

## Cheddleton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>. DECEMBER 2020

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman - Councillor M.T. Bowen.  
Vice-Chairman - Councillor H.R. Jennings.

Councillor - M. Ahmad, I. Dakin, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R. J. Hartley, K. Harvey,  
Mrs. C. A. Lovatt, G. W. Salt, Mrs. L. M. Salt, S. Scalise, H. J. Tunna, M.P. Worthington.  
Also, in attendance - Ms. L. J. Eyre - Clerk, 1 Member of the public.

95. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies for absence were received from Councillor - Ms. C.Y. Ball, N. Belson, J. Carr and Ms. O. Lucas, it was resolved to accept these.
96. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
97. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - Councillor Bowen raised the issue of no internet and that none of the Councillors should have to pay the cost of getting the internet and he noted that Councillor Tunna should therefore be excused from virtual meetings until such time as we can physically meet again, or restrictions allow.
98. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Councillor Bowen reported that he had sent some flowers to Mrs. Joan Pearson on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday from the Chairman's allowance. She is in a care home in Congleton but was incredibly grateful. Planning Applications to be considered by the Planning Committee. The two confidential items 117 d & e moved to the end of the meeting.
99. **PUBLIC QUESTION** – The member of the public had no question just observing as new to the area.
100. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 17<sup>th</sup>. NOVEMBER 2020** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
101. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM: -**  
**Re. Min 78. Ground Maintenance Issues** - Councillor Bowen reported that the hedge at Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery has now been cut.  
**Re. Min 84. Bus Shelter Wetley Rocks** - Councillor Bowen has asked questions at SMDC with regards to responsibilities.  
**Re. Min 85. Works required Craft Centre** - Councillor Mrs. Hartley asked if the Building Control Officer had submitted his report. Councillor Bowen stated that he had not, and Councillor Scalise reported that he had tried to ring him but that he has now broken up for Christmas.
102. **CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHEDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL** - Councillor Bowen had asked for this to be on the agenda as he feels that 2 years tenure would benefit the Chair as just as you are getting into the position it is time to hand over which was seconded by Councillor Tunna and on majority vote it was resolved that from next year this would be brought in.

- 103. DISCIPLINARY & GRIEVANCE POLICY** - The Chair reported that this is recommended as we are missing some policies. The Clerk explained that this is mentioned in her contract of employment and there is not one in place. Councillor Jennings proposed to accept the policy in principle and the details to be discussed later at the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Councillor Tunna. Councillors Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. Hartley, Harvey, Mrs. Lovatt, Bowen, Mr. & Mrs. Salt, Tunna, Worthington & Dakin all voted for the policy. Councillors Scalise & Ahmad abstained. Therefore it was resolved that the Policy be adopted in principle.
- 104. SLCC PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 2021** - The Chairman reported that the Clerk would like to attend the virtual 3-day conference at a cost of £75 which was resolved to pay for her to attend.
- 105. SLCC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** - The Chairman reported that this is necessary for the training of the Clerk. It was resolved to pay for the Membership
- 106. CPRE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** - The Chairman reported that the Membership Cost is £36, and it was resolved to renew it.
- 107. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ISSUES** - The Chairman reported that the hedge around Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery has been cut and an excellent job made. Councillor Jennings reported that the hedge around the fields next to the cemetery has not been cut but this is not the responsibility of Jim. The Clerk reported that Jim was behind with works as Robert his son had been suffering with a bad back but that he is getting up to date with his program of works. The Handyman has fixed a water leak in the Old Boiler House which is connected to the toilets and lagged the pipe. He is also working through the Inspection Report on Cheddleton Playing Fields. The 4 benches have been delivered that were ordered and the Clerk will put it on the next meeting where to put the other 3. The Handyman has also fitted the sink unit in the Community Centre and is going to sort out the one in the mobile too after having a look at it. Councillor Mrs. Hartley asked about wildflowers on verges and it was agreed that permission would need to be given by SCC. Councillor Dakin requested that this and tree planting, orchards etc be discussed in the new year. Councillor Jennings reported that the latch is missing from the Asylum Burial Ground. The Clerk has asked the handyman to do the pavements in Wetley Rocks as previously discussed. Councillor Jennings reported that in the woods at St Edwards Park they are cutting trees down which Councillor Bowen will speak to Steve Massey as they are under a TPO.
- 108. UPDATE ON DIFIBRILLATORS** - The Clerk reported that she has issued the cheque for the two cases from the District Councillors grant monies received so should be moving forward in the New Year. Councillor Jennings suggested that this would-be good publicity.
- 109. UPDATE ON FOOTPATH 19** - The Clerk reported that Ben Hayward had finally responded that SMDC will be contacting the owner to resolve the issue of the footpath needing to be modified. Councillor Bowen will chase this up with Ben.
- 110. BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATION TO SMDC** - The Clerk reported that she had applied for further funding due to the 4-week lockdown in November and that a sum of £1334 has been received in respect of the Community Centre. There may be other funds available dependant on what happens going forward. As we are still in Tier 3, we have been approached by certain hirers about the use of the Community Centre. Councillor Dakin will confirm the details and investigate the fire engineers.

