

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT
CENTRE MEETING ROOM, OLD SCHOOL, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON
TUESDAY, 24th. JANUARY 2023**

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

Councillors: 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.

Clerk - Mrs. K. St Leger
3 members of the public were in attendance.

188. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J. Parkes, M. Ahmad, S. Scalise and G.W. Salt, it was resolved to accept these.

189. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillor H.R. Jennings declared an interest in planning application SMD/2022/0664 - 12 Maple House, Maple Grove, Cheddleton and would refrain from voting.

190. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - There were no written declarations for dispensation.

191. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Three planning applications were added to the agenda (item 206), it was resolved unanimously to determine the outcomes at this meeting.

Councillor Worthington was asked if there was an update on the issue of the Unitary Authority, he confirmed there was no update.

Due to the lack of agenda items, it was suggested the meeting of the Community/Craft Centre Management Committee Meeting scheduled for 30th January 2023 be cancelled. Proposed: Councillor Bowen. Seconded: Councillor Tunna. Resolved: That the council resolved unanimously to accept the recommendation. The remainder of the meeting schedule to be maintained.

192. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - Residents asked if there was a curfew in place regarding the vehicles entering and exiting the Pointon's site during the night, it was confirmed these restrictions were lifted when Bones Lane went operational. Noise from the lorries is exacerbated by the deteriorating roads / large potholes and is affecting the quality of life of the residents. The Clerk recommended residents download the Pothole Reporter App which reports the location of the holes and images straight for Highways to action.

It was noted there were road closure signs at the entrance to Folly Lane and at the bottom of the bank in Cheddleton, it is hoped these are road repair works. No notification has been given from Highways. Cllr Bowen will investigate what is happening.

It was resolved for the Clerk to correspond with the County Council to highlight these issues. It was also noted road works were being implemented without the Parish Council being informed which needs addressing.

The items to be raised at the Liaison Committee. It was also resolved to raise the issue of the road at Cellarhead, and Cheddleton to Leek which needs resurfacing.

Approach to Cellarhead crossroads is problematic, the road is breaking up, add to the Environmental committee. Potholes are full of water, a stretch of 500 yds or more, Cllr Hartley will take some photographs.

The Road between Cheddleton and Leek is problematic, Karen Bradley wrote to the County Council regarding this issue but has not had a reply to date.

193. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 20th. DECEMBER 2022** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

194. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - no issues were raised.

195. **GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS** - The pointing works on the boundary wall at the back of the community centre will be undertaken once the weather improves.

The hedge works at Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery is still outstanding and needs to be addressed.

196. **WALL DAMAGE/SIGNAGE ON PARK LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The correspondence was circulated showing an articulated lorry entering the lane which has caused considerable damage. This issue is constantly being raised with the County Council, along with the Canal Bridge at Cheddleton, but no action is taken. The Parish Council will continue to press the County Council to action these matters.

197. **ROWNALL ROAD, HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC COMPLAINT** - The Parish Council has spoken to the County Councillor, unfortunately there is no further action we can take on this matter.

It was noted a letter from a resident in Wetley Rocks had been received detailing a number of traffic issues in the village:- Lorries speeding through the village during the night, the subsequent noise is having an impact on sleep; the junction at the top of Mill Lane and Leek Road is an issue regarding HGV's trying to pass each other, this is also dangerous for parents trying to cross the road with their children for school; vehicles parking on double yellow lines on a regular basis; parking on the grass verges on Mill Lane making a mess of the grass; speeding issues during school time. With regards to the parking on the yellow lines, there was a suggestion to approach the County Council to replace these with red lines.

It was noted the PCSO from Cheadle rang regarding Mill Lane, rather than just installing lines is looking at installing cameras. Councillor Worthington to report back.

198. **BEAUTY ROOM HANDOVER UPDATE** - The keys have now been handed over to the tenant who has started to move back in. A new tenant is required for the old room. It was noted any damage caused to the newly refurbished room would need to be repaired.

199. **ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND UPDATE RE TREES** - Steve Massey of SMDC reported a number of trees have to come down. Charles Piggott has submitted his formal quotation and documentation for the tree works, these have been forwarded to the Moorlands for permission to commence works. The cost would not exceed £2,800.

A meeting has been scheduled with the handyman for Monday 30th January to organise the location of the next bench. A fence will be erected where the gate is, which will be in keeping with the surroundings. He will also look at the works required on the roundabout to take the weight of the stone. Items to be submitted at the next Planning Meeting.

