

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE
MEETING ROOM, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 16th. JANUARY 2018**

ATTENDANCE Chairman – Councillor M.T. Bowen.

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M.P. Worthington.

Councillor – M. Ahmad, J.G. Arnold, Ms. C.Y. Ball, J. Carr, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, K. Harvey,
Mrs. B. Hine, H.R. Jennings, Mrs. C.M. Meyrick, Mrs. A. Oakden, S. Scalise.

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor – Mrs. C.. Latham, P.A. Latham, H.J. Tunna.

4854 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 19th. December 2017, taken as read, were confirmed and a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4855 **MATTERS ARISING**

Re. Min. 4839. Developing a Community Based Approach- Highways and Rights of Way – Response Councillor Mrs. Meyrick advised that from an article in the local newspaper it seemed that Councillor Harvey was right ‘a lot of paths with get neglected.’

Re. Min. 4841. Pudding Race – Update Councillor Mrs. Meyrick reported that the Carnival Committee had raised £7,500 from the event – a wonderful achievement.

4856 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Chairman asked the members of the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider one P/application. The Council had raised £125 from the Christmas Card collection which he would present to the ‘Friendship Club’
He advised of an Emergency Item which would be taken as a confidential item at the end of the meeting.
Councillor Arnold advised that due to work commitments he would need to leave after Item 16 on the Agenda. This was noted.

4857 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** There were no members of the public present.

4858 **MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Worthington declared an interest in Item 14 ‘Request for Financial Assistance towards the hire of the Main Hall in the C.C. for the British Legion’.

4859 **MEMBERS’ SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** None had been received.

4860 **ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND – QUOTE TO POWDER COAT THE GATES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETERY**

The quote was still awaited however, it was put that this would be big job especially when considering the weight of the gates.

4861 QUOTE TO TILE AND LAY FLOORING – REFURBISHMENT OF THE GENTS & LADIES TOILETS C.C.

Councillor Scalise issued a tile for members consideration, a smaller/thinner tile that would work out cheaper to purchase and would be easier to put on especially behind the pipework. Following discussions the Council agreed to opt for the smaller tiles and to go out to tender for additional quotes for the tiling. Councillor Worthington agreed to speak to a tiler. Members' also agreed to go out to tender for additional quotes for the new flooring.

4862 REPLACEMENT URINAL – GENTS TOILET, COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman advised of a request to update the old type men's urinal and replace it with two urinals, attached to the wall where they can be cleaned more easily. It was put that it maybe an idea to consider family toilets as this was now being brought in for health and safety reasons. Following discussions proposed by Councillor Worthington and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hartley it was agreed to obtain quotes for 2 and 3 urinals both in steele and ceramic.

4863 QUOTE TO LAY A SOAKAWAY – PARKING AREA – ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEM.

The need to obtain two additional quotes was put and agreed. However, Mr. Gee would be asked to start work on the wall at the earliest opportunity.

4864 REBUILDING OF A DAMAGED SECTION OF WALL CRAFT CENTRE CAR-PARK

It was reported that the damage caused to the wall had been noted and Mr. Heath had been approached to quote. Given the condition of the wall and the bricks lying on the floor which posed a danger to any motorist Mr. Heath had carried out the work immediately at a cost of £60. Members' endorsed the works and the urgency and agreed payment of the invoice.

4865 QUOTE TO INSTALL A NOISE LIMITER SYSTEM – MAIN HALL, C.C.

The Clerk read the quote to supply and install a) 1 NCP30A Noise pollution control system with the remote microphone but not the traffic light remote display b) a screened microphone cable run plus containment c) ancillaries wiring to intersect power sockets rings, located in the north end of the main room (4 double sockets) the intersection to be at the distribution board located in the chair storage area main room, d) mains relay pack and enclosure e) labour/ commissioning/containment. The main unit (npc30a) to be mounted in the main room above the chair store area. Total cost £830 + V.A.T. = £996.00 total. The traffic light remote, if required, is an option at £129 plus the cost of the installation.

Question was raised as to whether there had been any complaints. Councillor Bowen reported that residents had complained to him and he had received complaints from residents who were visiting the Burial Ground. The noise is normally from Discos and children's parties and especially when a lady entertainer screeches and screams her head off. Councillor Harvey questioned the number of complaints received. Councillor Mrs. Oakden suggested that you can't have a party without a little noise and fitting this type of system that cuts the music off might lose the Council revenue. She suggested that as a first step it might be an idea to hire a machine to monitor noise levels during a party. Councillor Worthington suggested that warning hirers and putting up notices should be the first step as he was against using tax payers money on a noise pollution control system with no complaints apart from those verbally to Mike. Following this lengthy debate proposed by Councillor Ahmad and seconded by Councillor Worthington it was agreed unanimously to: leave the matter in abeyance for six months – Councillor Bowen agreed to keep records.

