

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 4th. JULY 2023.

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Mrs. C.A. Lovatt

Councillors - M. Ahmad, V.B. Cornes, Miss V.L. Salt, and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.

District Councillor M. Swindlehurst, D. Pascall and a member of the public.

18. APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Councillors D.S. Bagnall, M.F. Cunningham, O.C. Pointon, and Mrs. L. Shaw, it was resolved to accept these.
19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - No declarations of interest.
20. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - There were no questions from the public in attendance.
24. STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MATT SWINDLEHURST - CABINET MEMBER FOR TOURISM & LEISURE - DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUNDING OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR PLAYING FIELDS - The Chair brought the agenda item forward and welcomed Councillors Swindlehurst and Pascall to the meeting. Councillor Swindlehurst explained that he had discussed our interest and previous discussions with Officer Gareth Knapper and Cheddleton Playing Field, and I have visited the site myself. The Clerk explained that Fields in Trust own the site and that we are currently looking to enter a deed of dedication with them as trustees, but they have no problem with any improvements we wish to make. The change in Council has delayed us moving forward and to survey residents with potential ideas. Councillor Swindlehurst stated a business plan for proposal needs to be submitted as part of the grant application with costings. After some discussion it was resolved the way forward and there is still funding available. In parallel there are green spaces that can be used for re-wilding, trees, and wet areas for biodiversity. The Clerk stated that we have no-mow areas and planted trees plus bat and bird boxes. There are other areas like replacement equipment on the Toll Bar playing field which could look at funding. Wetley Rocks is still under negotiation with the Diocese. Consultation is required and needs to be discussed by the Full Council with the options and a plan put together and either survey or have consultation period with residents. The Chair stated that we should encourage more outdoor activity and preventing illness. We can work together, and the Chair thanked the District Councillors for attending.
21. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th. JUNE 2023 - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
22. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM - No items were raised.
23. 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 - Councillor Mrs. Cornes has signed up to do a couple of free online courses over the next couple of weeks on Safeguarding and supporting mental health.
- f. Canal & River Trust Update.
- g. SMDC Regeneration.
- h. Moorlands Climate Action - News.
- i. SLCC Updates/ Events - The Clerk is doing a free webinar of managing rising energy costs 10/7/2023.
- j. Fraud Updates.
- k. CCLA Investment changes.
- l. Active Places Update.
- m. Woodland Trust Updates.
- n. Community Foundation Funding & Support.

25. **WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS REPORTS MADE/ DATE OF LIAISON MEETING WITH PAULA LEES STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** - The Clerk reported that Werrington PC have reported to Staffordshire highways 10 reports which fall within Cheddleton PC to keep us informed that they have been logged. The Liaison meeting with Paula Lowndes on 20th. July 2023 at 11am for any members who wish to attend.
26. **UPDATE WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD RENT/ WORKS** - The Clerk reported that the tree works required have been completed by the Diocese as their responsibility under the TPO as requested through SMDC and permission was granted. Benbow Brothers were contracted to do this and removed some of the debris for us by chipping old branches and leaving this for us to use on the playing field and other areas. The Clerk also reported that she had consulted with Steve Massey with regards to the removal of the 3 trees requested by the Diocese. The trees would not be easily transplanted and are not part of the TPO so in his opinion would be better removed and replacement trees planted wherever required. The Clerk explained that the Diocese wanted them removing as we had not gained permission to put them in initially and as a compromise to remove just three to give an access route from the road. The Chair reported that the options were 3-5 years or a 20-year agreement. The Clerk is waiting for Balfours to respond to this so will report once she has a response.
27. **FLY TIP REPORT THORNEY EDGE ROAD, BAGNALL/ PARK LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk circulated photographs of two fly tips of soil that have been dumped over the last couple of weeks on Thorney Edge Road which have been logged with SMDC and the first removed. This has been reported to PCSO as its similar materials so could be the same person dumping it. Paula Lowndes has been seconded to Cheddleton, so our contact is Ashley Goodwin. The Clerk has received information of another fly tip of bags of plaster in the layby on Park Lane which has also been reported to SMDC to remove it.
28. **UPDATE VOLUNTEER FOOTPATH REPAIRS/ LA647G/008169 DEEP HAYE CROWN POINT FOOTPATH APPLICATION - REFUSED 23/6/2023** - The Clerk reported that Mrs. Meyrick had rang to notify her that Footpath 51a which comes out onto Moorside Road has a post which was removed by school children which she was able to retrieve. The volunteers have cemented it back in situ. The Clerk also reported that a new fingerpost that has been installed at the start of Footpath 49 off Rownall Road has been removed. This will be reported to Staffs County Council. The Clerk reported on the footpath modification LA647G which dates from 1990 was recommended refusal and has been before the Countryside Rights of Way Panel and been refused. An appeal can be lodged so David Rice has been contacted for his advice as there is a time limit of 28 days.

29. **SMDC LICENSING APPLICATIONS** - The Clerk had received a list of Licenses and the only one in our area is for St Edwards Academy for a Temporary Event Notice 8/7/2023 for the Summer Fayre.
30. **UPDATE INCIDENT 553 OF 20/6/2023 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE - CANAL BRIDGE** - The Clerk reported that the incident involving a 44-ton HGV using the Bridge with weight restriction of 7.5 ton. PC5339 Barnaby Kellybush has contacted asking for photographs which have been supplied to him. The Clerk also reported that she had contacted everyone about the temporary barriers after a member of the public asked at full council about them being removed as previously agreed in March. No response has been received.
31. **HP INSTANT INK PLAN FOR OFFICE PRINTER** - The Clerk reported that the HP Printer purchased with 9 months free ink plan has now expired and to continue the plan it will cost £44.99 per month for 1500 pages we currently print. After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ahmad to continue with the subscription, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lovatt so agreed it was the best option as cartridges are very expensive.
32. **UPDATE LETTING OF EMPTY ROOM IN CRAFT CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that she has met with James Craine from Mounsey who were instructed as agreed to advertise the empty room and a copy of the details were circulated to members. They have suggested a monthly charge of £350 which is inclusive of utilities which are electric and water. An enquiry has already been received from a care company wanting office space. The other option to consider is the length of the license if it is month by month or a fixed term. After some discussion it was agreed to look at the cost of gas and water which are recharged to them and report the details to the Full Council after speaking to the current occupiers before renewing the license.
33. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - None received.
34. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - Member of the public said that a fixed term contract is the best way forward for the hire of the rooms and gives more security to both.
35. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS**
No items were raised.

Chairman
19th. September 2023.