

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

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

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

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

Clerk - Mrs K St Leger.  
PCSO Paula Lowndes.  
1 Member of the public.

208. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor S. Scalise, it was resolved to accept these.
209. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
210. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written applications for dispensations received.
211. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - No planning applications have been received.  
It was recommended that the Burial Ground meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup>. February 2023 be cancelled. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.
212. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No questions from member of the public present.
213. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 24<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY 2023** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
214. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** -  
**Re. Min. 195. Grounds Maintenance** - It was noted the hedge had now been cut and was to a high standard.  
**Re. Min. 197. Mill Lane restrictions** - Councillor Worthington noted the school had complained regarding the new signage, which was surprising, however these will still be erected before the end of March.  
**Re. Min. 207c. Planning Application SMDC/2022/0654** - Regarding the route of the path, which is going through a floodplain, concerns were raised the Parish Council commented before the process had been confirmed.  
Councillor Worthington noted the application had been submitted by a dissolved company and had raised the issue with SMDC and will report back, it was noted however that the application was retrospective.
215. **GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS**  
The Handyman has submitted a quotation for the fencing and roundabout works in front of the cemetery. Labour will be approx. £400 for the fencing and £300 for the cemetery works. Materials will be extra. Proposed: Councillor Mrs Lovatt. Seconded: Councillor Mrs Shaw. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.

## **215. GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS**

**(Cont'd...)** - A complaint has been received from the Tea Rooms regarding damp issues. The Clerk has advised it looks like the issue has been caused by the lack of ventilation and/or heat and has recommended the Tea Rooms install a dehumidifier before further investigative works commence. The Parish Council noted there were no issues of damp reported by previous tenants. The building needs to be kept at an ambient temperature of around 12° / 13° to ensure condensation does not form; cooking in a cold building is exacerbating the situation, with mould being present they could be in breach of food hygiene regulations. The terms of the contract to be looked at by a professional prior to renewal to ensure these conditions are addressed. It was resolved to accept the Clerk's recommendation.

The Fire Test of the alarms and sensors was completed in the Community Centre on 1st. February 2023.

## **216. UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATORS** - Councillor Kari has been liaising with AEDdonate. It was noted the following devices are registered with West Midlands Ambulance Service:

- The Red Lion / The Boat Inn / The Hollybush Denford / The Vets  
The Following devices are not registered:
- The Black Lion / Wetley Rocks Village Hall (new pads have been installed).

SMDC advised the device at Longsdon Memorial Hall fell under the Parish Council's jurisdiction, however it was clarified this was not the case.

The cost of bringing the 6 devices up to date and a 12-month maintenance package would cost around £2,150. Concerns were raised regarding adopting devices; however it was noted it would be cheaper to adopt existing devices than purchase new. The buildings where devices are located will maintain the power at their expense. It was not clear what the cost for ongoing maintenance would be.

The device located at Wetley Rocks Petrol Station has been removed. There was no ongoing maintenance with regards to the defibrillator at the Hollybush.

SMDC have now appointed a team to look at the maintenance package. It was recommended that if there was no movement from SMDC over the next two months that Cheddleton Parish Council would go ahead with the AEDdonate proposal in isolation. Proposed: Councillor Bowen. Seconded: Councillor Mrs Cornes. It was resolved to accept this recommendation and the associated costs.

It was also suggested razors be provided for defib devices; however new devices have these included. Also, whether devices could be provided for children. These items to be addressed at a later date along with training.

## **217. CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD INSPECTION REPORT** - The report shows no major issues. The recommendation would be for the Handyman be appointed to address the minor requirements. Proposed: Councillor Bowen. Seconded: Councillor Dakin. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.

Councillor Worthington asked for the refurbishment costs previously requested. Councillor Dakin asked for a copy of the report to be sent to him. The Clerk to action.

