

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/ CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 24th MAY 2022.

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor I. Dakin (CPF) Mrs. L.M. Salt (F&C).

Vice-Chair - Councillor M.P. Worthington (CPF).

Councillors - D. Kari, H.R. Jennings & Mrs. L. Shaw.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from, M.T. Bowen, & G.W. Salt. Member Mr. P. Green, it was resolved to accept these.
2. **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE / CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING OF 18th JANUARY 2022** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

Re. Min. 53. Himalayan Balsam/Knotweed - Councillor Worthington asked about the boat Himalayan pull and Councillor Dakin updated that following a risk assessment that it was not viable.

Re. Min. 61. Waymarkers - Councillor Worthington asked if the way markers have been received.

Re. Min. 64. General Condition of the field - Councillor Jennings mentioned the lack of dog wardens and are SMDC prepared to take on further officers. Councillor Worthington will put forward a request on behalf of the Parish Council to SMDC. The Clerk mentioned that the dog fouling signs have been requested via Councillor Scalise and Councillor Worthington will also chase those up to be put up around the village and playing field. Councillor Dakin stated that Ipstones have some specific signs.

Re. Min 67. Bridge Eye - Councillor Jennings reported that Cautionary Lands Charity will be sorting the drainage as the well dressing is due to take place this year.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** -
 - a. ROW update - David Rice - The Clerk updated that the next panel meeting is 17/6/2022 with only 4 map modifications have been heard in the last 7-month period. New Applications submitted 14. The ones that have been determined have not been added to the Definitive Map. Councillor Worthington stated we should write to Councillor Mark Winnington as Chairman of ROW Panel to request more meetings to resolve more applications and why they are not being added to the Maps once determined.
5. **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - The Clerk reported that Mr. P. Green is not here to update and CVR is busy with its expansion.
6. **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - The Clerk reported that there is nothing to report as Historic England. The item to remain as a running agenda until further information has been received.
7. **UPDATE/SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH - VOLUNTEERS** - The Clerk handed out the survey list to all members for them to review. Still quite a few issues with County Council but the inspections have started again, and the volunteers are continuing to repair and fix what they can.

7. **UPDATE/SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH - VOLUNTEERS (Cont'd...)** - Councillor Dakin stated that on Footpath 38 tree management has been completed and that Severn Trent have cut down trees. Councillor Worthington asked is Footpath 59 is that on Rownall. The Clerk stated that this is an outstanding query with SCC. The Clerk has outstanding queries which are not being sorted out. Councillor Worthington stated that he will email Paul Rochfort as County Councillor and ask why these are not being dealt with. It was agreed to do his and copy the Clerk in. The Clerk stated that the blocked paths need owners to apply for a re-direction. The Clerk reported that supplies for wood etc. but nothing else. The Clerk has a couple to contact for follow up e.g., Sub-station at Cellarhead. The Clerk also reported that Staffs County are still advertising for ROW officers.
8. **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/JAPANESE KNOTWEED** - The Clerk had no update on Footpath 38 with the knotweed. Councillor Dakin wanted to organize another Himalayan Balsam pull which was proposed by Councillor Jennings and seconded by Councillor Worthington. Councillor Jennings also put forward that from his chairman's allowance a donation of £50 towards refreshments whilst working as a thank you.
9. **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS** - All been covered under agenda item 7.
10. **WAYMARKING** - The Clerk reported that the volunteers are on top of this and have plenty of spares supplied by County Council.
11. **COUNTRYSIDE** - No matters were raised.
12. **CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD CHAIRMAN'S IDEAS** - Councillor Dakin mentioned that the volunteers have done bird boxes, bat boxes, bug hotel and planted wildflower area. Also, 5 no mow areas around the playing field. A dead conifer tree needs to be investigated and removed by a tree surgeon. In November we will acquire some hedging packs from the Woodland Trust. Councillor Mrs. Salt stated the ranger from Deep Hayes would have details. Suggestion of planting an oak tree from a resident. Councillor Dakin explained that himself and the Clerk had met with Gareth knapper from SMDC and Councillor Mark Deaville about funding for the refurbishment of the tennis courts with three options mentioned and they are happy to assist and have some funding available. A survey of some residents would be a good starting point suggesting options. Councillor Kari suggested outdoor gym equipment. Councillor Jennings also suggested changing room. Councillor Dakin had been looking at a park run/boot camp as another suggestion going forward. Councillor Kari suggested marking out distance markers for people to measure the distance.
13. **DISABLED ACCESS ENQUIRY** - Councillor Dakin reported that an enquiry has been made by a resident who has asked about access via a 4-wheel drive scooter. The Clerk read out the details of the enquiry and shared the last risk assessment carried out for the Rennie Crescent entrance previously. The catch with ease of accessibility is that it will allow access for other vehicles such as motorbikes. Councillor Dakin stated there is access via other entrances so does not exclude disabled people. Councillor Mrs. Salt stated that as we only manage the field and not the owners have, we got the right to amend access and footpaths without permission from Fields in Trust. Councillor Dakin stated we do have a duty of care and there is access but to remove the gates and amend the ramp may be putting people at risk of getting stuck. It was discussed and decided that as there is access via other entrances, and we are only managers of the playing field to make major changes would require permission from the owners and the risk of allowing access to unwanted vehicles outweighs the benefits.

14. **GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - Councillor Mrs. Salt asked about the topsoil has this been organized yet as we are running out of time to get it done and seeded. All agreed that we can not wait any longer. Councillor Dakin wanted to thank Jim for sorting out the no-mow areas. The Clerk suggested a release should be put out explaining to residents why these areas have been left which could be posted on the website and facebook before anyone complains. Councillor Dakin agreed to write something to post.
15. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** - Councillor Dakin reported that he had been asked about general use of the field could we provide a rain shelter 6x6 just a roof and back. Councillor Jennings stated that if it is made of wood, it would be in danger of being set fire to. Future agenda item. The Clerk reported that she has spoken to Paula Lowndes PCSO, and the damage caused at the toddlers play area and will monitor it.
16. **GRANGE POND** - The Clerk reported that grounds maintenance will be conducted by Jim so thoughts on the way forward would be welcome. Councillor Dakin stated the Wildlife Trust suggest leaving it as much as possible and no dredging of the water.
17. **BRIDGE EYE** - Councillor Jennings stated that the Lands Charity are sorting the drainage. Councillor Mrs. Salt stated that they are looking to replace the picnic bench with a recycled bench. The Clerk has provided details of the company who we have used and prices for them to contact to supply one.
18. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - Jubilee Bench.

13th. September 2022
Chairman