

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2021**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor - I. Dakin
Vice-Chairman - Councillor - H.R. Jennings

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

Volunteers - Lynne Barnsley.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

12 **APOLOGIES** - Apologies for absence was received from: - Councillor S. Scalise and Member - Mr. R. Beresford, it was resolved to accept these.

13 **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jennings explained that Councillor Scalise has stepped down as chairman and resigned from the committee. Councillor Bowen proposed that Councillor Dakin become the chairman which was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Salt. All agreed so he began to chair the meeting.

14 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27th. OCTOBER 2020** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.

15 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

There were no matters raised.

16 **CORRESPONDENCE:** -

There was no correspondence received.

17 **GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - The Clerk reported that she had emailed Andy York with regards to the damaged caused to the football pitch. Councillor Bowen suggested contacting him again and that he will be billed for the repairs if he does not put it right.

18 **USE OF THE FOOTBALL PITCH/FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS** - The Clerk reported that this was brought forward from the last meeting as there had been two enquiries from people wanting to use the pitch, but they have made alternative arrangements. Councillor Jennings reported that he has contacted a member of Leek Rugby Club but as they are not playing due to COVID-19 or holding meetings so we will re-visit the item post COVID-19. Councillor Dakin suggested that there is potential for other than team sports like park running on other areas. Councillor Jennings suggested that we advertise on Facebook the use of the Playing Field is free. Councillor Bowen reported that SMDC are promoting sports villages and he could put forward Cheddleton and will report back. Once we have ideas of what and how it can be used, we can look at grants through Sports England and SMDC for the future.

19 **ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** - The Clerk reported that the handyman has worked his way through the Inspection Report other than the Safety Surface which the weather needs to improve. He has also repaired the steps to the climbing frame which had been broken. The Clerk reported that she had remarks from Councillor Belson that residents are under the impression that because Batemans built the new Zip Wire platform that they donated it to the Playing Fields. Councillor Bowen suggested a statement on Cheddleton Chat Facebook page with clear reference that Batemans made it, but it was funded from insurance claim after the arson attack. Councillor Dakin will prepare it and The Clerk will post it.

The Clerk then reported about a waste pipe which Councillor Mrs. Salt had reported to her as a resident had complained that it is causing flooding at the Rennie Crescent entrance to the Playing Field. Also, cutting of trees and rubbish left behind. Photos were shared showing these. Councillor Bowen stated that the owner needs to be written to telling him to remove the pipe. All residents that back onto this area to be written to about the cutting. Councillor Jennings suggested approaching SMDC with regards to a TPO on them.

20 **GRANGE POND** - Councillor Jennings asked if we have regular tidy of the pond. The Clerk reported that Jim Gibson does this annually to cut back and tidy around it. The Handy man checks for dumped items and removes them. Councillor Dakin asked if a wildlife survey had been done on the pond.

21 **BRIDGE EYE** - Councillor Dakin asked about access through the combination lock on the gate. Councillor Bowen reported that they have access now. The Clerk reported that the moles have been treated and on the Playing Field and Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery. No reports of any fly tipping of garden waste.

22 **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS**

Climate change and biodiversity including grange pond.

Wildlife meadow/Community orchard.

Covid-19 funding SCC - 29/1/2021.

Chairman.