

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/ CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ROOM 1, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY,
23rd. NOVEMBER 2021**

ATTENDANCE Chairman Councillor - Mrs. L.M. Salt (F&C).
Vice-Chairman - T. James (F&C) & M.P. Worthington (CPF).
Councillors - M.T. Bowen & H.R. Jennings.
Members - Mr. R. Beresford, Mrs. G. Higginson.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

- 28 **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor I. Dakin, Member Mr. P. Green, and Mrs. J. Barr, it was resolved to accept these.
- 29 **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE MEETING OF 14th.
SEPTEMBER 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
- 30 **MINUTES OF THE CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD MEETING OF 22nd. JUNE
2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
- 31 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**
Re. Min. 7a. Correspondence (F&C) - Councillor Worthington asked if there was any response from the new owners and the Clerk reported that she had not obtained details of the new owner yet to write to them.
- 32 **CORRESPONDENCE:** - There was no correspondence received.
- 33 **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - The Clerk reported that Mr. P. Green has reported that CVR is too busy now with Christmas and the expansion to the line. Councillor Worthington suggested we leave it as a future agenda item.
- 34 **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - The Clerk reported that there is nothing to report as Historic England have not responded.
- 35 **UPDATE/SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH - VOLUNTEERS** - The Clerk handed out the survey list to all members with details of issues that remain on certain paths. We now have Mrs. G. Higginson as a member for updates as a volunteer and that Mrs. J. Barr has now signed up as a volunteer as part of the inspections team. They have received the tools agreed to help with smaller jobs. The Clerk also reported that the last mileage claim has not been paid yet by SCC but that this has been chased. Footpath 19, No update from ROW. Footpath 23, need to submit a modification. Footpath 47 & 48, the Clerk needs to contact the substation to perform works. Footpath 52, No update from ROW. Footpath 54, Small path not marked up. Footpath 57, Small path not marked up. Footpath 59, No update from ROW. Footpath 62, No update from ROW. Footpath 70, No update from ROW. Councillor Worthington suggested a full list of queries to be send to Paul Rochfort for answers.

- 36 **PROTOCOL FOR SIGNS FOR BULLS IN FIELDS** - Mrs. G. Higginson reported this that there is a sign in the field on Footpath 42 as it has a sign only at one end and should be both and covered if no bulls are in the field. Rownall Hall Farm needs to be contacted but due to be inspected so photographs and full details will be given to the Clerk to notify ROW and possibly the owner as there is an electric fence and the stile has been removed.
- 37 **UPDATE ON STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL OUTSTANDING DIRECTIONS** - The Clerk reported that two have been to ROW committee which have now been recommended for inclusion on the Definitive Map being LE614G Ostlers Lane to the gully and the addition behind St. Edwards Church LE617G but must be formally listed which yet has not been done. The two remaining directions being LA647G Crown Point, Deep Hayes, and LG659G the Railway one behind St. Edwards Park still need to be dealt with by ROW.
- 38 **UPDATE ON FOOTPATH 38 - CHEDDLETON - TREE THINNING** - The Clerk reported that the volunteers are still working on this as it is the right time of year. Keith Harvey had asked if we could contact the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to obtain plants & seeds to now plant up areas that have been cleared. Mrs. Higginson reported that Mrs. Barr is hoping to take the lead on this once contact has been made. Councillor Worthington asked about the missing waymarker post, which the Clerk reported there has been issues with supplies from SCC at Werrington, but this has been resolved now. Councillor Jennings suggested that maybe the woodland could be extended at the main road end. Councillor Mrs. Salt suggested that maybe this could be dealt with the Playing Field planting project.
- 39 **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/KNOTWEED** - The Clerk reported that next year we will look at the idea that Councillor Dakin had made for next year and renewal of posters. Canal & River Trust could also be contacted.
- 40 **UPDATE ON DEEP HAYES COUNTRY PARK** - Mrs. Higginson reported that the Ranger Adrian and the volunteers have cleared the pool at the top and making good the paths where they can. Access is a bit of an issue up to the top end of the site to maintain the footpaths. The Clerk will contact the ranger and see if we can help with advertising for help and funding. SCC are still responsible for the upkeep. Councillor James suggested that maybe we could investigate sponsorship by hire companies to lone machinery. They need some additional volunteers to help keep up the maintenance and are not connected in anyway to our footpath volunteers. Funding via grants would be helpful if they could raise funds for materials/equipment. We could add the volunteers sign up to our website for SCC. Councillor Jennings suggested that maybe the Scouts could be approached to make use of the area and help turn it into an adventure site.
- 41 **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS** - All been covered under agenda item 35. Councillor Bowen did ask about from Randles Lane to Sub4 on Cellarhead. This has been gated with a padlock which needs to be reported if its on the map. The Clerk will check this one out.
- 42 **WAYMARKING** - The Clerk reported that they have received a new batch from the ROW team at SCC.
- 43 **COUNTRYSIDE** - Looking good.
- 44 **CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD CHAIRMAN'S IDEAS** - Councillor Mrs. Salt reported that this was discussed at Full Council and agreed that Councillor Dakin could move forward with the no cost ideas. Funding available from SCC Climate Grants.

- 45 **ANTI-CLIMB PAINT CLIMBING FRAME/SLIDE** - The Clerk reported that there were complaints on Facebook but nothing else has been reported since shortly after it had been painted on.
- 46 **COMPLAINT TODDLERS PLAY AREA** - The Clerk reported that this was reported to her via a letter of complaint but can not respond as there is no address supplied. Dogs in the toddlers play area which should not be happening. Any reports can be made to SMDC dog warden if they can be caught in the act of fouling.
- 47 **GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - The Clerk reported that the only issue is still not been sorted on the football pitch and come better weather the handyman will obtain soil for this, and Wetley Rocks Playing Field works. Mr. Beresford reported that dogs are damaging and digging holes all over the bowling green and another biting at the seats. Topsoil required for this and the middle pitch goal areas when we have the weather to do works and re-seed.
- 48 **ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** - The Clerk reported that Councillor Dakin had sent her a photo of a sign that has been pulled up and dragged to the woods. Mr. Beresford will investigate where this has come from. The Clerk reported that the goalpost issue may be solved by the kind offer from Kingsley via Councillor Worthington. The Clerk reported that Waterhouses Parish Council have approached asking if we have some spare swing seats would the Council be prepared to sell them. The Clerk will ask the handyman to report back what we have and if we need them as spares or could we sell them on.
- 49 **GRANGE POND** - The Clerk reported that Councillor Dakin had some ideas, but that funding will need to be raised to look at doing this which will be a future agenda item.
- 50 **BRIDGE EYE** - The Clerk that there are some mole hills which she will report. The well is still blocked so she will contact Cautionary Lands Charity to see what has been done about the drainage into which they were looking. Councillor Mrs. Salt also reported a rather dilapidated seat that needs either tidying up or getting rid of. The Clerk will ask the handyman to look at it. Councillor Jennings reported the wall by the bus stop has been fenced off by barriers. The Clerk will investigate this too.
- 51 **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No items were raised.
- 52 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2022/23** - After considering the budget required the committee made their recommendations.

Chairman