

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 30th. 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 & 3 members of the public.

86. **APOLOGIES** - No Apologies.
87. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Salt are members of CPRE.
Councillor Bowen is a member of Staffordshire Wildlife.
87. a. **EMERGENCY ITEM - DATE CHANGE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING** - The Chairman explained that due to the end of virtual meeting legislation we would like to re-schedule the Annual Council Meeting from the 18th. May 2021 and bring it forward to 4th. May 2021. The Clerk explained that there are powers set out to hold virtual meetings, but this ends on 6th. May therefore any meetings to be held on 7th. May or after should revert to face-to-face meetings and this leaves most Councils in a difficult position as we have 17 members it would be exceedingly difficult to accommodate a face-to-face meeting. Councillor Bowen stated that with the rule of six it would not be possible or legal. Therefore, he proposed that this was the only solution. It was agreed to re-schedule the meeting to 4th. May 2021, Councillors Ahmad & Worthington abstained from voting.
88. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - Three members of the public was present but no questions.
89. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2nd. MARCH 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
90. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters were raised.
106. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - Dealt with as members of the public were present.
SMD/2021/0117 - Ashcombe Park, Cheadle Road, Cheddleton - Change of use of dwelling (C3) to shooting lodge and private function venue (Sui Generis) &
SMD/2021/0118 - Ashcombe Park, Cheadle Road, Cheddleton - Listed Building consent for change of use of dwelling (C3) to shooting lodge and private function venue (Sui Generis).
No Objection.
91. **CORRESPONDENCE: -**
- Aviva Incident 4501329627 Covid-19 Business Interruption – No legitimate claim based on our policy, but the Clerk will consult with the Auditor.
 - Amey Report 4217161 Bridge Eye Station Road report 2005120273 logged with Severn Trent Water 16/3/2021.
 - Minutes of SLCC Staffs Branch Meeting 10/3/2021.
 - Fallen Tree Issue 12801 Deep Hayes completed 9/3/2021.

91. CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd...): -

- e. Footpath 62 - Issue 13669 Obstruction.
- f. HMRC information.
- g. Public Sector Deposit Fund Update.
- h. Support Staffordshire News. Suggested that maybe other Councillors could make use of the free courses.
- i. Fly Tip Report PRWKHDST - Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks - Now been cleared. Councillor Bowen reported that SMDC have just increased the fine from £200 to £400 for anyone caught fly tipping.
- j. Calor Rural Community Fund - Hero of the year 2020 any nominations.
- k. ENews from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Can be forwarded to members.
- l. Canal & River Trust Update. Can be forwarded to members.
- m. Campaign to Protect Rural England Update. Can be forwarded to members.
- n. NALC Star Council Awards 2021 - Future Agenda item and details to all members.
- o. RBLI Shop - VE Day 8/5/2021 - Forwarded to Councillor Worthington.
- p. Churnet Sound Radio Launch - Community Radio Station started 17th. March.
- q. Moorlands Climate Action - Subscription details. Can be forwarded to members.
- r. SCC Campaign - Let's Beat Loneliness Together. Can be forwarded to members.
- s. Staffordshire Libraries - Reading Friends Service. Notices in the Parish noticeboards.
- t. SLCC News Bulletin.
- u. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 from Mazars so the Clerk will start works on our submission.

92. REFURBISHMENT WORKS OLD POTTERY ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE - Councillor Bowen stated that the specification has been received and circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated that it is very comprehensive and detailed which we need to follow. Councillor Jennings asked what the price would be, but Councillor Bowen stated that this would then be used to tender for quotes.

93. RENTAL VALUATION FOR ROOMS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE/CRAFT CENTRE - Councillor Jennings stated that the figures quoted are greatly different from what the hirers are currently paying. Council Bowen suggested a meeting of the Community/Craft Centre Management Committee to discuss the way forward with both items 92 & 93. Councillor Ahmad stated that item 93 should be confidential.

103. CHEDDLETON CANAL BOAT DEVELOPMENT (Dealt with as member of public present) - Kevin Benfield who was present had raised the issue that during the pandemic and walking along the canal it is noticeable that some of the residential boat moorings in Cheddleton have started to create canal side additional living space with barbeques, patio furniture and even a summerhouse. What is a rural embankment to the canal and not really for domestic use? Do boatowners have the right to do this even if it is a permanent mooring? Councillor Bowen stated that he has brought this up in the past and as a District Councillor he will contact Planning & Enforcement as to the regulations that govern this as part of his remit at District being Tourism and that the Canal & River Trust also need to be contacted to make them aware of the eyesores and is an embarrassment to the parish. We may well need to find out who owns the land. Resulted in Councillor Bowen taking it up with SMDC and The Clerk with C&RT.

