

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN WETLEY
ROCKS VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS ON TUESDAY,
21st. DECEMBER 2021**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor H.R. Jennings.
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. L.M. Salt

Councillor - M. Ahmad, D. Boden, M.T. Bowen, I. Dakin, Mrs. J. C. Parkes, G.W. Salt,
Mrs. L. Shaw, H.J. Tunna & M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre & one member of the public.

- 185. APOLOGIES** - Councillors Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, Mr. T. James,
Mrs. C.A. Lovatt & S. Scalise wife is ill, so it was agreed to send her flowers from the
Council, and it was resolved to accept these.
- 186. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS FOR 3 VACANCIES - 2 CHEDDLETON
WARD & 1 SOUTHWOLD WARD** - The Clerk circulated the two applications received
from Dean Boden & Lorraine Shaw to become Cheddleton Ward Councillors. So,
Councillor Ahmad proposed they be co-opted, and seconded by Councillor Bowen. All
agreed.
- 187. CO-OPTED COUNCILLORS TO SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF
OFFICE** - The Chairman explained that the forms are unable to be completed as the clerk
has had issues with the printer, but they signed the attendance book and will complete the
declarations as soon as possible. All agreed that they should be allowed to take part as
Councillors in the meeting.
- 188. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES** - The
Clerk explained that there is a shortage of members on the Footpath & Countryside
Committee and Cheddleton Playing Fields Committee and asked if anyone wanted to join
these committees and Councillor Mrs. Shaw agreed to join both. All members agreed.
- 189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Salt are members of the
CPRE.
- 190. MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written requests for
dispensation were received.
- 191. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - 1 Planning appeal application to consider at the by planning
committee members at the end. Chairman's Christmas Card Collection made £150
contribution to the Royal British Legion. Councillor Worthington thanked as president of
the Cheddleton Branch. The Clerk reported that sadly the previous Clerk Jackie Pilarczyk
had passed away and that her funeral is due to take place 4th. January 2022. The Chairman
suggested that a donation be made in memory of her, and all members agreed whether it
be flowers or money. The Clerk has sent a card on behalf of the Council.
- 192. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No questions were raised.

193. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 16th. NOVEMBER 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
194. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:** - No matters were raised.
195. **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN WORKS/BUILDING WORKS** - The Clerk reported that the gas boilers have been serviced in the Community Centre and Craft Centre. The pumps at the Craft Centre have been serviced. Steve has fixed the bollard at the Craft Centre in front of the manhole cover to the pumps. He is also working his way through Cheddleton Playing Field Inspection report fixing anything required. All new signs been put up about dogs. Broken bin has been removed from Wetley Rocks Playing Field and the sign fixed at Toll Bar Playing Field. The picnic bench at Bridge Eye he will look at to see if it can be repaired or he will remove it. The hedge has been cut at Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery but as, yet Wetley Rocks Playing Field hedge has not been cut and the Clerk will check up with Jim.
196. **UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS CRAFT CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that works slightly behind schedule and Sam at Jonathan Cornes is keeping on top of the programme and has stated that although works are behind it is a plausible excuse for the delay. All plastered now and electrics in apart from the bespoke lights. The heaters are in and being painted prior to Christmas. Councillor Bowen stated that he is pleased with the works and the rate at which it has progressed has been brilliant. The Clerk also reported that the contingency pot of £10,000 has only had a few additions which will be chargeable, but the majority will not be required therefore the overall cost should be less than estimated. The Chairman suggested when works are completed, we should have an inspection of it by members.
197. **SLCC PRACTITIONERS' 3 DAY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 2022 - £75** - The Clerk would like to attend as she found it extremely useful last year and as its virtual you can choose which seminars to take part in over the 3 days and get a copy of them all for future reference. Councillor Dakin proposed and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Salt that the Clerk to attend. All members agreed.
198. **SLCC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - £270** - Councillor Bowen proposed that this be renewed as they provide a good support to the Council and the Clerk. This was seconded by Councillor Tunna and all members agreed.
199. **EARLY DAY MOTIONS - CONDUCT OF COUNCILLORS** - The Clerk reported that the ALCC are promoting that this be put on Council agendas to support it as there are no sanctions currently for the misconduct of Councillors. Dr. Julian Lewis MP is backing this through parliament and wants other MPs to support him. The Clerk has written to Karen Bradley as her MP asking for her support as a Clerk. The Clerk reported that there are numerous clerks suffering bullying and no consequences. Councillor Ahmad asked what the statistics of number of clerks are affected. Councillor Bowen stated that this is long overdue and needs to be done. Councillor Boden stated if it stops one person being bullied then it is worth supporting it. Councillor Worthington stated also that the monitoring officer has no powers. Councillor Dakin asked the motion to be circulated. Councillor Bowen proposed that the Council support it and seconded by Councillor Worthington. Councillor Dakin abstained as he had not read the motion.

