regarding where parking on zig zag lines is happening outside school on Mill Lane. **Clerk along with Cllr Williamson will look at putting something together to send to the school.**

Resident asked about sun dial trimming, Cllr Ahmad said this had been started and its planned to be finished in near future.

Another resident wanted to bring to attention that council still hasn't sorted using the donation from the Vera Heath donation that was given October 2022.

28. Forward Agenda Items

None

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21:55 PM,