- 200. SMDC ENFORCEMENT** - It was noted no action has been taken regarding the skip / mattress debris at Wall Lane Terrace. Multiple complaints have been received. The initial complaint was logged over 18 months ago and the Enforcement Officer has still not attended site to action this matter.

It was also noted fibre optic cable works undertaken at the St Edwards Hospital site is unsightly and needs to be addressed. Cables should have gone through the mortar, instead they have drilled into the brick damaging their face with trailing cables tacked at the back of the downspout. This is a listed building and this matter needs resolving. Councillor Bowen agreed to look into this matter.

- 201. PRECEPT REQUIREMENT FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR** - The Clerk submitted the recommendation to increase the precept from £80,000 to £81,000, which would see an increase of 1.013% on a Band D Property. Proposed: Councillor Bowen, Seconded: Councillor Kari. Resolved: That the council resolved unanimously to accept the reports and recommendation. The submission form was duly signed by the Chairman.

202. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Finance Committee - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

- a. Works on the church clock are underway and will be completed imminently.
- b. The gas safety inspection has taken place at the Old School Tea Rooms and the Community Centre. There is a recommendation for electrodes to be installed in the Worcester boiler at the Community Centre. It was resolved unanimously to approve these works.
There was a requirement to carry out the annual inspection of the catering equipment, this item to be determined at the next site visit.
- c. A request was submitted to add the ring-fencing of the Parish Council assets and investments to the next agenda.

203. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES –

- a. It was noted the Parish Assembly will take place on Thursday 26th. January 2023 at 7pm. Councillor Dakin issued his apologies. Councillor Kari will be in attendance and asked if Councillors wished to raise anything, they contact him directly. With regards to the defibrillators project with SMDC the Clerk gave an overview of how AEDdonate undertake a fully managed service of the devices in Barlaston including the liaison with the Ambulance Service. Prior to works being undertaken they will provide quotations; works are undertaken within days of approval being granted. They have recently installed a ‘lit’ box in a rural location which may prove of interest. Due to delays with sorting a solution with SMDC, it was suggested AEDdonate look at managing the devices for Cheddleton PC. Proposed: Councillor Dakin. Seconded: Councillor Worthington. Resolved: That the council resolved unanimously to accept the recommendation. The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Kari with the details of AEDdonate.

- b. Pointon's Planning Application SMD/2022/0088 was referred to Committee as it is a major development and a departure from the development plan and is locally contentious. The planning was approved subject to Conditions and the completion of a Unilateral Undertaking relating to Management of a Travel Plan.
- c. SMDC have offered the Clerk Election training in readiness for the Local Elections in May.

204. ACCOUNTS - DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023 - A set of reports were issued details accounts authorised for payment, Bank Reconciliation, payments, receipts, ear-marked reserves, and budgets as spent to date. Proposed: Councillor Bowen, Seconded: Councillor Worthington. Resolved: That the council resolved unanimously to accept the reports. The Chairman and The Clerk duly signed the Balance Sheet.

The Clerk has submitted a request to reclaim VAT, however we are not in receipt yet. Based on the projected figures there will be a shortfall to cover this year's expenditure, the recommendation is therefore to withdraw £12,300 from the CCLA account to bridge the gap. These funds can be returned upon receipt of the Precept. Proposed: Councillor Worthington, Seconded: Councillor Bowen. Resolved: That the council resolved unanimously to accept the withdrawal.

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

205. CORRESPONDENCE: -

- a. Enquiry 4293627 - Bollard Damage/Missing/Loose - Location: Heath Avenue, Cellarhead. Works now complete.
- b. The Woodland Trust confirm they will be delivering the trees for Wetley Rocks between 6th and 17th March 2023. The item to be added to planning to schedule the planting. Councillor Dakin advised he has 50 hedging plants for the playing fields and the guides have 13 native plants, the plan is to put a hedge at the top of the bank and along the 5-a-side pitch and to extend some shade with a view to putting picnic benches in.

206. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No questions from members of the public present.

207. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: -

- a. SMD/2022/0671 - 67 Heath Avenue Cellarhead – Rear single storey / side extension with new canopy.
No Objection.
- b. SMD/2022/0664 - 12 Maple House, Maple Grove, Cheddleton - Extension on the first floor over the garage, ground floor rear extension replacing the conservatory and guarding to be added to garden room roof to create a decking area.
No Objection.
- c. SMD/2022/0654 - Land at Basford Hall, Basford Green Road, Cheddleton - Proposed new hardcore service pathway/track to existing Biomass Boiler across existing private agricultural land (retrospective permission).
No Objection.

Chairman
21st February 2023.