

## Cheddleton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>. MARCH 2021

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman - Councillor - H.R. Jennings  
Vice-Chairman - H.J. Tunna

Councillors - M. Ahmad, M.T. Bowen, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, G.W. Salt, Mrs. L.M. Salt,  
and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre.

64. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies for arriving late were received from: - Councillor - M. P. Worthington, it was resolved to accept these.
65. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillor Bowen is a member of Staffordshire Wildlife.
66. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - One member of the public was present.
67. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup>. FEBRUARY 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
68. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters were raised.
69. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**
- a. Amey Report 4176543 - Harrison Way, Cheddleton - Flooding - Completed 30/9/20.
  - b. Planning Appeal 3253477 - Heath House Farm Cottage, Ostlers Lane, Cheddleton - withdrawn 9/11/2020.
  - c. Fly Tip Brund Lane - The Clerk reported it has been removed.
  - d. AVIVA Insurance - Business Interruption Claim awaiting further update.
  - e. Cheddleton Cancer Research UK - Letter of thanks for the Christmas Charity Donation of £130.
  - f. What3words - Local Vaccination Centres.
  - g. Workforce Mental Health Digital Conference | Broadcast Live | Friday 23rd April 2021.
  - h. Active Places Winter Update. The Clerk has checked that the details are correct for Cheddleton Playing Fields.
  - i. HMRC information.
  - j. Action Fraud Alerts - Thefts and criminal damage.
  - k. Society of Local Council Clerks Newsletter. The Clerk attended the Practitioners 3-day Conference. Local Government Toolkit - For Clerks and Councillors. Send to Councillors' Jennings & Bowen.
  - l. Support Staffordshire News/Volunteer Awards Going Virtual 2021. The Clerk reported that the Awards will be virtual Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. June 2021. Councillor Mrs. Salt has enrolled on 10 of the Support Staffordshire Virtual webinars.
  - m. Canal & River Trust Spring Update.
  - n. Amey Report 4208002 - Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks - Road Damage - Completed 10/2/21.
  - o. Campaign to Protect Rural England Update - Councillor Ahmad asked for a copy.
  - p. Staffordshire County Council - Let's Get Testing Pack COVID-19. The Clerk has advertised Parish Noticeboards.

**69. CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd...): -**

- q. The Future of Local Government Conference 2021 17-19 March.
- r. Public Sector Deposit Fund Update. Interest Rate 0.038%.
- s. WCCTV - Webinar 10<sup>th</sup>. March 2021. The Clerk will attend on the Council's behalf.
- t. E-News from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.
- u. Careers Options in 2021 for you people 4<sup>th</sup>. March 2021. Live Webinar advertised on the Parish Noticeboards.
- v. Access to vaccination for funeral staff - SMDC.
- w. Grant funding available to improve community facilities for people with disabilities - SMDC. Councillor Bowen explained that SMDC are trying to widen the availability of grants across the Moorlands not just for individuals.
- x. PTTRO 4229479 Park Lane and Sutherland Road - Road Closure commencing 15<sup>th</sup>. March 2021 and completed by 5<sup>th</sup>. April.

**70. HISTORIC BUILDING - ST. EDWARD'S CHAPEL, VILLA ROAD, CHEDDLETON -**

Member of the public had asked as a case study and what the community view is on the change of use for this building. Q1. How much of a landmark is it and is it part of local identity? Councillor Bowen explained that it was part of the old Hospital and it has been encompassed by the building of the housing estate on the site. This has largely hidden it from view, but the main noticeable building is the Water Tower. So, it is not a strong part of the village identity. Councillor Jennings stated that the residents were pleased that it has not stayed as a derelict building. Q2. Does it matter to people that the inside has been stripped out? Councillor Bowen explained that a lot had already been removed prior to planning permission. The Organ was moved to a church in Manchester. Residents were more than happy that it was turned into residential premises. Q3. Are there any particular sensitivities about changes, given the unique character of the original use? Councillor Bowen was not aware of any just that it was not allowed to fall into ruins. Councillor Jennings stated that many people were concerned about the Mortuary next to the Chapel. Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated that the Hospital was renowned back in its day as an Asylum and Cheddleton was well known. Councillor Jennings stated that there is still the Burial Ground containing 1374 deceased in unmarked graves.

**71. BIODIVERSITY/MANAGEMENT OF/SKATE PARK - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD**

- Councillor Jennings reported that it had been suggested that a skate Park be sited to replace the tennis court. Councillor Bowen spoke about his experience in Brough Park and the skate Park which was built there. The cost of a concrete skate park would be in the realms of two years precept although there are other types built from other materials which are cheaper such as wood, or metal, but these are very noisy and cost more to maintain. Councillor Bowen reported that the suggestions of planting trees which will be soon destroyed by vandals may not be the best idea, the Council has plans to plant orchards with advice from SMDC. Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated that the works at Grange Pond would not destroy the habitat it has merely cut back the weeds. Councillor Bowen agreed. The Clerk also reported that it had been photographed when it had been cleaned up and Jim would have removed rubbish which has usually been thrown in the pond which would cause more harm to the wildlife.

**72. COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING** - Councillor Bowen stated that District Council Car Parks are not free to residents and there is a big problem with parking on Hollow Lane anyway. The Clerk reported that the resident was enquiring as she thought a new sign had been put up which I explained it had been there for years. The resident had responded and will park on the road.

