

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WETLEY ROCKS  
VILLAGE HALL, WETLEY ROCKS ON TUESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup>. APRIL 2018.**

**ATTENDANCE** Councillor - M.T. Bowen.

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M.P. Worthington.

Councillor – M. Ahmad, Ms. C.Y. Ball, J. Carr, G.J.R. Furnival, Mrs. D.A. Hartley,  
K. Harvey, H.R. Jennings, Mrs. C.M. Meyrick, H.J. Tunna.

**APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor – J.G. Arnold, Mrs. B. Hine, Mrs. C. Latham, P.A. Latham, Mrs. A. Oakden,  
S. Scalise.

**4908** **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup>. March 2018, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**4909** **MATTERS ARISING**

**Re. Min. 4903 Removal of the Bus Stop at the Bottom of Plough Bank, Wetley Rocks – Trial Basis** There had been no response from Rhonda, as yet.

**Re. Min. 4906. Correspondence b. Goldwing Event** Councillor Jennings reported that he had spoken to Martin and the Goldwing Event would definitely be held next year on the Rugby Club Field – it would be from Thursday to Saturday night and there would be a big turnout. Those attending would be taken around the village to use the eating facilities.

**Re. Min. 4907. Public Question Time** The Chairman advised that he had noted that items had been raised at the end of the meeting. He therefore reminded members' that items for discussion needed to be included on the Agenda and should not be discussed at the end of the meeting as there were no legal powers to do so.

**4910** **ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Chairman asked the members of the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider two planning applications.

**4911** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** There were no questions raised at this time.

**4912** **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none declared at this time.

**4913** **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** None had been received.

**4914** **ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND – QUOTE TO POWDER COAT THE GATES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETERY**

The quote was still awaited however Councillor Jennings drew members attention to the gate at the rear of the cemetery which, he opined, needed refurbishing. It was agreed to include the item on the Agenda for next scheduled meeting of the B.G. committee.

**4915 S.M.D.C. – GRANT APPLICATION, TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF WW1**

Members' were advised that the grant fund of £435 was to help P.Cs. mark the centenary of the end of WW1. The grant was to support the involvement in holding a Beacon Event, to encourage the community to get involved and provide refreshments. Members discussed the beacon lighting and the use of the Village Hall for the event and agreed to include the item on next month's Agenda to consider the type of event and the grant application for £435 to cover costs.

**4916 MEMORIAL PLANTING IN CHEDDLETON – RESIDENT'S REQUEST TO PLANT A TREE**

It was reported that a resident from Rennie Crescent had asked if there was a small area on the Playing Field or, in the parish, where she could plant a tree or, where a memorial could be placed in memory of her daughter. Her daughter was buried in Leek but she wanted something in Cheddleton Following discussions it was agreed: to allow the resident to plant a tree in the St. Edward's Lawn Cemetery. The tree would need to be of minimum height but the siting and species of tree would need to be agreed by members prior to the resident's planting. The Clerk would email the resident to inform her of the decision.

**4917 RE-LETTERING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL – WETLEY ROCKS**

Councillor Tunna drawing members' attention to the lettering on the War Memorial which had deteriorated very badly asked if the Council would consider funding the re-lettering of the War Memorial especially in view of the WW1 Centenary. It was put that a local council is empowered to incur reasonable expenditure in maintaining and repairing a war memorial situate within its area and therefore proposed by the Chairman it was resolved: to obtain a quote from Nettlebank to carry out the work. Forward Agenda Item.

**4918 TRANSPORTATION OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

The Clerk reported that two quotes had been sought: Man with a Van £165 for the first hour and £45 for each additional hour. Norman Ferns £50 per. hour. Following discussions proposed by Councillor Tunna and sec. by Councillor Jennings it was resolved: to appoint Norman Ferns to transport the equipment from Stockton Brook to Leek at a cost of £50 p.h.

**4919 RESULTS OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY CONSULTATION**

Councillor Harvey suggested that he would work with the Chairman of the committee Councillor Mrs. Meyrick to progress the matter. The three volunteers would inspect the paths. repair stiles etc. but there was a need to try and get walkers/volunteers involved and trained in carrying out this type of work. There would also be the need for a base to provide the people/volunteers with refreshments (Tea/Coffee) and the Craft Centre Tea Rooms would be the ideal venue for this. A survey hadn't been carried out and the paths needed to be categorised + the Farmers would be an issue. It was suggested that a notice inviting walkers/volunteers to get involved could be placed at the start and end of the paths maybe a way forward. Councillor Harvey agreed – these would be laminated by the Clerk.

