

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE
MEETING ROOM, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 21st. JANUARY 2020.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman – Councillor M.T. Bowen.

Councillor – M. Ahmad, Ms. C. Y. Ball, N. Belson, J. Carr, I. Dakin, Mrs. D. A. Hartley, R. J. Hartley, K. Harvey, Mrs. C. A. Lovatt, Miss. O. Lucas, G. W. Salt, Mrs. L. M. Salt, S. Scalise, H. J. Tunna.

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from: -
Councillor - H.R. Jennings, M.P. Worthington.

5624 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 17th. December 2019, taken as read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5625 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

Re. Min. 5612. – Quote for Broadband – Community Centre/Craft Centre Councillor Scalise asked if Jane and Emily have been consulted in the Craft Centre which the Clerk stated would be on the CCMC Committee agenda next week.

Re. Min. 5618. – Council Dinner – Provisionally – Saturday, 18th. January 2020

Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated change in date on the agenda.

Re. Min. 5620. Reports of Committees and Outside Bodies Councillor Bowen stated that he will be attending the hearing of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Examination on 5th. February 2020.

5626 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked the members of the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider three planning applications. He also introduced Councillor Joe Porter and suggested that he share with the Parish Council what SMDC are looking to do with regards to Climate Emergency so he will speak and answer questions at the start of the meeting.

5627 **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dakin is an Environmental Consultant.

5628 **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None had been received.

5629 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JOE PORTER CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Councillor Porter explained that SMDC declared that due to Climate Emergency in July 2019 he was appointed Cabinet Member for Climate Change and he was appointed Portfolio holder with different heads of service as the Council wanted to be a leading authority on this issue. The aim is to build partnerships with organizations and the community to get things done quickly.

He went on to explain that there are 4 main areas the Cabinet is looking at working on being: -

1. Council – Removing the use of single use plastics.
2. Community – Working with Climate Action Network, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and Keele University.
3. Businesses – Providing jobs/ Working with them to change by recycling etc.
4. Government – National Legislation to become Carbon Neutral by 2050 with pots of money available to achieve this.

5629 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JOE PORTER CLIMATE EMERGENCY (Cont'd...)

He reported that by 2030 SMDC wants to achieve zero net emissions and progress processes and have started by holding training sessions for Councillors by a leading Global Expert from Keele University and be working together to provide more in the future and he personally is visiting Town/Parish Councils and Schools to see what we can do to help each other.

Councillor Porter invited any questions or observations from Councillors.

Councillor Ahmad asked does SMDC monitor what happens to the recycling waste that is collected. Councillor Scalise as Cabinet Member for Environment and he has visited the plant where all the waste goes to and all our recycling is dealt with in the UK and no other countries with further legislation coming out from government.

Councillor Harvey stated that we should look at how other countries are dealing with recycling he mentioned Switzerland where they have no household rubbish collections as they have communal recycle points where residents have to take their waste and sort it and these are policed and residents fined for not doing this. Councillor Porter stated that best practice is key and that they want to work with all Councils and groups such as North Staffs Climate Matters, Keep Britain Tidy and outside of the UK.

Councillor Dakin asked what as a Parish Council we can do as he himself as an Environmental Consultant is well aware of de-carbonization to stop global warming. He suggested that maybe SMDC could issue vouchers to parents for reusable nappies to encourage them to stop using disposable ones.

Councillor Mrs. Hartley raised that Planning Applications need to be looked at to make new housing carbon neutral and that environmental scheme requirements and not allowing building on greenfield sites which needs to be legislated by government. Councillor Porter stated that the Local Plan should bring some of these points forward to give a green infrastructure and enhance habitats and create natural places working with the Woodlands Trust.

Councillor Belson raised that maybe not only looking forward for solutions but looking back would help eliminate some of the single use plastic such as milk in glass bottles if the government could legislate to make it as cheap to buy as that in plastic ones. Also making supermarkets and businesses responsible for the removal to consumers. Councillor Porter mentioned the pilot by Waitrose where customers can take in their own container and buy produce which needs to be rolled out. Councillor Dakin mentioned that there are local shops doing this such as Breckles in Leek.

