

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE WETLEY ROCKS/TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, WETLEY
ROCKS ON TUESDAY, 26th OCTOBER 2021**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor H.J. Tunna
Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. C.A. Lovatt
Councillors - M. Ahmad, Mrs. D.A. Hartley & R.J. Hartley
Member - Mr. M.M. Bagnall.
Also, in attendance - Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.

- 15 **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor H.R. Jennings and Mrs. L.M. Salt, and it was resolved to accept these.
- 16 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 29th. JUNE 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 17 **MATTERS ARISING** - There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 18 **CORRESPONDENCE**: - No Correspondence.
- 19 **ANNUAL INSPECTION OF WETLEY ROCKS/TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELDS** - The Clerk reported that Wicksteed charge remains at £60 per play area so it was agreed to engage them to conduct the inspections as previously.
- 20 **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - RENT REVIEW** - The Clerk reported that communications have been received from Fisher German and invoice received for the same amount of £210 up to March. They had asked for the removal of some of the trees and the Clerk had requested a meeting on site with regards to the rent and the trees. The new contact has said that this is not possible as he is leaving the company in December therefore, we await his replacement. This will remain on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Bagnall asked about the trees, and it was explained that this has been also an ongoing issue as permission was not given to plant them. Councillor Tunna stated that there is a Copper Beech Tree that was planted by Wetley Rocks School who planted it to commemorate the Queens Silver Jubilee. The Clerk also mentioned the trees that she had received complaints about which overhang the properties on Randles Lane that are covered by a Tree Preservation Order have also been reported to the contact at Fisher German as the Diocese would have to seek permission from SMDC to do any works on them as the owners. The Clerk will contact the resident and ask them to contact the Diocese about them. The Clerk reported that the Earmarked funds that had been set aside for the rent is now no longer required so the remainder has been put back to the general fund as they are now invoicing us every six months as it should be.
- 21 **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - HEDGES** - Councillor Tunna reported that last year not all the hedges were cut so he would like to speak to Jim when he does the works so the Clerk will arrange this. Part of the hedge has died off right by the Copper Beech Tree so needs some new hedge planting to fill it in.

- 22 **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD**
Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated that there is still an issue with the drains in the bottom corner where the water main runs so need to be chased up with Severn Trent/Lichfield Diocese. Mr. Bagnall had removed the bird muck off the swing seats and the Clerk has ordered bird spikes for the Handyman to put up to stop this from happening. The top Notice is very dirty and needs the lettering to be reinstated to say NO Dogs allowed but can be removed once the new sign has been put on discussed at the last meeting. The Clerk reported a broken concrete bin which needs to be removed.
- 23 **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT** - The Clerk mentioned the other wooden seat needs to be replaced as its deteriorating. The Safety Flooring still needs to be covered up with topsoil which the Handyman will investigate. Councillor Tunna stated that the bottom of the trees needs to be tied up and trimmed.
- 24 **TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD - GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - The Clerk reported a screw missing from one of the signs and couple of patches of surface may need attention. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt mentioned one of the ropes is still missing.
- 25 **TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT** - Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated that since Steve has been looking after it the area seems better. A little litter but that is it.
- 26 **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No forward agenda items.
- 27 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2022/23** - After considering the budget required the committee made their recommendations.

Chairman