

## Cheddleton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman - Councillor - S Scalise  
Vice-Chairman - Councillor - H.R. Jennings

Councillors - M.T. Bowen, I. Dakin, Mrs. L.M. Salt and M.P. Worthington.

Volunteers - Mr. G. & Mrs. A. Hill.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

- 1 **APOLOGIES** - The Clerk explained that she had received resignation from Member - Mr. K. Wheawall but he will continue to help Robbie with jobs as and when he can. Apologies for absence was received from: - Member - Mr. R. Beresford. Volunteer - Lynne Barnsley it was resolved to accept these.
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14<sup>th</sup>. MARCH 2020** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
- 3 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**  
**Re. Min. 847. General Condition of the Field** - Councillor Dakin reported that mole hills have appeared by the swings. The Clerk will notify environmental to deal with this.
- 3a **VOLUNTEERS** - Updates received with reports of more people using the playing fields, picnicking etc. as lockdown eased and seemed to deter some of the undesirables but still issues with dog walkers not picking up after their dogs and that we need additional signs as previously discussed. An old TV had been discovered in the woods which had been disposed of by the volunteer. Continued to litter pick and still evidence of drug use. A fire was being started in the wooded area and was witnessed by volunteers and intervened and passed on a photo of the 5 offenders to the Police who were able to identify them and have a word with them. Incidents of tiles being removed from the mosaic in the bowling green. Bollards were moved and re-sited and somebody removed them before they were set at the entrance. Councillor Bowen referred to new Public Protection Orders which are currently being discussed at SMDC for further powers. Will allow prosecutions of people including dog owners. Agreed to invite volunteers prior to the next Committee Meeting.
- 4 **CORRESPONDENCE: -**
  - a. Active Places - Sport England Newsletter - Audit of the database including the facilities available at the Playing Field.
  - b. Fields In Trust - Updates & Newsletters - Including contribution to the Public Liability Insurance which ran out in June which we contribute towards as management of the Playing Field. Update of work they are continuing to do keep green spaces and promote them with avoiding them being built on.
- 5 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT** - Councillor Dakin raised that the 85-page report does not prioritize the risks as a summary, and it is a lengthy document. The Clerk explained that Fields in Trust organize and pay for the inspection annually. The Clerk to get in touch with them to get a summary. Only moderate risk item is the zip wire height of the seat which the Clerk reported is resolved as Rob & Ken have adjusted this already.

**5 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT (Cont'd...)**

Everything else is low risk that we can resolve most of through the handyman so agreed for him to work through the recommendations. Councillor Scalise asked about safety surface and the Clerk reported that it has been reported on but as a low risk. Robbie has already made some repairs which has worked and cost next to nothing to do. These have worked and have not deteriorated since they have been done. The Clerk reported that she has this last week received funding from SCC from People Helping People Fund of £100 towards the Bin in the toddlers play area. This has been on going for some time so she will now order the new bin, but it has increased in price since the initial quote making it over £200 with delivery. It was resolved to order it, and this will remove one of the risks off the report.

**6 GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD/ USE OF THE FOOTBALL PITCH -**

Councillor Scalise asked about the issue with the football field and the ruts caused by the garden maintenance works at the house on Rennie Crescent. The Clerk will follow this up again as it had been agreed previously to repair the damage. No vehicle access just using wheelbarrow to make repairs. The Clerk had received two enquiries about using the Football pitch. Invite these to attend the next meeting. Councillor Jennings will make enquiries at Leek Rugby Club again. Councillor Scalise raised that there should be funding to install some facilities like changing room/toilets and floodlights. Sport England/District Council could be approached if there is an interest in using it. Next Meeting agenda item.

**7 ANY WORKS REQUIRED** - The Clerk raised that Rob & Ken have continued to keep the old bowling green mown and tidy but the mower that they use is quite a few years old. They do strip it down and maintain it but could do with investing in a new mower. The make and model have been supplied so the Clerk suggested getting a price and putting forward to purchase one. Councillor Worthington raised that he may be able to acquire a mower from Pointon Park as they may well have a spare which we could look to acquire. Councillor Scalise also asked about spare goalposts at Pointon Park which will be available so Councillor Worthington will enquire as these may be of use at Wetley Rocks.

**8 GRANGE POND** - No issues currently.

**9 BRIDGE EYE** - Handyman has reported that there is a blocked drain which is flooding the Well which the Clerk will investigate and report the issue.

**10 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No items were raised.

**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS - 2021/22** - After considering the figures produced the committee made their recommendations.

Chairman.

12<sup>th</sup>. January 2021.