

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
WETLEY ROCKS VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS ON
TUESDAY, 19th. DECEMBER 2023.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - M. Ahmad.
Vice-Chairman - Miss. V.L. Salt.

Councillor - Mrs. V.B. Cornes, Miss. G. Grocott, K. Grocott, Mrs. C. A. Lovatt,
Miss. S.J. Rogers, Mrs. L. Shaw, & M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.

219. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor D.S. Bagnall, M.F. Cunningham, Mrs. A. Grocott, M.J. Leeder, & C.A. Ramos it was resolved to accept these.
220. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
221. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written applications for dispensations received.
222. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The Clerk confirmed that we have 2 vacancies which are currently being advertised and closing date for next meeting in January. Councillor Worthington mentioned that John Carr is interested in applying for membership.
223. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were present.
224. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 28th. NOVEMBER 2023** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
225. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:** -
Re. Min. 216. Accounts - Councillor Worthington asked why was there a payment received from Churnet Valley Railway? The Clerk stated that they had hired the Community Centre.
226. **GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS** - The Clerk reported that she has a quote from Pip for leaf clearance at the Asylum Burial Ground for £60 which was proposed by Councillor Miss. Salt and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Shaw and agreed. The hedge works have been completed by him already. As for Jim the Clerk reported that she had not heard from him but received his latest bill but not spoken to him yet. The Clerk will make enquiries to other options for mowing and lengthsman.
The Clerk reported that the floor in the main hall at the Community Centre is scheduled to be done during half term week in February week commencing 12th. February 2024 so it will not affect hirers too much as it will require 5 days. Steve has replaced and fixed some of the downspouts at the Community Centre as agreed. He has also looked at the radiator in the ladies' toilets and that is now heating up.
The Clerk received a complaint about the state of the gully from Ox Pasture to Hollow Lane and this has been reported to Staffordshire Moorlands as they clear it, and they will schedule the works as soon as possible.

- 227. CANCER RESEARCH 40th PUDDING RACE 2023 - COMMUNITY CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that because it was the 40th Anniversary it was agreed in February to donate £250 from the Council which will be granted now the race has taken place. Do members wish to donate the hire charge of £224 which has been granted in previous years? This was proposed by Councillor Miss. Salt, seconded by Councillor Miss. Rogers, and agreed.
- 228. COMPLAINT REGARDING SIGNAGE - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint about the signs displayed at Cheddleton Playing Fields. Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated we have a duty of care to users of the Playing Fields and Councillor Miss. Rogers stated that the law states that dogs shouldn't be of concern or bother to others and she had experienced dogs off leads on the playing field so stated that if we look at providing an area where owners can let the dogs off leads which is enclosed then maybe we are catering for everyone's needs. The Clerk reported that she had contacted SMDC with regards to the Public Space Protection Order as this was mentioned in the letter of complaint. After some discussion it was agreed that we need to seek some legal advice via SLCC and request the signage that SMDC use on other open spaces. It was agreed that it is difficult to stay within the legislation, provide safe spaces for all residents, and advise the resident that we will try to accommodate everyone.
- 229. UPDATE PROJECTS/DEED OF DEDICATION - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD - MEMBERS WORKING GROUP** - The Clerk reported that after the working party met that we agreed to look at quotes. Councillor Worthington stated he had not managed to obtain one for painting the original equipment. Councillor Pointon has met with one company with regards to the tarmac. The Clerk stated she has met with Playdale who will provide a quote to do the tennis courts and we need to be working with legitimate play specialists so that we meet all health and safety regulations and fully insured installation for the best options for our residents. Contact has been made with Proludic for another quote. The Clerk also reported that Councillor Cunningham has met with the Staffordshire Football Association and the cost of bringing the pitch to match standard would be over £5,000 and a football club has to be assigned to get the funding but this would not be possible for this season and so we need to concentrate on one thing. The Clerk will get a third Play Equipment Company to quote for the Tennis Courts as we need to move to get the funding acquired.
- 230. UPDATE REPLACEMENT LED LIGHTING - COMMUNITY CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that a quote is required to move forward with funding. Councillor Miss. Salt will get this to the Clerk.
- 231. COUNCIL DINNER FRIDAY 26th. JANUARY 2024** - The Clerk reported that Spice Merchant has been booked. Councillor Miss. Salt suggested £25 per head which will give a donation to the chairman's charity. It was discussed and estimated that 18 for definite. The Clerk requested funds to be paid in advance so would Councillors do a bank transfer to secure the booking.
- 232. UPDATE REMOVAL OF BUS STOP MAIN ROAD, WETLEY ROCKS BOTTOM OF PLOUGH BANK** - The Clerk reported that Staffordshire County Council confirmed that they emailed County Councillor and District Councillors in May 2022. Councillor Worthington stated he did not receive anything. There is nothing else to report.