73. **OAK TREE OVERHANGING CHEDDLETON PARK AVENUE** - The Clerk reported that the resident has asked for works to be completed and Councillor Harvey has looked, and it is on Footpath 38 and the Volunteers would not be able to undertake these works, so she suggested a tree surgeon be approached to price it up. The Clerk will get advice and contact the resident to inform him.
74. **UPDATE BRIDGES BASFORD BRIDGE LANE, CHEDDLETON/CCTV** - The Clerk reported she has emailed all parties with a 14-day response time scale before contacting the press again. The only response has come from the Canal & River Trust stating they continue to monitor all incidents and do believe that the Bridge is structurally sound. The Clerk had notified SCC that a report has been raised by a resident to remove the temporary barriers which the Clerk included the details asking them to not remove them and has had no response. C&RT National Bridges Team have been informed and will inspect it and come back to us with the outcome. They do not feel it is a matter of educating the users as majority are aware of the restrictions therefore the monitoring would not be appropriate. Councillor Bowen stated at least that is the evidence that we have told you and we have done everything that we can if anything should happen and the bridge collapses. The Clerk will add it to the agenda for Full Council Meeting.
75. **UPDATE BUS SHELTER WETLEY ROCKS** - The Clerk reported that after many months of chasing Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC) she received confirmation that the works have been done by Derbyshire County Council (DCC). Only to discover that the shelter that had been maintained was the wrong one. They had completed works on a shelter in Cheddleton by Folly Lane not Wetley Rocks. The Clerk has contacted them informing SMDC & DCC stating the situation and they have agreed that this is their error and will be completing the works in the next two weeks free of charge. Councillor Bowen stated that he had raised it at Cabinet with SMDC and that DCC are no longer being contracted to do such works in the future and it's a good job.
76. **RENT FOR WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that she is seeking a valuation for the rental value of the field from an estate agent and has not yet got a figure. Although, she reported that Fisher German have sent an invoice for the next 6-months for £210 which is the same as previously paid. Councillor Tunna stated that under the conditions of the agreement with Lichfield Diocese they should only amend the rent by negotiating with an independent agent and agreeable on both sides and we have been trying to meet with them for several years. He stated that we should not pay any further rent until this is finally sorted out as the agreement is long out of date. Councillor Bowen stated he agreed with Councillor Tunna as the lease has ended so new negotiations need to make a new legal agreement, so he suggests we again save the monies as it ended in 1999. Councillor Mahfooz stated that until a new one is negotiated that one stands as is. Agreed to await until we have the rental valuation, and we can then start negotiations so the Clerk will come back with the figure and not make any further payments.
77. **COMMERCIAL WASTE CONTRACTS FROM 1<sup>st</sup>. APRIL 2021** - The Clerk stated that the contracts are all due for renewal commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery £398.61(monthly) per annum, Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery being £497.08(weekly/fortnightly) & Community Centre £912.63(weekly). SMDC do reduce the rates based on the type of business which other companies do not as previously confirmed when the Clerk obtained quotes from other trade waste companies, they were more expensive. Councillor Mrs. Salt proposed that we renew the contracts, and this was seconded by Councillor Mr. Salt. Councillor Bowen did not take part as a member of SMDC. Agreed to renew w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April.

77. **COMMERCIAL WASTE CONTRACTS FROM 1<sup>st</sup>. APRIL 2021 (Cont'd...)**  
The Clerk then stated that Councillor Harvey had requested the Council to look at providing a Commercial Waste bin at Deep Hayes as Staffordshire County Council do not provide Litter Bins and several of the volunteers are litter picking around the Country Park and have nowhere to leave the rubbish collected. Councillor Bowen stated that it belongs to SCC so we cannot put a bin on there nor could SMDC it would have to be SCC as they manage the Country Park. The Clerk suggested approaching SCC to ask them to provide a bin.
78. **UPDATE ON BRUND LANE/COALPITFORD LANE - CHEDDLETON - ROAD DAMAGE** - The Clerk reported that SCC had been out and done some temporary works which a photo showed a patch of tarmac laid on the Lane. She then received confirmation from the resident who had raised it with the Parish Council that SCC had been back and found a broken drain in the area which had been temporarily patched and replaced it. The reports for this date back 5 years and that there is no residual water now lying on the road so hopefully it is fixed.
79. **FURTHER BUSINESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT - SMDC** – The Clerk reported the total amount in grants £18,674 for the Community Centre and that there will be further monies available going forward. Councillor Bowen stated that SMDC have gone above and beyond to ensure all grants have been sent at as quickly as possible to help businesses. Councillor Jennings suggested a letter of thanks to the Finance Team at SMDC for the quick and efficient distribution of monies. All agreed the Clerk write to them a letter of thanks.
80. **DOG BINS ON ST. EDWARD'S PARK, CHEDDLETON** - Councillor Jennings stated that he had asked for this as an agenda item to increase the number on the estate. Councillor Worthington joined the meeting. The Clerk stated that SMDC will assess on the need so would require locations to advise them and we can take it from there. Councillor Jennings will work with the Clerk on this.
81. **STORM DRAIN A520, WETLEY ROCKS** - Councillor Tunna stated that the drain lid lifts next to Park House Farm when it rains so it may be blocked. The Clerk will report it.
82. **BLOCKED DRAIN - MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS** - The Clerk has again reported this with SCC Highways as it was thought to have been completed but the road keeps flooding in the same place.
83. **LEAKING SEWAGE PIPE FOOTPATH 38** - The Clerk stated that we need some photographs of this issue which Councillor Bowen will look at doing for the report.
84. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - No planning applications received.
85. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No future Agenda items.

Chairman  
30<sup>th</sup>. March 2021.