200. **CPRE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - £36** - The Clerk reported that we have been a member for several years and has not been increased. Councillor Dakin proposed and seconded by Councillor Worthington all agreed.
201. **CANCER RESEARCH PUDDING RACE 2021** - The Clerk reported that there were no issues with the use of the Community Centre they managed without the use of the mobile unfortunately the weather was not particularly good. The charge for hire is £140 which as a charity the Council has made a gesture of refunding the charge previously. Councillor Jennings proposed that the £140 be returned. Seconded by Councillor Worthington and all agreed.
202. **UPDATE ON SCC DIRECTIONS FOR FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS** - The Clerk had issued the details to all Councillors that David Rice has compiled with regards to the extensive list of outstanding reports that SCC Rights of Way must deal with. Councillor Worthington raised that the Chairman Mark Winnington as to why they are only dealing with one modification per meeting which is not good enough, so it was agreed to ask what the issue is on behalf of Cheddleton Parish Council.
203. **FIRE ALARM SERVICE - COMMUNITY CENTRE - 3 YEAR SERVICE PLAN £600** - The Clerk reported that there are error codes appearing and the annual service is due in January. Councillor Worthington proposed and seconded by Councillor Ahmad it was agreed to issue the details to Councillor Dakin for his expertise to make the decision.
204. **OFFICER LIEUTENANCY - JUBILEE BEACONS/BIG JUBILEE LUNCH** - The Clerk explained that she had received information which has been forwarded to members with regards to events taking place and organisations who are willing to help and advice. Councillor Jennings stated share the information with residents through Facebook & the website.
205. **UPDATE ON ST JOHNS DRIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT** - The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation that they are organising a proper opening of the development and sent an invitation to the Parish Council to attend the event.
206. **UPDATE BASFORD BRIDGE LANE BRIDGES/CCTV** - The Clerk reported that the works have been completed on the Canal Bridge by Canal & River Trust. As requested, the Clerk had sent a copy of the last meeting to John Henderson and Ben Adams and had no acknowledgement. The sign has been reported at the top of Basford Bridge Lane that his facing the wrong way. Councillor Jennings stated that this has been done.
207. **UPDATE AMEY REPORTS 4235816 & 4247571 LEEK ROAD, CELLARHEAD - DAMAGED TACTILE TILES** - The Clerk reported that she had a response from Paula at highways and still no further action, but the job is still being monitored. Councillor Jennings suggested that a further email be sent to chase it up again as a matter of urgency.
208. **UPDATE ON ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY, CHEDDLETON - OIL SPILLAGE** - The Clerk reported the Police have reviewed the footage and stated that it is coming from the back of the truck. The Clerk read out a response from SMDC about further oil in the bin the following month which has been put in the bin. The Clerk will request that Steve check the bin prior to being emptied. Councillor Bowen will follow up with SMDC.