- 218. PARISH & DISTRICT ELECTION UPDATE/STAFFORDSHIRE ELECTORAL REVIEW** - The Clerk has requested candidate packs for those who have asked, these will be collected from SMDC unless Councillors are attending the scheduled meeting where these can be collected.  
The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. February 2023 at 6pm at the Council Chamber, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek ST13 6HQ
- Staffordshire Electoral Review - It was noted that the review was only taking place in Staffordshire; Stoke on Trent Unitary Authority are not part of the review. The exercise is purely to apportion the number of residents in an area to a County Councillor. There are opportunities for residents and Councillors to give their views which can have an influence over the decisions being made. It was resolved for the Clerk to issue the view of the Parish Council to the Electoral Commission, and for Councillors to respond individually to ensure Cheddleton stays within Churnet Valley. A link to the review to be issued to Councillors, the Clerk to action.
- 219. CHEDDLETON PARK AVENUE ACCESS TO FOOTPATH 38** - It has been confirmed by the Council that this is not a formal footpath. It was resolved for the Clerk to issue a letter to the complainant to clarify the position.
- 220. STAFFORDSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** - The PCSO advised there were no issues which warranted a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, however there is Staffordshire Smart Alter scheme which residents can sign up to whereby they receive alerts specific to their local area. [www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk](http://www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk)
- 221. CANCER RESEARCH 10K PUDDING RACE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (25<sup>th</sup>. NOVEMBER 2023)** - A request for permission to hold the event again this year was received, along with a thank you letter. As this was their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a discussion took place regarding supporting the event with a donation. It was resolved to grant the event £250 and for the Clerk to write a letter confirming the details. Proposed: Councillor Jennings. Seconded: Councillor Bowen. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.
- 222. PCSO UPDATES – STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE NOTICES – INHALING NITROUS OXIDE** – Notices have been installed including the playing fields. A complaint has been submitted regarding parking on the pavements, the PCSO advised she has spoken to the individual concerned and believes this has resolved the issue.
- 223. KING’S CORONATION SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2023** – The Clerk noted there was a grant of £1000 available towards Coronation events. Various suggestions were discussed including a coffee morning, a tree dedication, or the issuing of mugs. Councillor Worthington advised Kingsley were issuing mugs to their school children. It was resolved for the Clerk to check the records to see how many mugs were issued previously and to advise Councillor Worthington, he will liaise with Kingsley to obtain a discounted price from the supplier, the mugs for Cheddleton will need to be branded accordingly. If the cost was over the £1000 grant figure, Councillor Worthington would make up the difference if this was not too exorbitant. Proposed: Councillor Bowen. Seconded: Councillor Mrs Shaw. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.
- 224. AMEND SIGNATORIES FOR CCLA - PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND**  
Councillor Jennings and Councillor Bowen signed the mandate form. Councillor Jennings needs to produce suitable identification for verification.

- 225. CLERK'S RETURN TO WORK - PHASED/AMENDED DUTIES** - The Clerk submitted a recommendation based on a medical certificate and supporting evidence. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.
- 226. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES** –
- a. **Planning & Amenities Committee**
- b. **Reports of Outside Bodies - SMDC Committees, Parish Assembly, SLCC Branch Meeting, Wetley Rocks Playing Fields meeting with letting agents** - It was noted the Parish Assembly meeting was taken up by the Police & Crime Commissioner. Wetley Rocks meeting went well although they were looking to remove 3 trees on the basis that they were expecting to build houses over the next 100 years on the land and would require access. Access onto the A520 would prove problematic and as a result they would not get planning permission. Discussions took place with regards to the type of tenancy agreement required; if a 3-year rolling contract was agreed, there would be no administrative cost, however the contract could be terminated. It was therefore recommended a 20-year lease be entered into with a price review every 3 years, this would require legal representation to review and agree the lease, costs would be incurred by the Parish Council. The annual cost has increased from £420 per annum to £700 per annum, however they would maintain the trees. The recommendation would be to TPO the trees. It was resolved to accept these recommendations.
- 227. ACCOUNTS** - It was resolved to accept the figures; these were duly signed by Councillor Jennings and the Clerk.
- 228. CORRESPONDENCE** -
- a. Amey Report 4302324 - Main Road, Wetley Rocks, it was noted the pothole had been completed 20/12/22. Councillor Tunna advised the pothole adjacent to his gate was still there and had not been addressed. It was resolved for the Clerk to report this issue.
- b. Amey Report 4302323 - Plough Bank, Wetley Rocks, it was noted the pothole had been completed 20/12/22.
- c. Register of Electors monthly updates
- d. Consall Woods - RSPB car parking charge. It was noted the fees of £1 per hour or £2 for 3 hours would now apply, however parking is free for RSPB members.
- e. SSAFA - Thank you for the donation.
- 229. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** -
- It was noted tree planting will be taking place on Saturday at 11am; the Guides will be planting native trees and hedge planting will be undertaken above the football pitch. Councillor Dakin was asked to take photographs to record the event.
  - Concerns were raised regarding the cutting back of the Oak tree on Mill Lane which has left a 12ft trunk. Although the tree had been shedding branches, these appears excessive.

Chairman  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.