

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN WETLEY  
ROCKS VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS ON  
TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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

Councillors - M. Ahmad, M.T. Bowen, Mrs. V.B. Cornes, I. Dakin, Mrs. A. Grocott,  
Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, D. Kari, Mrs L. Shaw, H.J. Tunna and  
M.P. Worthington.

The PCSO was also in attendance.

161. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor S. Scalise and Mrs J Parkes. It was resolved to accept these.
162. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillor Bowen is a Church Warden at St. Edwards Church (Agenda item 169)
163. **MEMBERS SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - There were no requests for dispensation.
164. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Donations for the Christmas Card Collection took place, the nominated charity this year is SSAFA. A photograph of the recent dedication of the new bench to Mrs Jackie Pilarczyk, the previous clerk was circulated. The dedication was attended by members of Jackie's family and representatives from the Parish Council. Councillor Worthington expressed his regret that he was unable to attend to pay his respects due to a County Council commitment.
165. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were present.
166. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 15/11/22** - These were accepted as correct and duly signed by the Chairman.
167. **MATTERS ARISING** - There were no matters arising.
168. **GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN WORKS, BUILDING WORKS** - The handyman has fitted the combination locks as requested. Cllr Dakin reported that there are molehills on the lower playing field at Cheddleton. Cllr Bowen enquired again about the hedge cutting at the church burial ground.
169. **QUOTE FOR POINTING COMMUNITY CENTRE WALL** - A quote of £350 has been received. It was agreed that this was reasonable and that the work should go ahead. Councillor Ahmad proposed the works and was seconded by Councillor Hartley. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.
170. **QUOTES FOR RESURFACING THE CAR PARK WITH TARMAC - COMMUNITY CENTRE** - Quotes for £5750 and £4800 have been received. Councillor Tunna proposed to accept the cheaper quotation from W.T.Riley and was seconded by Councillor Kari. It was resolved to accept this recommendation.

171. **UPDATES ON RENOVATIONS CRAFT CENTRE/BEAUTY ROOM** - Work has been completed, It is due to be signed off tomorrow by the Chair and Vice-Chair.
172. **TRAFFIC CALMING ST EDWARD'S PARK, CHEDDLETON** - The issue has been reported several times, however, no progress has been made on the matter. It was noted that the problem is getting worse, 12-14 taxis are arriving outside the school and not adhering to the speed limit. Councillor Worthington suggested that some residents parking exacerbated the problem plus some of the chicanes seem to have the priority the wrong way around. The County Council have advised there is no funding available to make any changes, funding appears to take priority over the safety of the children.
173. **LETTER OF THANKS FROM KING CHARLES III.** – This was circulated to all members.
174. **UPDATE ON SCC DIRECTIONS FOR FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS – LA647G DEEP HAYE AND CROWN POINT** – Staffordshire County Council confirm they will not agree to any amendments.
175. **SLCC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** - Councillor Worthington proposed the renewal figure of £296 be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Ahmad. It was resolved to accept this.
176. **CPRE ANNUAL RENEWAL** - Councillor Worthington proposed the renewal figure of £36 be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Ahmad. It was resolved to accept this.
177. **EON ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE** - The Parish Council have no option but to pay the maintenance and the usage charges. Councillor Ahmad proposed the payment of £1,958.62 which was seconded by Councillor Tunna. It was resolved to accept this.
178. **TOLL BAR/WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD INSPECTION REPORT FEES 2023** - The previous annual fee was £120 for the two fields, this has now increased to £120 per field, an increase of 100%. We have no option but to pay this. Councillor Hartley proposed the payment which was seconded by Councillor Shaw. It was resolved to accept this.
- It was noted the Diocese will be holding a meeting on 18 January 2023 at 10:30 at the Methodist Church, everyone is invited. The Clerk will forward the invitation.
179. **CANCER RESEARCH PUDDING RACE 2022/CHRISTMAS FAYRE - COMMUNITY CENTRE** – Charges for the Community Centre to be gifted back total £224 For Cancer Research and £45 for Friends of St Edwards Church. Councillor Worthington proposed these funds be returned to the hirers; this was seconded by Councillor Bowen. It was resolved to accept this.
180. **UPDATE WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELDS/ NEW LEASE** – This was covered under 178 above.
181. **UPDATE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT SMC/2022/00021 BIG SOUTHLOW FARM, LEEK ROAD, WETLEY ROCKS** - This has been discharged. It was noted permission had already been granted to change an agricultural storage area to a residence.

**182. NOTIFICATION OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR NEXT 5-YEAR PERIOD UNTIL 2026/27** – MAZARS have been reappointed as Auditors.

**183. PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR** – The Clerk is now in receipt of the rates from SMDC and will submit a full report at the January meeting.

**184. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES:** -

- a. **Footpath & Countryside/Cheddleton Playing Field Committee**
- b. **Community/ Craft Centre Management Committee**
- c. **Planning & Amenities Committee** - It was noted that the pothole at the bottom of Plough Bank has now been repaired.
- d. **Reports of Outside Bodies - SMDC Committees/Climate Change Event, Parish Assembly** - Councillor Kari attended the Parish Assembly and noted only 11 Parishes out of 40 were in attendance. SMDC were driving a defibrillator initiative to find one source for maintenance and the supply of batteries. It is envisaged bulk buying will bring the costs. The Quality Council initiative award scheme was discussed, Biddulph seem to be ahead on this. It costs between £50 and £200 to join the programme and sets the standard on how we perform as a Council, just by registering at Foundation Level may be a good investment and opens the door for further grants. It was resolved to investigate this further. With regards to accessibility, Councillor Kari asked if the Parish Council had a presence on Twitter or Facebook, it was noted that the Clerk had an account but the decision for the Parish Council to hold accounts was rejected due to negative comments. Councillor Kari will attend the next meeting on 26 January to make representation on behalf and was thanked for his report.

**185. ACCOUNTS** - It was resolved to make the payments.

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

**186. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Amey Report 4272171 - Woodlands Avenue, Cheddleton - Pothole – Completed 13/12/22.
- b. Amey Report 4302323 - Plough Bank, Wetly Rocks – Pothole = Completed
- c. Amey Report 4302324 - Main Road, Wetley Rocks – Pothole Outstanding
- d. Copy of Register of Electors 1st. December 2022.
- e. Dougie Mac Light up for Life Campaign 2022 – go onto site and purchase decorations.
- f. The Community Foundation - Adult Community Mental Health Fund – They raise funds and assist in the Community.
- g. SMD/2022/0494 - Spring Cottage Farm, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks - New pitched roof and end gables along with new feature glazed entrance - No Objection - Approved 9/12/22.
- h. SMD/2022/0180 - Newfields Farm, Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks - Development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with ancillary infrastructure, security

fence, access, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements, to provide balancing services to the local electricity grid - Objection - Withdrawn 6/12/22.

- i. Appeal 3302479 - SMD/2022/0213 - 1, Southlowe Avenue, Cellarhead - Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of single storey dwelling - Refused by SMDC 15/6/22 - Appeal Granted 30/11/22.

**187. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No public were in attendance**

It was resolved to send the Clerk flowers and wish her well with her recovery.