- 233. UPDATE ROAD SAFETY PARKING ON PLOUGH BANK - AMEY REPORT 4337430** - The Clerk reported that Lisa Hall from Staffordshire County Council has responded stating that the works would be between £6000-£7000 as the Traffic Regulation Order costs £4000. She requested what would we want so the Clerk had requested double yellow lines from the top to bottom of Plough Bank on Meadow Avenue side as it makes it difficult to pull out of all roads Meadow Avenue, and end of Plough Bank onto A520 & A522. Councillor Worthington will chase up plan and costings for the next meeting. So future agenda item.
- 234. UPDATE RESIDENTS MEETING STATE OF THE MAIN ROADS IN WETLEY ROCKS** - The Chairman explained that there has been a meeting between the residents and County Councillor Worthington. Councillor Worthington explained that he had met with two County Council planning officers at St Johns Church and the residents from the main road and a cost of one million and quarter pounds to put the road right it was 1998 since it was last upgraded. The County have committed to do something in 2025. Councillor Ahmad asked to write to Barney Williams at Advanced Protein to attend a future Parish Council Meeting.
- 235. UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATORS** - The Clerk reported that Leek Link have donated the £750 to purchase the defibrillator which funds have been sent off now to acquire one as they are issued first come first served. Once installed this will be promoted. Councillor Miss. Rogers asked about clarification of the minutes at the last meeting. As there have been issues where the device has been registered for use but there have been deaths through it not being checked and ready for use. This is not in Cheddleton but other parishes in Staffordshire Moorlands the Clerk clarified.
- 236. UPDATE ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND LAND OWNERSHIP** - The Clerk reported that we have no further update, but she will look back as to which solicitor dealt with the sale.
- 237. UPDATE PROPOSAL FOR SOLAR PANELS AT COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported that she has spoken to SMDC with regards to planning permission so will be applied for soon. The Clerk gave feedback from Rugeley Town Council who have had installation of solar panels by Energy Box and it they have had some problems. The Clerk stated that she has spoken to Jonathan Cornes Associates who would manage the project and carry out a feasibility study for £500 so it was agreed to instruct them to carry this out.
- 238. CROW MEETING/APPEALS/FOOTPATH UPDATES** - The Clerk reported that the December Meeting of the CROW discussed 2 applications. One was in Cheddleton which was agreed LJ649G from Basford Lane to Footpath 33. This could be objected to before it gets added to the definitive map. SCC have done a review of the way they deal with applications.
The Clerk reported that the volunteers have removed a tree from Footpath 38 which had fallen over. An enquiry from a resident who has a footpath through his land asking if the volunteers had cut saplings on his land which the Clerk confirmed was not the volunteers. The Clerk reported that the meeting with Historic England was very productive. Rachel & Amanda viewed the buttercross and suggested the works are not that extensive. The repairs carried out in 1926 need to remove the cement and restore historically. Keith Harvey also attended and made proposals for works around the cross which were discussed, and suggestions made with the consent of the farmer who owns the land. Rachel has taken away the ideas and will speak with all parties including SCC and Moorlands Partnership including training on drystone wall repairs for volunteers.

239. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES -

- a. **Wetley Rocks/Toll Bar Playing Field Committee**
Re. Min. 3. Election of Vice-Chairman - Councillor Worthington pointed out that it read Councillor Bagnall elected as chairman and should be vice-chairman.
- b. **Planning & Amenities Committee**
- c. **Burial Grounds Committee**
- d. **Finance Committee (Confidential)**
- e. **Reports of Outside Bodies - SMDC Parish Assembly, SLCC Branch Meeting, Support Staffordshire VCSE Meeting etc.** - The Clerk attended the SLCC Branch Meeting and Support Staffordshire VCSE Meeting.

240. 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. Notification of Election Expenses 4/5/23 - Instalment plan over 4 years.

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

241. CORRESPONDENCE -

- a. Policing and Fire Rescue Services in Staffordshire - Have Your Say on the amount you pay.
- b. Review of Definitive Map Modification Order service - section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- c. Information Commissioners Office Renewal Confirmation - Expires 28/11/24.
- d. Amey Report 4186924 - Leek Road, Cheddleton - Missing Sign - Installed 21/11/23.

242. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No members of the public were present.

Chairman

23rd. January 2024.