

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
WETLEY ROCKS VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS
ON TUESDAY 22nd. APRIL 2025.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - M. Ahmad.

Councillor - D.S. Bagnall, Mrs. V.B. Cornes, M.F. Cunningham, Miss. G. Grocott, K. Harvey, Mrs. C. A. Lovatt, O.C. Pinton, Miss. S.J. Rogers, Mrs. L. Shaw, T.G. Williamson and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Mrs. L.J. Green.

Rev. Henry Hope.

325. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor Miss. V.L Salt, Mrs. S.C. Beardmore, Mrs. A. Grocott, & K. Grocott, and it was resolved to accept these.
326. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
327. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written applications for dispensations received.
328. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The Clerk reported we can proceed with the co-option for the vacancy for Cheddleton Ward, so this has now been advertised with a closing date 17th May. The Staffordshire County Council Election takes place on Thursday 1st. May. The four churches have all sent their thanks for the £100 donation received. There is a Tour of Westminster 14th. May if anyone wishes to attend. The PCSO's awards.
329. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were present.
330. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 25th. MARCH 2025** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
331. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:** - No matters were raised.
332. **GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS** - The Clerk reported that the three trees on Cheddleton Playing Field have been cut as agreed. Councillor Mrs. Shaw reported that they did a very professional job and were very good with the residents affected. Cleared the site so would recommend their work. She also reported that there is another tree which may need works behind Beech Avenue as a resident has asked for it to be trimmed. The Clerk will ask Jim Gibson to look and if not approach them to quote for the job. The signage for the cemetery signage has not been confirmed but will seek advice from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. As for the Community Centre signage as the review of permits is due the Clerk suggested this be left until the decision over permits has been resolved in the next six months.

- 333. FURTHER QUOTES FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CONDITION REPORT - COMMUNITY CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that she had obtained a quote for the Report being £1740, second quote £960 and £800 up to 70 circuits. The Clerk recommended Hydra Electrical who have already been awarded the PAT Testing & Emergency Light Testing as they are very thorough. Proposed by Councillor Worthington, seconded by Councillor Pointon all agreed.
- 334. UPDATE DEVOLUTION/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN STAFFORDSHIRE** - The Clerk reported that SLCC have written to government to allow assets to be transferred to Parish & Town Councils to form legislation to make it easier. Councillor Worthington reported that the submissions have been now sent, and the results will be made known in November. Councillor Ahmad suggested that more members should attend the Parish Assembly to represent the Parish. Councillor Miss. Rogers stated that they have talked about streaming the meeting so it will be able to be viewed by everyone.
- 335. FUNDING/GRANTS COMMITTEE - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD/ COMMUNITY CENTRE/BUTTERCROSS/STREET LIGHTS** - The Clerk reported that Cheddleton Playing Fields Deed of dedication has been sent finally to Staffordshire Playing Fields Association at the end of March.
The Clerk reported that she has met with Broad Oak to get an up-to-date quote for the installation of the solar panels at the Community Centre.
The restoration of the Butter Cross itself will be completed this week with the return of the dry-stone Wallers this coming weekend to finish the walls to enclose it. Then our volunteers will be installing the fencing supplied by Staffordshire County Council.
- 336. EVENTS - FLINT MILL, VE DAY 80** - Councillor Miss. Rogers updated that everything is progressing well with lots of sponsorship from various sources. Bands are booked and looking to be a good fundraiser for the Flint Mill.
Councillor Cunningham reported on the event for VE Day 80 at the Village Hall & St. John's Church taking place on 5th. May 2025 from 2pm until 5pm with afternoon tea. The Clerk reported that the grant has been applied for from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.
- 337. UPDATE HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
a. Amey Report 4437385 Cheadle Road, Cheddleton - TPO collapsed grid - The Clerk has reported this as made aware of it by Councillor Mrs. Shaw and noticed a traffic cone on top of it.
b. Amey Report 4434134 Leek Road, Wetley Rocks - Playing Field - This report from details given by Jim Gibson and has been forwarded to Dave Rushton but had no response so Councillor Worthington will chase it up.
- 338. UPDATE UTILITY AID - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CONTRACT 1/10/25** - The Clerk reported that she had approached some suppliers for quotes and will report on this at the next meeting.
- 339. UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATORS** - Councillor Miss. Rogers confirmed all in working order.
- 340. FOOTPATH UPDATES/ ROW MODIFICATIONS** - Councillor Harvey reported that one of our volunteers will be out of action and will mean that emergencies will only be dealt with until his return. Staffordshire County Council have been approached to help with transporting the volunteers because he uses his vehicle. Councillor Miss. Rogers reported that a new stile has been installed by SCC Rights of Way on an old footpath going through Coalpitford Farm

which is dangerous that has been diverted and needs signage to use the alternative route. Councillor Harvey reported that SCC put in the alternative route about 10 years ago.

- 341. UPDATE ON ISSUES CANAL & RIVER TRUST** - No further works have been carried out on the reported collapsed canal bankside by the Flint Mill or Batemans.
- 342. LAND BEHIND LAYBY A520** - The Clerk had received a report from Miss. Rogers about the state of it and asked who owns it. SMDC have suggested doing a land registry search to establish ownership which the Clerk will do.
- 343. MEMBERSHIP STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION** - The Clerk reported that the membership will be at a reduced rate of £314 by not paying the NALC element which would normally cost £729.26 this year. Councillor Miss. Rogers proposed joining, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Cornes. This was amended by Councillor Worthington to wait but was not agreed. Majority voted to join because of the threat of devolution and expert advice available.
- 344. NATIONAL GRID - CELLARHEAD SUBSTATION MEETING** - The Clerk reported that they contacted with regards to works going ahead. They are holding a public session to invite residents along to show them what works are going to be taking place, and this will be circulated to members for you to attend.
- 345. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES** -
- a. **Planning & Amenities Committee**
 - b. **Reports of Outside Bodies** - The Clerk reported that there is a Clerk's Meeting at SMDC next week.
- 346. 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.
- *Authorised under Sec. 137 of the L.G.A. 1972 'Free Resource'*
- 347. CORRESPONDENCE** -
- a. Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) 2024/25. The Internal Audit meeting will take place on 29/4/25 to perform the Audit of this.
 - b. Community Heartbeat Invoice - Relates to 2019 and were not ordered by Cheddleton PC.
 - c. Wetley Rocks Village Hall Committee Meeting 24/4/25.
 - d. Advanced Proteins Liaison Group Meeting 25/4/25. Reports of smell over last weekend.
 - e. Support Staffordshire AGM 1/5/25.
 - f. Sweet Meadows Plant Centre - 20% Discount Card available.
 - g. HP Printer Ink Package - Charge Increase subscription to £55.99 from £49.49.
- 348. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No questions from the public.

Chairman
27th. May 2025.