209. **COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES SET UP** - The Clerk will issue new emails and passwords and help where Councillors require it.
210. **RISK ASSESSMENT - REVIEW OF RISKS** - The Clerk has issued the updated Risk Assessment now being compliant with legislation with regards to our new website and once emails in place covering data protection legislation for Council business.
211. **CARAVAN AT 38, OAK AVENUE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk had a report from a concerned resident that a Your Housing property has a caravan which breaches the tenancy. This has been reported to David Lovatt at Your Housing and the tenant been told to remove it by 11th. January 2022.
212. **CHRISTMAS TREE AT CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE** - Councillor Bowen proposed that we buy a rooted tree for future use at the Community Centre which will grow and avoid the issue of having to cut a tree down each year. Councillor Ahmad seconded that, and all agreed that this be done, and Councillor Worthington suggested Jacksons Nurseries to hopefully donate one. So, let the Clerk approach them.
213. **PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR** - The Clerk has sent reports to all members based on £80,000 precept that the Finance Committee recommended. A £10,000 increase from this year would mean a Band D equivalent of £35.54 as appose to £31.15 from this year. Councillor Worthington did not agree that an increase of this magnitude and proposed an increase of 3% and use reserves accrued. Councillor Bowen explained that there has been no increase and we must safeguard our reserves for capital projects in the future to improve the assets of the Council. Councillor Ahmad backed the 3% increased proposed by Councillor Worthington and seconded his proposal. Councillor Worthington requested a named vote. Councillor Dakin stated that the Finance Committee have looked at this very closely and the protection of the communities' assets and reserves will be spent to ensure the good order of these. Councillor Tunna stated that we have projects which the reserves are allocated to do. Councillor Boden stated that in today's climate the price increases in all materials, petrol, and electricity the future is uncertain. Councillor Ahmad stated that residents need the money to survive the next year not further expense. Named vote took place on the proposal of 3% increase. Against were Councillors Mrs. Salt, Mr. Salt, Tunna, Boden, Mrs. Shaw, Dakin, Bowen & Jennings. For were Councillors Ahmad, Mrs. Parkes, and Worthington. Councillor Bowen proposed the precept of £80,000 and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Salt. It was unanimous that the precept be recommended by the Finance Committee.
214. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES: -**
- a. **Footpath & Countryside/Cheddleton Playing Field Committee**
 - b. **Community/Craft Centre Management Committee**
 - c. **Planning & Amenities Committee**
Re. Min. 121. Presentation from Tom Sylger Jones - Councillor Bowen reported that she had spoken to Jane Curley with regards to the visit but that extenuating circumstances to allow an application.

Re. Min. 125. Update on resident's wall damage on Park Lane, Cheddleton -

Councillor Bowen reported that Rob Marsden has his costs back for repair of the damages and was helped by the Police. We need to involve the residents in the ongoing issues of further damage.

Re. Min. 128. Update on Defibrillators - The Clerk updated that they have managed to get funding so the donations will have to be looked at again and go back to the Walking group. Councillor Mrs. Salt reported that St. Andrews are looking to get one now.

Re. Min. 132. Parking on the grass oval, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks - The Clerk updated that the truck parked was broken down and was parked there until it could be removed according to the company. There are further concerns about school traffic parking on it and is sending details of who is parking so the Clerk will report this to PCSO's and County Council.

d. Finance Committee (Confidential)

e. Outside Bodies: - SMDC Committees, SLCC Branch Meeting

215. ACCOUNTS - See attached report for accounts authorised for payment. All members received Bank Reconciliation, payments, receipts, and budgets as spent to date. The Chairman and The Clerk signed the Balance Sheet as at 21st. December 2021 also attached. Proposed by Councillor Ahmad to pay and all agreed.

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

216. CORRESPONDENCE: -

- a. SMDC/2021/0374 - Land East of Leek Road, Wetley Rocks - Erection of agricultural building for use for lambing, storage of feed, hay and implements and construction of new vehicular access - Not within our boundary - Objected to by Consall therefore we support them - Refused 1/12/2021.
- b. Multiple Amey Reports - Coalpitford Lane, Cheddleton - Potholes.
- c. Fly Tip Report - Coalpitford Lane, Cheddleton.
- d. Advanced Proteins Liaison Meeting Friday, 21st. January 2022.
- e. Cheddleton Cautionary Lands Charity Thursday, 20th. January 2022.
- f. Cyber Crime updates.
- g. Staffordshire County Council - One Network.
- h. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council - Christmas Bin Collections.
- i. Denstone Matters Campaign.
- j. Active Places Update.
- k. Copy of Register of Electors 1st. December 2021.
- l. Support Community Foundation.
- m. Keep Britain Tidy - Spring Clean Event.
- n. SJL Landscapes - Grounds Maintenance.

217. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - Resident asked for details of the decorator who is doing works to approach for a quote to do works at Wetley Rocks Village Hall. He also asked about pro-active actions for stopping the parking on the grassed area on Mill Lane which the Clerk stated send in details and we will have it as an agenda item in the future.

218. HR COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (CONFIDENTIAL ITEM) - After some discussion this was agreed to be adopted.

219. PLANNING APPLICATION

- a. Appeal 3281975 SMD/2021/0242** - South Fields Farm, Leek Road, Wetley Rocks - Creation of vehicular access - Refused 27/5/2021 - No need to update as we originally refused this planning application.

Chairman
25th. January 2022.