

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup>. MARCH 2023.**

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman - Councillor M.T. Bowen  
Vice-Chairman - Councillor H.J. Tunna  
Councillors - M. Ahmad, D. Kari, Mrs. D. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, H.R. Jennings,  
Mrs. C.A. Lovatt, Mrs. V. Salt, and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.

102. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. J.C. Parkes; it was resolved to accept these.
103. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - No declarations of interest.
104. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - There were no members of the public in attendance.
105. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7<sup>th</sup>. FEBRUARY 2023** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
106. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters were raised.
107. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - All documents available for Members to read.
- a. HMRC Updates.
  - b. CPRE News.
  - c. Staffordshire County Council News.
  - d. Staffordshire Wildlife - Enews.
  - e. Support Staffordshire News.
  - f. Canal & River Trust Update.
  - g. SMDC Regeneration/Democratic/Commercial Waste
  - h. Moorlands Climate Action - News.
  - i. SLCC Updates/ Events.
  - j. Fields In Trust Newsletter.
  - k. Fraud Updates.
  - l. TCPA Updates.
  - m. Dougie Mac 50 Year Anniversary Thank You Event to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. They have invited members of the Parish Council to attend. Councillors to contact the Clerk directly if interested.
  - n. SMD/2022/0590 - 435, The Beeches, Cheadle Road, Cheddleton - Two Storey side extension and single storey rear extension. No Objection. Approved 01/02/2023.
  - o. DET/2022/0027 - Big Shaffalong Farm, Shaffalong Lane, Cheddleton - Change of use of agricultural building to up to 5no dwelling houses. Objection. Prior Approval Refused. 03/02/2023.

- 108. KINGS CORONATION MUGS** - Councillor Worthington provided examples of the mugs. The cost would be £3.50 each plus £0.18 for a box. The item was brought back to the Council due to clarification with regards to the grant available. Town Councils will be awarded £1,000; however, Parish Councils have been awarded £435, which is less than anticipated. To ensure there are enough mugs it is recommended we purchase 550 No., however we could reduce this to 530 No. if required, which was the number identified by the schools. The Clerk has approached Bateman's for sponsorship; however, they have not responded to date. It was resolved for the Clerk to email Barney at Advanced Proteins however she advised it was difficult obtaining funding from him previously. Councillor Mrs. Hartley proposed the Parish Council purchase the 550 No. mugs and box as recommended as there is budget availability. Councillor Worthington advised he had access to a Community Fund from the County Council to cover any shortfall should the need arise up to the value of £500, however he would ask the Parish Council to seek funding to cover the full costs if feasible. It was unanimously resolved to order the mugs, branded with Cheddleton Parish Council.
- 109. PARKING ON PLOUGH BANK, WETLEY ROCKS** - A letter has been received from a resident expressing concerns regarding the parking of vehicles on the footpath at Plough Bank adjacent to the post box; residents have no option but to walk in the road. It is particularly dangerous for people pushing pushchairs and walking with children. They have requested bollards be installed to restrict parking. It was noted the County Council are reluctant to install these as they are expensive and can cause other issues. There is no legislation to prohibit cars from parking on the pavement. It was resolved to write to the County Council to demand they mark the road with double yellow lines as a matter of urgency.
- 110. RESIDENTS PARKING ON THE GRASSED AREA/TREE WORKS THE OVAL, MILL LANE** - The Clerk has been chasing Mr. Lovatt of Your Housing with regards to an update on the installation of stones, and to report on the tree works which were undertaken, however, to date he has not reported back. The severe treatment of the tree means there is little chance of it recovering, suggestions put forward were for a chainsaw artist to be commissioned to carve something, alternatively for the tree to be felled and a replacement tree planted. The Clerk will continue to chase for an update; Councillor Bowen will also chase Your Housing as owners.
- 111. POTHoles MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS - AMEY REPORTS 4243874 & 4313035** - The Clerk has raised the report again and noted there is still an outstanding call dating back to June 2021. There was an immediate response from Highways to say a Highways Officer has assessed the site and the damage does not pose an immediate risk to safety. The Clerk referred the issue to the liaison representative who forwarded the link to the Highways Programme of works; it was noted there was no reference to Mill Lane. It was resolved for the Clerk to write another letter to County Council Highways. On a positive note, they have undertaken the repairs to the large pothole adjacent to Councillor Tunna's property, this has only taken 3 years!
- 112. HIGHWAYS MEETING WITH STAFFS COUNTY COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER** - The Liaison Officer cancelled the January meeting and advised meetings were now going to be scheduled bi-annually, however this has been amended to annually due to work pressures. It is anticipated the deferred meeting will be re-scheduled for end May/early June; we are awaiting confirmation.

- 113. DESTRUCTION OF FOX'S PLANTATION, CHEDDLETON** - A resident has contacted the Council with regards to the destruction of the Fox's Plantation by JCM aka Pointons, which is a home to a myriad of wildlife including buzzards, bats, red kites, owls and foxes. This was not part of the plant extension works. The site was referred to as ancient woodland which should afford it some protection. The Clerk will refer the matter to SMDC for clarification. The Clerk will also contact Mr. Massey at SMDC directly.
- 114. UTILITY AID - NATIONAL CHARITY TENDER ENERGY PRICES - ELECTRIC SUPPLY CONTRACT 1/10/23** - The Parish is currently with Utility Aid for gas and electric provision, the current contract for electric expires on 1<sup>st</sup>. October 2023. The figures are due to increase dramatically and are changing on a daily basis. We have been advised these could increase by as much 128%. It was noted some of the tenants pay for their own services; the Parish re-charge the Tea Rooms and pay for the meeting room and Community Centre. The gas contract runs out 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2024. Utility Aid are recommending we commit to a contract now for the next three years to guarantee preferential rates, however the Government envisage prices will fall and will be risky to tie the Council in at this stage. The suggestion is to wait until after the election, in the meantime the Clerk will make further enquiries and add the item to the full Council agenda.
- 115. PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - None received.
- 116. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were in attendance.
- 117. FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS**  
Dirty bollards / carriage markers - to be determined who is responsible.  
Wetley Rocks Playing Field to be given the option to register this as a community asset should the site come up for sale.  
Cheddleton Playing Field - Fields in Trust update regarding the handover of the site. It was noted it was difficult to obtain funding as the Parish Council do not own the site.  
Property on Villa Road depositing rubbish in the woods.

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup>. April 2023.