111. **BASFORD BRIDGE LANE BRIDGES/CCTV** - Councillor Bowen stated that he has had two reports today one being from Bassett's. We have had notification from SCC that the signs will not be done until mid-January. The Clerk reported that F. Ball & Co had responded to the email that she had sent to them with regards to access to and from their premises. They have taken it upon themselves to put actions in place via their Environmental Committee and will report back on the outcomes. Councillor Dakin stated that haulage companies need to be reported to the DVSA and the Traffic Commissioner to revoke the companies' licence. Councillor Harvey suggested that underneath the bridge which is moving needs to be taped to show movement as the tapes break. Councillor Scalise still states that physical restrictions still need to be put in place. The Clerk explained about the free trial from WCCTV which would be expensive to buy to put in place but that the camera is of an extremely high specification and it has ANPR which would be ideal for prosecution of overweight vehicles. The main issue is that the camera needs an electrical supply and SCC may be able to provide this via the lighting poles in situation on Basford Bridge Lane. The Clerk has emailed Councillor Williams to ask if SCC would be interested in helping with the supply and any contribution to buying the equipment. The Clerk also reported that C & RT are interested in part funding this going forward once a trial has been organised. Councillor Bowen suggested we agree to the free trial if SCC will give permission to site it on the lighting pole and see what the results are it was resolved to do this.
112. **BUS SHELTER WETLEY ROCKS** - The Clerk updated that she has reported the base to SMDC as it requires works and asked for the removal of the cloudy Perspex to enable people to see the bus coming down the road. The Clerk had gained 3 quotes with respect of new and refurbishment. To replace or repair we will need permission from SMDC and permits from Highways to do the works/replace the shelter. New replacement £6618 to refurbish £1449 including permits and installation. £5590 for a less spec shelter from the same company. Another company was about £2000 for the shelter and £1900 for installation but no Perspex. The third is Shelutions which Cheddleton have used before and that SCC use and they can provide a flat roof version with Perspex for £2995 including installation. Councillor Scalise suggested that the works for SMDC are currently being carried out by Derbyshire County Council and this contract is under review so defer this until this has been sorted out.
113. **UPDATE ON TREES/CHRISTMAS TREE** - The Chairman reported that he had got a response from Steve Massey at SMDC and have meetings with him on Asylum Burial Ground, Randles Lane and Lime trees and to arrange to meet him on site so it was agreed that Councillors Bowen, Jennings & Salt volunteered to sort out these issues with his advice and report back. The Christmas Tree is up and decorated and we have had a huge amount of positive feedback about it. The Chair thanked Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Salt for their efforts. Councillor Harvey asked could this be an annual event for the 3 wards which Councillor Bowen reported that this is already being planned for next year.
114. **INTERNAL AUDITOR/COMPLETION OF AGAR** - The Clerk reported that the internal audit visit is due, and that the auditor has come up with a method of carrying out the audit via Zoom so a physical visit will not happen. The Clerk also reported that she had received the confirmation of completion of the AGAR and that it has been signed off without any queries or notes. This has been advertised as required by legislation on our notice boards and on the website.