**4920 S.M.D.C. – GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS – TRAINING SESSION 3<sup>rd</sup>. MAY 2018 at 6pm.**

Members' attention was drawn to the training session and the need for members' to book a place with [linden.vernon@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk](mailto:linden.vernon@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk) if they wish to attend.

**4921 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES** The Council examined the reports of the following committees and adopted their recommendations:-

**a. Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting**

**b. Reports of Outside Bodies** There were no reports issued.

**4922 ACCOUNTS**

**4923 CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Staffordshire Police – News, Issue 1, April 2018. Issued to members for their perusal.

b. Opus Energy – Giving notice that due to non-energy costs (cost of transporting energy) they need to increase the tariff by 7.26% from the 1<sup>st</sup>. April 2018

c. Highways – Noisy/loose manhole cover, Leek Road – Ref. 4119607.

d. S.C.C. Pension Fund – Employer Rate for 2018/19, 23.4%.

e. Amey – Pot hole by the Bridge in Basford Bridge Lane – Logged as Ref. 4118595.

f. Staffordshire Police – Rogue Traders Flyer – Issued to members' Councillor Mrs. Hartley agreed to issue ones she had printed off and laminated.

g. C.P.R.E. – Countryside Voice and Field Work Magazines – Spring 2-18.- Issued to Councillor Mrs. Meyrick.

h. S.C.C. – Dignity Awards 2018. – Issued to members for their perusal. Posters would be displayed in the notice boards.

i. S.C.C. – Dying Matters Staffordshire Campaign – Supporters Update. – Issued.

j. Highways – Pot Holes, Park Lane – Asking for the exact location of the pot holes. It was agreed to advise that there were pot holes on the full length Park Lane - from the junction with Hollow Lane to Deep Haye.

k. S.C.C., Website – Checking that the information they hold for the P.C. is correct. This was correct at the time of writing.

l. Local Council Public Advisory Service – Course re. Getting ready for the new Data Protection Regulations in Bury St. Edmunds

m. S. Barker, Pisces Pumps – Ack. receipt of order to replace the panel at the Craft C. and advising that he will advise as soon as he is ready to carry out the work.

n. Aimee's Travel – Confirming that she will arrange to meet this week.

**4923 CORRESPONDENCE continued.....**

- o. HM Revenue & Customs – New Reference Number. The Clerk reported that the claim had to be re-sent because HM Revenue had now forwarded a new ref. number.
- p. Resident, Wetley Rocks – Neighbourhood Planning – option to stop the landscape from being swallowed up with housing. It was agreed to include the Item on the Agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Planning & Amenities committee.
- q. Amey, - Re. the broken tree branch in Hollow Lane – Ref. 4119884. Councillor Furnival offered to remove the offending branch. This was agreed.
- r. Amey – Re. the Oval, Southlowe Road – Overhanging branches Ref. 4119883. The contractor would be asked to carry out the work required.
- s. Mr. D. Rushton – Update re. the gullies in Station Road and the trees in The Oval. Advising that he has spoken to the crews over the gullies in Station Road and they have now visited the site and emptied and jetted the gullies out. They advise that the reason why the water backs up is due to the amount of rainfall – the drainage system can't take it under heavy rainfall. They will monitor the issue. Suggested the matter of The Oval needs to be reported to the D.C. as he believes it is their land. The Clerk reported that she had informed Mr. Rushton that the land was in the ownership of the S.C.C.
- t. S.C.C., Pension Services – L.G. Pension Scheme – Employer Training at Stafford on the 21st. June 2018 starting at 9.30am.
- u. Resident, Park Lane – Writing to raise concerns about the state of Park Lane which is full of dangerous pot holes. The grit bin that has not been filled. The sign that says slow down Children which is dirty and not visible. The slow down markings which need re-marking. Also the road verge at Deep Haye which needs sorting to stop water running down the road which applies to both ends of the road. All the drains and water courses need cleaning at the entrance to Deep Haye. Road markings need putting in as traffic treats the entrance like a main road and do not give way. The gates into the Country Park need closing dusk to dawn to stop cars from speeding and spinning around on the car-park and to stop drug dealing, anti-social behaviour. He understands Cheddleton is a big village and the above is down to government cuts. He has reported the pot-holes and the filling of the grit bin to the S.C.C. weeks ago so they know about the problems. He looks forward to the Council's reply. The Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the S.C.C. and to write to the resident accordingly.

**4924 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** There were no questions raised at this time.

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

Chairman  
15th. May 2018.