

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT
CENTRE MEETING ROOM, OLD SCHOOL, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON
ON TUESDAY, 21st. MARCH 2023**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - H.R. Jennings.
Vice-Chairman - Councillor Mrs. C.A. Lovatt

Councillors - M Ahmad, M.T. Bowen, Mrs. V.B. Cornes, Mrs A. Grocott,
Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, D. Kari, Mrs. J.C. Parker, S. Scalise, Mrs L. Shaw,
H.J. Tunna, and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre
3 Members of the public.

230. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor I. Dakin, Miss. V. Salt, and M.P. Worthington arrived late, it was resolved to accept these. Mrs. V.B. Cornes had to leave the meeting before the end.
231. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
232. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written applications for dispensations received.
233. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - No planning applications have been received.
The Clerk reported she had sent a get-well card to Mrs. Day who had been a member of the Council who is ill in hospital in Ireland and a sympathy card to the family of the late Mrs. Edge who was a former member of the council. Agenda item 238, moved straight after 234.
234. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No questions from members of the public present.
238. **A522 APPROACH TO WETLEY ROCKS SPEED LIMIT** - Residents of Meadow Avenue have submitted a petition with regards to several incidents relating to the speed of vehicles entering Wetley Rocks using this road. The latest a vehicle hit the rear wall of a garden to one of the residences on Meadow Avenue. The current 30mph is currently located at Plough Bank and this needs to be reviewed as a matter of health & safety of pedestrians and the residents of the village. The request is that County Highways assess the risk and look into and cost benefit analysis to alleviate the risk before there is a fatality and allow pedestrians to feel safe using the footpath along the roadside and be able to safely cross the road to access the countryside. After some discussion it was resolved to support the request from residents and Consall Parish Council who have already agreed to support them by contacting Staffordshire County Council including Councillor David Williams, Highways Officer David Greatbatch the Police, Crime Commissioner and Rt. Hon Karen Bradley MP.
235. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 21st. FEBRUARY 2023** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
236. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters were raised.

237. GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS

Councillor Bowen reported on an issue raised with regards to Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery where a grave had been opened to perform a further burial, but this has been resolved today.

The Clerk reported that the carpark tarmac is being completed during the school holidays at the Community Centre which will take a couple of days. The Handyman has completed the pointing works on the wall at the rear of the Community Centre where the Mobile was previously situated. A quote for electric works for lighting in the Community Centre was discussed and it was resolved as the lights aren't led to get a quote to convert them rather than just replace the tubes. Grants available from SMDC (£500) and SCC (£1500) from May to be applied for Proposed by Councillor Scalise, seconded by Councillor Bowen.

The Clerk reported that the church works on the chimes has been completed. The hedging from Woodlands Trust has arrived and Councillor Tunna confirmed that Jim Gibson has put them in and cut the hedge. There are some crab apples which he hasn't used because they are poisonous to sheep. These will be planted at Cheddleton Playing Fields.

The Bollards along the roads have been cleaned as it was raised at a previous meeting, but it is the responsibility of Highways officially, but Jim has done them as he does as part of his lengthsman duties. The Clerk also reported that Pip who cuts the Asylum Burial ground grass has cleaned the signs to St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery as he was cleaning all the signs around St. Edwards Park.

Toll Bar & Wetley Rocks Playing Field Inspections have been booked now that Fields in Trust have confirmed our membership to obtain the discount.

239. UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATORS - Councillor Kari reported that AEDonate have updated the required works as agreed on the 5 defibrillators and registered them with the Ambulance Service. So, The Red Lion, The Black Lion, The Boat Inn, The Vets and Wetley Rocks Village Hall are all in working order. The Holly Bush at Denford wasn't done as we were unsure if it fell within our Parish but it does so this can now be updated and registered as they priced to do this one. As yet we have not been invoiced. We will have 6 live. There are 3 others being privately owned at Ashcombe Park CC, Leek Rugby Club and Pointon's Park which we have not approached yet. Councillor Worthington stated he would speak to Pointon's Park as Councillor Kari reported that the pads are out of date on that one. Councillor Scalise suggested contacting the other two to make them aware they need to get them checked. If these are accessible to the public, we may well look to adopt them. There are future sites that would be suitable for others such as the Community Centre/Craft Centre and Morrisons in Wetley Rocks where there used to be one. Councillor Kari will continue to work with being part of the project started by SMDC for future maintenance but at least we are covered and 5 out of the 6 are running and available for use now. Councillor Jennings wanted it noting to thank Councillor Kari for his work on this project.

240. PRE-PARISH & DISTRICT ELECTION PERIOD - The Clerk reported that as we are entering Purdah at the announcement of the election tomorrow that Councillors be aware of the restrictions in place on the Council & Councillors during this period until the new Council is elected.

241. UTILITY AID - NATIONAL CHARITY TENDER ENERGY PRICES - ELECTRIC SUPPLY CONTRACT 1/10/23. - The Clerk reported that our contract for electric ends 30/9/23 and she has received quotes for new contract for 24 months and this has over the last few weeks is reducing. First quote was 128% increase and has reduced to 115% so the decision needs to be made do we sign up or wait. The Clerk will request a regular quote

and update members, but it was resolved to not sign up to a new contract and see how the market behaves.