115. **CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION** - The Chairman requested that this year monies collected be given to Cheddleton Cancer Research Branch. Councillor Scalise will report back if contributions can be made by bank transfer to them direct.
116. **FIRE RECOMMENDATIONS** - The Clerk reported that the Fire Extinguishers have been serviced and further recommendations which the Clerk will consult with Councillor Dakin as to if these are necessary.
117. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES: -**
- a. **Burial Grounds Committee Meeting.**
  - b. **Community Centre/Craft Centre Management Committee Meeting.**
  - c. **Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting.**  
**Re. Min 38. Trees on Randles Lane - Wetley Rocks** - Councillor Bowen has asked Steve Massey about this one so he will report back.
  - d. **HR Committee Meetings & e. Finance Committee Meeting** - Will be discussed as confidential at the end of the meeting.
  - f. **Reports of Outside Bodies - SMDC Committees** - Councillor Bowen reported from the Health & Scrutiny Panel that COVID cases in Staffordshire Moorlands is 253 per 100 thousand and Stoke 329. Most cases in Care Homes and over 85 years of age. Stoke has 350 beds with COVID cases and hotspots are Werrington & Cellarhead. Lateral flow testing can give 23-25% of false negative. Allergies do not preclude you from receiving the vaccination. Gathering volunteers to help with the vaccination process. New variant is spreading quickly so could be moving to Tier 4 soon. Councillor Dakin reported that SMDC have some European Union Funding to spend on COVID to spend by end of the Financial Year.

118. **ACCOUNTS**

119. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**

- a. Volunteer Awards 2021 - Support Staffordshire - Nominations until March 2021 and those carried forward from 2020.
- b. HMRC Updates and support.
- c. Ian Rush Foundation Potential Purchasing - Letter enquiring to purchase local Community Football grounds.
- d. ROW 201255775 Report of Fallen Tree Footpath at Deep Hayes Country Park.
- e. Cyber Crimes Unit - Top Tips.
- f. SRC Contractors Groundwork & Excavations - Keep on File
- g. London Hearts Grants for defibrillators.
- h. SJL Landscapes - Grounds Maintenance - Keep on File.
- i. County Councillor Victoria Wilson - Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture SCC - Thank you for volunteers and organisations. Coronavirus case studies.
- j. Future of Work Post COVID-19 Digital Conference - Thurs, 28/1/2021.
- k. Disabled Facilities Grant Officer - SMDC - Adaptations for independent life from government.
- l. ElanCity - Speed Signs etc.
- m. Arien Signs - Notice Boards & Plaques - Keep on File.
- n. Cloudy IT - Supporting Council's IT needs.

- o. Covid-19 Study - University of Southampton - Survey to take part in.
- p. Wicksteed Playground Inspection Report for Wetley Rocks & Toll Bar - Forward Agenda item.
- q. Action Fraud Alerts.
- r. Support Staffordshire - Update and National Village Hall Week 25/1/2021. Information on new legislation due to COVID restrictions.
- s. Fields in Trust - Green Spaces for Good/Response about Inspection Report.
- t. Amey Report 4157045 - Mill Lane - Tree Stump - Completed 26/11/2020.
- u. SLCC News Bulletin.
- v. Walking for Health Group - Contacted to ask permission to park on Cheddleton Playing Fields Car Park.
- w. Canal & Rivers Trust News.
- x. Amey Report 4219669 - One Stop Shop, Cheadle Road - Pot hole - Deemed as non-urgent.
- y. Amey Report 4219671 - Southlowe Road - Road Damage around Metal Cover.

**120. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - Resident on Cheadle Road asked why the speed limit is 50 mph from Ashcombe to Wetley Rocks. The pavements are extremely narrow and dangerous when walking. Councillor Bowen reported that this is a SCC Highway have been approached several times that this is too fast for the road. It was agreed to raise this issue again with SCC.

**121. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**SMD/2020/0652** - Glan lea, The Avenue, Cheddleton - Proposed detached 3 bedroomed dwelling.

**Object - Overdevelopment of small plot.**

**SMD/2020/0662** - 18, Birchtree Drive, Cheddleton - Proposed single storey extension to form garage/gym.

**No Objection.**

**SMD/2020/0664** - Land off Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks - Agricultural Building.

**No Objection.**

**SMD/2020/0694** - Honeywalls, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks - Alterations including front dormer and side extension.

**No Objection - The dormer is in keeping with the street vernacular.**

**SMD/2020/0695** - Heath House Farm Cottage, Ostlers Lane, Cheddleton – variation of condition 2,3 & 19 in relation to SMD/2017/0809.

**No Objection - Any conditions are adhered to.**

**117. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES: -**

**d. HR Committee Meetings**

**e. Finance Committee Meeting**

Chairman 19th. January 2021.