

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN WETLEY
ROCKS VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS ON
TUESDAY, 15th. FEBRUARY 2022**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - H.R. Jennings.

Councillor - D. Boden, M.T. Bowen, I. Dakin, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, D. Kari, Mrs. C.A. Lovatt, Mrs. L. Shaw & H.J. Tunna

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre & 1 member of the public.

Re-numbered as the agenda was incorrectly numbered: -

242. **APOLOGIES** - Councillors M. Ahmad, G.W. Salt, Mrs. L.M. Salt, S. Scalise & M. P. Worthington, and it was resolved to accept these.

243. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS FOR 1 VACANCY - SOUTHWOLD WARD** - The Clerk had circulated the application for Mr. Dave Kari so proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lovatt. All agreed to co-opt him onto the Council. The Clerk reported that the other vacancy will be advertised as soon as possible for Cheddleton Ward.

244. **CO-OPTED COUNCILLORS TO SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - The Declaration of Acceptance was completed. Councillor Kari joined the meeting. It was agreed that Councillor Kari become a member of the Footpath & Countryside Committee which he agreed to.

245. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillor Mrs. Lovatt declared that she is taking part in a dispute on Footpath outside of the Parish.

246. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written requests for dispensation were received.

247. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The chairman announced that the planning application on the agenda is being postponed to our next Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting as a representative from the applicant wishes to come to give a presentation. The Clerk reported that Cancer Research have sent a Thank you for the donation of the cost of hire of the Community Centre for the Pudding Race.

248. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - Member of the public stated that works will be taking place at Wetley Rocks Village Hall so it will affect hiring of the hall and the meeting of the Parish Council in April may have to be moved. When is the next election of Parish Council Members? Councillor Bowen reported that it will be May 2023.

249. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 25th. JANUARY 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.

250. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM: -

Re. Min. 231. Replacement Noticeboard - Park Lane, Cheddleton - The Clerk reported that the Noticeboard has not yet been ordered as she has acquired 2 old ones which are being donated to the Council.

Re. Min. 227. Grounds Maintenance Issues - Councillor Dakin asked if the branch has been removed from the Oval. The Clerk was unable to confirm this.

Re. Min. 226. Matters Arising - Councillor Bowen reported Christmas Tree has been planted at the Community Centre.

Re. Min. 235. Police/Council Surgeries - Set Up - Councillor Dakin stated he is on holiday for the surgery set up on 19th. March 2022 so will not be able to be there.

251. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN WORKS/BUILDING

WORKS - The Clerk reported that the handyman has removed the graffiti off the signs at Cheddleton Playing Fields and we now have liquid remover should anymore graffiti occur. The picnic bench at Bridge Eye has been removed because it was not repairable. The Clerk will report this back to Lands Charity. The bollard at the Craft Centre has been replaced and the skylights he is sorting for us both internal and external. The strip lights at the Community Centre have been replaced. Councillor Tunna reported that the hedge at Wetley Rocks Playing Fields still has not been cut and that the hedge at St Edwards Cemetery is not looking well maintained on the main road. Councillor Mrs. Hartley mentioned the planting of the Queens Tree at Wetley Rocks which the Clerk will ask Steve to do it. Councillor Dakin reported he has arranged a working party to install bird/bat boxes on 23rd April 2022 at Cheddleton Playing Field.

252. UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS CRAFT CENTRE/BEAUTY ROOM

- The Clerk reported that some of the Councillors have been into our meeting room to have a tidy up and go through the old paperwork. A lot of paperwork can be destroyed. Councillor Bowen reported that the Jubilee coins can be distributed to people as part of the next lot of celebrations this year. The Clerk reported that she has contacted Sam at Cornes to be updated with the snagging list and asked about setting up the meeting for the next phase of drawing up the specification of works for the Beauty Room. The Clerk will contact Walkers Windows for a quote to replace the windows. The Non-domestic rates need to be re-assessed as the room has been altered so SMDC will need to be notified. Councillor Jennings reported that the Fire Doors are not fitted correctly. Fire Exit notice on the door between the Tearoom and the new corridor and ask Jane to remove anything she has in front of it. Councillor Jennings stated that the big table has been turned to make better use of the space. The Clerk will get a quote for a couple of the instant heaters that are in the other room to be put in the meeting room to make it warmer as it takes a long time for the central heating to warm the room.

253. UPDATE BASFORD BRIDGE LANE BRIDGES/CCTV

- The Clerk reported that Lorraine has provided photographs of the signs at the bottom of Basford Bridge Lane which was mentioned previously that they are positioned that you do not see them until you have committed to enter the road. The Clerk will send this onto Staffordshire County Council Highways and point this out. Also, a vehicle using the bridge which weighs 7,500 kilos. The Clerk has reported this to the Police.