94. **UPDATE BRIDGES BASFORD BRIDGE LANE, CHEDDLETON/CCTV** - The Clerk reported that the remaining signs which were mis-spelt have not gone up yet. There are still reports coming through of vehicles using the bridge and that Councillor Scalise witnessed a large artic going over it which has been reported to the police as an incident with details of the vehicle which was going to F. Ball & Co and is being investigated by Police Constable David Davies. Councillor Worthington has been approached by a resident on Cheddleton Park Avenue and again stated that physical restrictions need to be in place as signs are not enough. Councillor Bowen agreed and that he receives daily updates from a resident which are sent through to the Clerk and reported to everyone concerned including the Police. Councillor Jennings reported that the signs on the end of Station Road state 600yards to the low bridge are not correct it is mor like 850yards and they are not positioned very well as not visible until you turn into the road. He had tried to contact Police Sgt. Andy Bland who came to our Council Meeting to speak to him about it but has not been able to yet, but this needs to be reported to SCC. Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated that at some time we did try to get a board erected with all occupants on the Industrial Estate which would highlight that this is the correct way to access them, and which businesses are situated there. Councillor Jennings stated that this was turned down by planning. The Clerk will report this back to all concerned and report back.
95. **UPDATE BUS SHELTER WETLEY ROCKS** - The Clerk reported that nothing further has been done but will follow this up.
96. **UPDATE AMEY REPORT 4219669 & 4233373 POTHOLE, CHEADLE ROAD, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported that she has chased it up again and logged a second report. Councillor Worthington stated he has contacted Councillor David Williams about this as it is a danger to cyclists especially and had no response. The Clerk will follow this up with Councillor Williams stating that they have been made aware of the danger and needs to be dealt with along with quite a few more reports.
97. **UPDATE AMEY REPORT 4217093 & 4233441 POTHOLE, HOLLOW/SHAFFALONG LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk has again reported this for a second time and contacted Paula Lees our Highways Liaison Officer at SCC who stated that works are scheduled for this week so will report back once completed.
98. **ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND WORKS** - The Clerk reported that a resident has concerns about works that have been rumored that the Parish Council have planned for the Burial Ground. Her concerns are planting a wildflower meadow and picnic tables and the Clerk had let her know that wildflowers have been discussed but that nothing has been agreed and that the only seating will be a bench which is a replacement for one that was in there previously, so she seemed to be happy with this response. It was agreed that this is accurate.
99. **CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD SIGN - ENTRANCE JENNY'S WAY** - The Clerk reported that there are the remnants of a sign on a post which she showed a photograph of and it was suggested to ask Rob & Ken for details by Councillor Jennings. The Clerk will report back. He went on to mention the footpath and make an official complaint to SMDC planning with regards to the whole dealing of this application. The Clerk reported that Ben Hayward has contacted to state that Wayne Chell from SMDC will update me. It was confirmed by Councillors Worthington & Ahmad that he is an enforcement officer. The Right of Way is not on the definitive map, but Councillor Worthington stated it has been there for over 70 years as he used it as a child. Councillor Bowen confirmed it is a footpath by right of continued use for over 50 years.

- 99. CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD SIGN - ENTRANCE JENNY'S WAY (Cont'd...)**
The Clerk also stated that the asbestos at the property should have been followed up by them which was removed illegally and was still at the property since the bungalow has been built. Councillor Bowen will complain about the handling of this along with the Clerk.
- 100. OLD MORTUARY ST. EDWARD'S PARK, CHEDDLETON** - Councillor Jennings that this is becoming a mess, so the Clerk has contacted SMDC through Gill Bayliss and Ben Hayward. Councillor Worthington confirmed it is in receivership through bankruptcy and is quite a complex issue. The Clerk reported that Gill Bayliss suggested a S125 Notice can be issued and Ben Hayward is the one to deal with it, but he has not responded since 9/3/2021 when the Clerk contacted him by email. Councillor Bowen stated he would chase it up. Councillor Worthington will send details to the Clerk of the receivers.
- 101. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION - MEMBERSHIP INVITATION 2021/22** - The Clerk stated that she has received an invitation to join it was agreed not to take up this offer.
- 102. WHITTAKER & BIGGS FOR SALE SIGN – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that a For Sale sign had been erected without permission advertising the newly built bungalow on Jenny's Way, so she had contacted Whittaker & Biggs asking them to remove it and she confirmed it has been removed.
- 104. CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE GATE DAMAGE** - The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs. Salt had reported that the Gate Post is damaged. Councillor Bowen stated it has moved and cracked maybe through erosion and has split the Postbox, which is fixed in the wall, but it is an historic postbox. This needs to be saved even if it does not continue to be a live Postbox and is blocked off and left in the wall and replaced with a bigger one. The Clerk reported that she will contact Royal Mail and ask Steve to have a look at it to give his opinion as to the best course of action for repairs or rebuild and report back.
- 105. FOOTPATH 38 URGENT WORKS** - The Clerk reported that a handrail has collapsed, and Councillor Harvey has contacted SCC and is able to obtain the wood to replace it but that the other concern is the danger of slipping as handrail goes down a banking and it needs some gravel and boards to stop it travelling down the bank to make it safe for walkers. We need to do this for Health & Safety, so it means buying 2/3t of gravel which will be an estimated cost of £60-£70 per ton and as a public duty this was agreed.
- 106. PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –
- SMD/2021/0135** - Mount Pleasant Farmhouse, 26, Folly Lane, Cheddleton - Single storey side and rear extension, enlargement of existing dormers and other associated works.
No Objection.
- SMD/2021/0141** - 18, Heath Avenue, Cellarhead - First Floor extension over garage.
No Objection.
- SMD/2021/0151** - 12, The Outlook, Cheddleton Heath Road, Leek – Replacement of front porch, enlargement of existing rear single-storey extension and other associated works.
The Clerk reported that this is with the Boundary of Leekbrook not Cheddleton.
No Objection.

107. FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Completion of St. Johns Drive - New Built houses.
Park Lane - Flooding Issue

Chairman
May 2021.