4866 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE HIRE OF THE MAIN HALL C.C. – FOR A BRITISH LEGION THANK YOU EVENT

Members' were advised that each year the British Legion put on a meal, as a thank you to the people who raise funds for the branch. This year the event was to be held in the C.C. and members' were asked to consider a donation towards the hire of the Main Hall for this event Following discussions proposed by Councillor Ahmad and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hartley it was agreed unanimously to give a donation of £30. Councillor Worthington having declared an interest took no part in the voting.

4867 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members' were advised that Elizabeth Thomson from Buxton had carried out the Internal Audit for the past 5 years. Following discussions proposed by the Chairman it was resolved: to appoint Elizabeth Thomson again as the internal auditor for the 2017/18 financial year.

4868 COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that she had rang the S.M.D.C. and up to press they had not received a request for an election but they needed to wait until the end of day for any late delivery of post. The Clerk advised that if an election is not called she would display the appropriately worded Notice, giving the closing date for applications, in the notice boards and include the item on the next Council Agenda. This was agreed.

4869 PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGARDING S.C.C. MANAGED AND DELIVERED LIBRARIES AND MOBILE AND TRAVELLING LIBRARY SERVICE

The correspondence was read giving account of the financial challenges which are seeing public libraries close across the country. However, not in Staffordshire, here we are bucking the national trend by choosing to modernise and develop our library service in collaboration with our community rather than close our libraries. Following extensive public consultation during 2014, more people are now volunteering to support their library and community groups have stepped up to take the lead at 23 Community Managed Libraries. As a result all 43 libraries across our county remain open. A lengthy letter advising of the need to reduce costs and asking for any ideas – Questionnaires will be made available for members of the public to collect from all Staffordshire Libraries, including Community Managed Libraries and Mobile and Travelling Libraries. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick advised that she was surprised that they were still pushing ahead however, with a 6% rise expected they should have funding to keep libraries open. Councillor Harvey advised that he made average use of the library in Werrington and there were ways such as downloading but no-one was leading the way. Use technology. Cheddleton needs a service and the Council should be trying to have something for the pensioners. Councillor Worthington reported that 3% of the increase had been set aside for Care in the Community. Councillor Jennings advised that in schools they were pushing the children to read books rather than using a computer or kindle. Councillor Mrs. Hartley suggested subscriptions as a way to keep libraries open and people reading books. The Council noted the consultation.

4870 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES The Council examined the reports of the following committees and adopted their recommendations:-

a. Minutes of the Confidential Meeting of the Selection Panel – Shortlisting.

Re. Min. 12/ Declarations The minute was amended to read: daughter in law of Councillor Mrs. Oakden.

b. Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting

c. Minutes of the Conf. Meeting of Selection Panel – Interviewing of 3 Candidates.

d. Reports of Outside Bodies

St. Edward's Rugby Club. Councillor Jennings advised that the Rugby Club would be holding a match on Saturday, 20th Jan. 2018 and, if they win the next two games they will play at Twickenham. He asked members to consider attending to support the Rugby Club. Ashcombe Park Cricket Club – He reported that Mohammed Asif would be returning to the Club in April, much to the delight of the Club and all the supporters.

4871 ACCOUNTS

4872 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. S.C.C. – Parish Council Precept 2018/19. The form had been completed and returned. There would be a support grant of £460.38 and setting a Precept of £70,000 represented a reduction of .003 on a Band D property.
- b. S.P.C.A. – Local Councillor Training Course on Tuesday, 6th. February 2018 – there was no interest shown.
- c. Water Plus – advising that from the 1st. August they will be introducing quarterly billing. The Clerk advised that she had rang Water Plus and had spoken to a representative about the letter and the invoices attached. She had questioned the reason why they had billed the Council again when the last water bill had only been paid in November. The representative advised that the wrong date had been put in the letter and unfortunately the bills would have to be paid and any overpayment would be rectified in the next bill.
- d. Mr. A McKay, Sovereign – A testimonial would be appreciated. The Clerk advised that she had put together a few words.
- e. S.C.C. – Limited Assurance Audits 2017/18 – giving notice of a briefing session with Mazars LLP for Tuesday, 27th. March 2018. The Clerk advised that she would be on annual leave but, a colleague would obtain all the necessary information for her. It was agreed to ask the new Clerk if she would attend. The Clerk would raise the question.
- f. Community Council of Staffordshire – Best Kept Village Competition 2018 literature.
- g. Mr. J. Fallows – Encouraging more villages in the Moorlands area to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. There was no interest shown.

- h. Local Council Public Advisory Service – Data Protection. Advising that the ICO had given clear reasons why Parish and Town Councils can appoint an Officer as a Data Protection Office.

4873 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** There were no members of the public present.

4874 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – EMERGENCY ITEM - CLERK’S HOURS/SALARY**
Members’ discussed and made their decision.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Chairman
20th. February 2018.