254. UPDATE SMDC OMICRON GRANT

- The Clerk reported that the Community Centre is not eligible for this grant as it is owned and run by the Council. Wetley Rocks Village Hall has been successful and will be receiving funds.

255. **NEW FOOTPATH ISSUES/RIGHTS OF WAY REFORMS** - The Clerk has received a few reports from residents which have been passed on to the Footpath Volunteers. The main issue is on Footpath that goes from Cheddleton Playing Field to Vale View the fencing at the side of the path has come down. The Clerk will establish who owns the piece of ground which is a triangle which has been fenced off when the houses were built. The Clerk has purchased 12 Bird Boxes from Wilko, and these have been painted up by Mrs. Harvey ready to be put up along Footpath 38. Councillor Mrs. Shaw reported that her mother has donated 4 boxes for Cheddleton Playing Field. The Clerk will still contact Leek College and see if they will supply some and at what cost. All documents provided by David Rice on the rights of way reforms have been emailed or given to all members for them to note. The Clerk has been approached by a resident at 4, Kingsley View about an Oak Tree at the rear of his property which needs trimming. This is beyond the capabilities of the volunteers so it will need looking at by Steve Massey for advice.
256. **IDEAS TO RESTRICT PARKING ON THE OVAL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS** - The resident present had a suggestion and offered to provide and plant bulbs on this area. Councillor Jennings stated that he felt that this would not stop anti-social parking. Councillor Tunna stated that Paula from Highways had suggested planters and he suggested that we could approach Werrington Detention Centre to make them. Councillor Jennings suggested posts and chains. Councillor Bowen suggested boulders. Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated small bollards that can be removed for mowing. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Highways with reference to permission to plant and ideas of best solutions. The Clerk will work with James and Highways to move forward and some signs stating no parking.
257. **ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND COLLAPSED TREE** - Councillor Jennings reported that the tree has been removed. The Clerk contacted Steve Massey as it was dangerous and agreed to remove it even though it is subject to a TPO and excluded it being replaced as we are working with him on what we can and cannot do on the whole of the grounds.
258. **REQUEST FOR NEW MEMORIAL BENCH - ST EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that she has had a further request to place a memorial bench in the cemetery. This is for a green bench which would be different from the others. Councillor Bowen proposed that we go with uniformity, and we do not allow a different colour and seconded by Councillor Mr. Hartley. All agreed.
259. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES: -**
- a. **Footpath & Countryside/Cheddleton Playing Field Committee**
 - b. **Planning & Amenities Committee**
Re. Min. 156. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - The Clerk reported that a meeting has been scheduled in the Community Centre for Saturday, 19th. February 2022 at 3pm and this has been advertised. There is funding available from SMDC.
Re. Min. 161a. Further Fly-Tipping Coalpitford Lane - Councillor Bowen has reported to the press that SMDC are considering using cameras.
 - c. **Outside Bodies: - SMDC Committees, Advanced Protein Liaison Meeting** - Councillor Jennings reported that the meeting as such did not take place it was just a tour of the factory. Councillor Bowen reported on the tour. He stated that he will

speak to Barney Williams with regards to if there are any restrictions on wagons travelling to and from the premises.

Councillor Bowen reported on the Parking Strategy proposed by SMDC which has been opposed strongly by some residents and Councillors and if not implemented it will result in the Council having a shortfall in budgets and would mean services will have to be cut. Councillor Boden suggested Electric bike charging points as well as Vehicle Charging Points, Councillor Bowen will feed back to District.

- 260. 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 15th. February 2022 also attached. Proposed by Councillor Bowen to pay and all agreed.

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

261. CORRESPONDENCE: -

- a. SMD/2021/0221 - Knowsley Farm, Knowsley Road, Stanley - Conversion of a former milking parlour into ancillary residential accommodation. Reconstruction of existing boot room with thermal structure and construction of a small side extension. The alterations to the existing dwelling serve to extend and improve the existing 3rd bedroom and bathroom accommodation. No Objection. Approved 2/2/2022.
- b. HMRC information.
- c. South West Peak Landscape Partnership Survey.
- d. CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund. Interest Rates continue to increase.
- e. Crowdfunder fundraising platform.
- f. Ian Podmore Planning Comment SMD/2021/0695. Read out to make members aware.
- g. M & K Parry-Thomas - Thank You for the Councils help on solving the issue with the overhanging tree.
- h. Amey Report 4268520 - Leek Road, Cellarhead - Road Damage. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt provided details.
- i. Amey Report 4268635 - Rownall Road - Fallen Tree Completed 1/2/2022. Handyman made the Clerk aware of and was dealt with the same day by SCC.
- j. Amey Report 4268644 - Park Lane, Cheddleton - Collapsed Wall - Resident contacted the Clerk.

- 262. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - Is there details of the local PCSO? The Clerk will forward contact details for Paula Lowndes.

- 263. PLANNING APPLICATION** - None were discussed as noted in the announcements.

Chairman
15th. March 2022.