

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN WETLEY
ROCKS VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS ON
TUESDAY, 18th. APRIL 2023**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - H.R. Jennings.
Vice-Chairman - Councillor Mrs. C.A. Lovatt

Councillors - M Ahmad, M.T. Bowen, Mrs. V.B. Cornes, I. Dakin, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, D. Kari, Mrs. J.C. Parker, Miss. V. Salt, S. Scalise, Mrs L. Shaw, H.J. Tunna, and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.

254. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor, Mrs A. Grocott, it was resolved to accept these.
255. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillor Dakin declared that he has a minor professional relationship with an Electrical Vehicle Charging installer.
256. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written applications for dispensations received.
257. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The Clerk stated that the Advanced Protein Meeting taking place on Friday is now being held at the Community Centre. A Planning & Amenities Committee is scheduled for 2nd. May 2023 which could wait until the new Council is formed could this be cancelled. Councillor Worthington proposed, seconded by Councillor Ahmad, so it was resolved to cancel the meeting. Whilst the Clerk is on holiday Councillor Mrs. Lovatt will deal with any enquiries for the cemeteries.
258. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No questions from members of the public present.
259. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 21st. MARCH 2023** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
260. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**
Re. Min. 239. Update on Defibrillators - The Clerk updated that these have all been registered and works conducted, just awaiting the invoice.
Re. Min. 242. Update Kings Coronation Mugs - The Clerk reported that they have been delivered. The Chairman stated he had taken some to both Hopedale & Cicely Haughton so far and contacted Advanced Protein for the donation towards them.
261. **GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS**
Councillor Dakin mentioned that the tops of the goalposts are still on Cheddleton Playing Field can these be removed. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt mentioned the grass has been cut on the Oval with a tractor & trailer and bits been missed. The Clerk will speak to Jim. The Clerk reported that she had an enquiry to have an allocated plot close to the entrance for ease of access and it was denied because the policy is to allocate the plots in order, but the access is something we will have as a future agenda item. All agreed.
Jonathan Cornes have approached to do a case study on the works at the Craft Centre which the Clerk felt would be all right to showcase it for them to gain future work. All Agreed.

Councillor Worthington commented on the tarmac laid on the Community Centre Car Park and stated what an excellent job has been made. Councillor Jennings asked we send a letter of thanks to W. Riley for completing the work. Councillor Bowen reported that two of the palm trees are dead so need to be removed. The Clerk reported that the new sign has been put up about parking.

Cheddleton Playing Field signs have been marked with graffiti which he has cleaned off by Steve. The Clerk reported that the zipwire rollers need replacing so Councillor Scalise explained that it is probably be the bearings that need to be replaced and he is happy to help once the handyman has pulled the mechanism apart. Steve also reported a dog owner with her dog inside the toddlers play area and he asked if the dog warden did ever visit. Councillor Scalise explained that he had asked SMDC to visit but this has not happened and there are only two dog wardens, but it was noted that two incidents have happened Monday morning so may be a suitable time to visit. The Clerk stated that the bike that was reported in Grange Pond which she had reported to Steve, when he checked he said it had gone. Councillor Mrs. Shaw will investigate.

The Lengthsman scheme at SMDC which provides funding has not been received, so she had sent details to the 3 District Councillors to investigate as she had attempted to contact Jon Sowerby as we received a purchase order in August and no funds have been received. Councillor Scalise suggested it be a future agenda item to claim the new year as well.

262. UPDATE A522 APPROACH TO WETLEY ROCKS SPEED LIMIT - The Clerk reported that the petition has been forwarded to Rt. Hon. Karen Bradly MP who will take this to Westminster on behalf of the residents. The Clerk has written to all concerned as instructed and has not received any response other than Karen Bradley. Councillor Williams has responded to the residents stating that this will be put forward to DHP which is a fund to be spent on such schemes as they are proven necessary under Councillor Worthington as it falls within his remit. He reported that unless there is any support from the Police this will not move forward as this incident was a drunk driver so the speed limit would not of prevented this particular incident and as there have not been any other reports it would be a misuse of funds. Councillor Scalise agreed that it was driver error and a one-off incident. After some discussion it was concluded that everything has been done.

263. UPDATE PARKING - THE BUNTING, WETLEY ROCKS/ RED LION, CHEDDLETON - The Clerk reported that she has contacted the Care Company as instructed and so has the resident. She has now contacted Councillor Worthington for his help to support a risk assessment on the dangers. The Clerk will forward this to Councillor Worthington for his response and he stated that there is not much that can be done as it is a private road, but he had not received the email. The PCSO is aware of the issue. The Clerk reported that further issues outside the Red Lion which photos have been sent to Paula PCSO and Joel Hurst the Sergeant to highlight this is an ongoing problem near to the zebra crossing.

264. ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS - CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE - Councillor Dakin reported that there is an opportunity with the rise in the number of electric vehicles and that there are grants available and different schemes from the government. There have been recent changes that there are businesses that partner with Local Authorities and help install them. The slower chargers which take 2-3 hours are between 1 to 2 thousand but have a tariff for charging vehicles which would pay for installation and provide an income. It also fits in with SMDC plan to be net zero by 2030. Rapid Chargers cost around eight thousand but must be 3 phase electrics. It would be a good draw to the village to provide charging and visit the area. Councillor Scalise stated it would be difficult to monitor and would require leaving the car park to 24-hour access. Councillor Dakin stated it could be advertised as limited access. Councillor Worthington

stated that most people have a charging point at home who purchase an electric vehicle as part of the purchase package and there are no specifics for costings so this would be better considered by the new Council with more details provided. Councillor Miss. Salt stated that she feels that hydrogen will be the next big thing and the cost. Councillor Dakin stated that not all people have the facility to have a home charger. Costings will be zero as it will be a grant and partnership. Councillor Mrs. Hartley suggested that the Craft Centre may be a better location. After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dakin to vote in principle to investigate the installation of ECP. Councillor Kari seconded. Councillor Dakin requested a named vote, seconded by Councillor Kari. For were Councillors Dakin, Kari, Mrs. Lovatt, Mrs. Cornes, Mrs. Parkes, Mr. Hartley, Mrs. Shaw. Against were Councillors Scalise, Worthington, Ahmad, Miss Salt. Two abstained Councillors Bowen & Mrs. Hartley.

265. **COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT - FUNDRAISING ITEMS** - The Clerk reported that an email had been received for items received by Mrs. L. Salt when she was a Councillor costing £100 which is outstanding on sale or return in 2019. The Clerk has replied stating no knowledge of the arrangement with them and that she is no longer a Councillor but to contact her direct.
266. **UPDATE ON RESIDENTS WALL DAMAGE/SIGNAGE ON PARK LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The clerk reported on two further incidents on the Lane sent to her from Robert Marsden of vehicles getting stuck. The first did not cause any damage but driver stated that the signs off the A53 are misleading as it states the length and he thought he would be all right. The second incident was a delivery lorry. The Clerk sent details to SCC.
267. **UPDATE UTILITY AID - NATIONAL CHARITY TENDER ENERGY PRICES - ELECTRIC SUPPLY CONTRACT 1/10/23.** - The Clerk reported that a further update is that if we lock into a contract and prices decrease, we will not receive a reduction. There has been a slight increase but will continue to monitor as a future agenda item.
268. **FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT CRAFT CENTRE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported that this still needs to be carried out and as Councillor Dakin is stepping down as a Councillor but has kindly offered to continue to offer his services for free to carry this out if members agree. All agreed.
269. **A YEAR OF REASONS TO VISIT THE MOORLANDS - RT. HON. KAREN BRADLEY M.P.** - The Clerk reported as letter from MP for details of highlights of reasons to visit the Moorlands.
270. **REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CHILD TO ATTEND HOPEDALE SCHOOL, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported that she had received information about a resident's grandchild which had been forwarded to members. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt stated that we are not experts and feels uncomfortable backing this and that Hopedale have not got the facilities to provide her with adequate care. Councillor Worthington stated he has been involved with similar cases and the EHCP needs to be done by a professional, but he has a contact who may be able to help with this but unable to back a letter of support without this and knowing if the school can provide the correct support or have a place available. Even though this is a sad and unfortunately all too common occurrence we can not support this but help them get the help to get the ECHP completed.

271. **UPDATE ON APPLICATION FOR AN ALLEGED FOOTPATH LA647G DEEP HAYE AND CROWN POINT** - The Clerk reported that this was applied for in 1990 and she has received a recommendation to not include it but that it has not yet gone to ROW Panel. David Rice has looked and has looked and has offered advice as to things that SCC need to consider which either they have not or reported on incorrectly. If members are happy for David to draft a reply and the Clerk will discuss options with him and get back to SCC. All Agreed.
272. **UPDATES FROM CANAL & RIVER TRUST** - The Clerk reported that she had a response about the bridge by the flint mill stating that the main damage was old damage which occurred in 2016 but he will get the asset inspector to keep an eye out on it. Also, a contact for Himalayan Balsam pulls and we can collaborate with them which the Clerk will share with Councillor Dakin. Councillor Bowen stated that there are some fallen trees and some across the canal forming barriers. The Clerk asked for photos and locations to inform C&RT.
273. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES** -
- a. **Footpath & Countryside/Cheddleton Playing Field Committee**
 - b. **Planning & Amenities Committee**
 - c. **Reports of Outside Bodies - SMDC etc** - Cautionary Lands Charity Meeting on Thursday.
274. **ACCOUNTS** - See attached reports of accounts authorised for payment. All members received Bank Reconciliation, payments, receipts, to the end of 31st March 2023. It was resolved to accept the figures and pay the invoices.

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

275. **CORRESPONDENCE** -
- a. Amey Report 4196511 - Bus Stop, 451, Cheadle Road, Cheddleton - Pothole - Work already taken place report closed 4/4/23.
 - b. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022/23 - Mazars. Internal Audit due on 17/5/23.
 - c. Guest Speaker - Tax, Care, and the New Guy.
 - d. SMD/2022/0363 - 10, The Avenue, Cheddleton - Removal of existing garage and erection of a new proposed single storey extension. Comprising of an office space, utility room & shower/wc. Minor internal works for a kitchen extension, Objection. Approved 30/03/23.
 - e. SMD/2023/0047 - 57, Heath Avenue, Cellarhead - Proposed Cladding Front Elevation (Retrospective). No objection. Approved 31/3/23.
276. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman
16th. May 2023.