242. **UPDATE KINGS CORONATION MUGS** - The Clerk confirmed that Barney has confirmed that Advanced Proteins are more than happy to sponsor the mugs, but she needs the name of the company supplying them and the actual quote if it includes V.A.T. or not to give him a total cost to donate the funds. Councillor Worthington will let the Clerk have details.
243. **FLY TIP VILLA ROAD, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported that Councillor Miss. Salt has reported this to the Council. This has been reported this the Police as it will not be dealt with by SMDC as it is on privately owned land. Paula our PCSO stated it has been referred to a Sergeant. They need more details as it had been suggested who has done the tipping so need a witness statement for further evidence and if this could then be pursued by SMDC to fine the culprit. The Clerk will report back on any progress in this matter. SMDC do have cameras available for hotspot areas as long as accompanied by signage.
244. **UPDATE ON POLICE/PCSO REPORTS** - The Clerk reported that Paula reported that Werrington has a big issue with helium gas cannisters. Steve had reported that it is still an issue at Knowsley Common but is more so in the laybys rather than the picnic area. A motorbike was found and reported to the Police. Another report was forwarded to Paula of parking on the zigzag lines by the Red Lion and she has contacted some of the owners to warn them of the danger of such parking. A further parking issue on The Bunting at Wetley Rocks has been reported to the Clerk and forwarded to Paula. The residents have contacted the care company because it is a carer visiting a property and it continues to happen. It was resolved that the Parish Council contact the Care Company telling them to resolve the issue.
245. **YOUR HOUSING LAND THE OVAL/GARAGES, MILL LANE** - The Clerk has no further update on the stones. The tree was cut down by County Council as it has Basal Root rotting fungus so had to be removed due to safety and that the rest will be removed. Councillor Tunna reported that a tree by the garages has fallen over and is resting at an angle, and this has been reported to Your Housing for them to deal with.
246. **TTRO 4303615 - FOLLY LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported Prohibition order on 10th. April from junction with A520 to Woodlands Avenue for gas works.
247. **COMMERCIAL WASTE CONTRACTS FROM 1st. APRIL 2023** - The Clerk reported that the new contracts costs are: - St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery £422.89, Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery £562.18 and Cheddleton Community Centre £1064.59. Councillor Scalise proposed we sign the new contracts, seconded by Councillor Kari and it was resolved to sign all three with SMDC to continue the service without penalties.
248. **REQUEST FOR FUNDING CHEDDLETON GUIDES AND RAINBOWS** - The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Karen Grocott as they hire the Community Centre and since Covid and the increase in hire charges are struggling with decreasing numbers and the subscriptions are barely meeting the hire costs. After discussion it was suggested a donation of £250 by Councillor Scalise to offset the costs seconded by Councillor Tunna so it was resolved as a one off and put them in touch with other sources of funding such as Cautionary Lands Charity & District Council Initiative Fund from SMDC.

249. UPDATE GULLY WORKS - STATION ROAD/BASFORD BRIDGE LANE/PARK LANE - CHEDDLETON - The Clerk reported that Paula Lees from SCC has reported that gullies on Station Road were attempted to be cleared and this has highlighted an issue and requires works in the middle of the road at some point. The gully on Basford Bridge Lane by the Boat inn has been cleared as it was completely silted up. Park Lane has been completed and ditch works done. Councillor Tunna reported Park House Farm, Wetley Rocks needs clearing as water is lying on the road. The Clerk will report this. Councillor Scalise proposed that the barriers on the Canal Bridge be removed as they are an eyesore and be replaced so it was resolved to contact County.

250. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES -

a. Planning & Amenities Committee

Re. Min. 111. Pot Holes - Councillor Tunna reported that a pothole outside Darleyshire bank, Wetley Rocks has been filled today that did not need doing and it took all day. A man arrived at 10am in a little lorry and it took until 3.30pm and the County have no money.

b. Reports of Outside Bodies - SMDC etc

251. ACCOUNTS - See attached reports of accounts authorised for payment. All members received Bank Reconciliation, payments, receipts, ear-marked reserves, and budgets as spent to date. The Chairman and The Clerk signed the Balance Sheet as at 21st. March 2023 also attached. It was resolved to accept the figures.

Authorised under Sec. 137 of the L.G.A. 1972 'Free Resource'

252. CORRESPONDENCE -

- a.** Amey Report 4247563 - Spring Cottage, Leek Road, Wetley Rocks - Damage around grid - Completed 06/03/23.
- b.** SMD/2022/0342 - 57, Cheadle Road, Cheddleton - Change of use from dental practice to dwelling house. Proposal of rear extension and internal alterations. No Objection. Approved 22/11/22.
- c.** SMD/2023/0021 - Land at the Old Bowling Green Leek Road Cellarhead - Permission in Principle (PIP) for the construction of up to 9 residential units with care (C2), communal lounge/office and associated works. Objection. Refused 21/02/23.
- d.** SMD/2022/0654 - Land at Basford Hall Basford Green Road, Cheddleton - Proposed new hardcore service pathway/track to existing Biomass Boiler across existing private agricultural land (retrospective permission). No Objection. Refused 01/03/23.
- e.** SMD/2022/0671 - 67 Heath Avenue Cellarhead - Rear single storey / side extension with new canopy. No Objection. Approved 10/03/23.
- f.** Rt. Hon. Karen Bradley MP - Coach Trip to London and tour of Westminster - Friday, 12th. May 2023 - £25pp.
- g.** Advanced Proteins Liaison Group Meeting - 5pm on Friday, 21st. April 2023 - APCC.

253. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman
18th. April 2023.