Councillor Porter stated that there are many issues and SMDC has plans this year to submit a strategy that will be put to Full Council a road map of how we can be carbon free by 2030 as a local authority. Councillor Bowen thanked him for coming to the meeting.

5630 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public present.

5631 COUNCIL DINNER – 7PM, 31st. JANUARY 2020, CHEDDLETON OLD SCHOOL TEAROOMS

The Chairman asked that anyone attending the dinner to please complete the sheet going around with their menu choice so that he can organize this with Jane. He explained there is no alcohol license but he would provide wine and if anyone wanted any other alcoholic drinks to bring some with them.

5632 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE/ ADDITIONAL WORKS – FULL UPDATE OF AREAS AND ANY ISSUES

The Clerk reported that Jim has completed the tidy up of Grange Pond and that he was looking to cut hedges. Councillor Bowen reported that Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery hasn't been done yet. The Clerk stated St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery hasn't either. The bus shelters still remained dirty but none of these had been paid for yet either. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt mentioned a pothole that is in the middle of Cellarhead Crossroads. The Clerk will report this. Councillor Bowen stated that the pothole on Coalpitford Road had been mentioned to Councillor Mark Deaville and has now been fixed.

5633 NEW CONSULTATION – THE WEST AND SHIRES PERMIT SCHEME

The Chairman stated that any comments should be submitted to Staffordshire County Council by individuals.

5634 SUB-COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON REFURBISHMENT OF POTTERY ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE

The Chairman stated that to move forward it had been suggested that a sub-committee be formed to meet to discuss the refurbishment. Councillor Mr. Hartley suggested it should be members of the CCMC Committee therefore Councillors Bowen, Scalise, Dakin & Mr. & Mrs. Hartley volunteered and it was agreed to meet next Tuesday 29th. January at 6.30pm before the CCMC Committee Meeting.

5635 REQUEST FOR RESERVATION OF BURIAL PLOTS – ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that Councillor Ahmad wanted to reserve plots and she confirmed that it had been agreed previously by the Council that no reservation of burial plots would be allowed back in 2016. He is also of Muslim faith and part of the cemetery hasn't been consecrated which would be for other faiths/religions. Councillor Ahmad explained that when the land was purchased, he offered to buy it for the Council so if he could not reserve plots it was suggested that maybe he be able to buy a section for other faiths/religions. It was agreed that the Clerk look back and see if there is a map of the un-consecrated ground and it be added to a future agenda.

5636 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk reported that it had been stated that the addition to the Standing Orders item 64(c) does not make it exactly clear so a revised section would be worded and issued to members at the next meeting for approval.

5637 WORKS COMPLETED TO FLOORING TEAROOM/BEAUTY ROOM LOSS OF EARNINGS REQUEST

The Clerk reported that when the works had been completed in the Tearooms the treatment for woodworm had affected Emily as she had not been informed of the works taking place so was with a client and had to vacate the premises. The Clerk apologized as it was a complete over-sight as she had concentrated on the Tearooms and completely forgotten about Emily. She therefore had a loss of earnings for the Thursday 2nd. and Friday 3rd. January as she had to cancel appointments and turn clients away. The Clerk reported that this was a loss to Emily of over £100 so after some discussion Councillor Tunna suggested £50 as compensation which was seconded by Councillor Ahmad and all agreed.

5638 QUOTE FOR REPAIRS AT TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported she had approached Sovereign about the damaged rope reported by Steve Billings for a cost to replace it. They came back stating that due to health and safety they would not quote for this as last year when they had inspected the site for the clatter bridge it had been recommended by them that the Top Beam on the Rope Traverse was in need of Repair. So, the quote including the replacement of the beam and replacement rope would be £387.39 and a further £200 for the removal of waste materials. After some discussion it was agreed that the Rope be removed by Steve to make it safe and be discussed at the next WR/TB Playing Field Committee.

5639 WORKS COMPLETED BY HANDYMEN

The Clerk reported that Steve is proving to be an asset as he has already completed a few jobs which required doing. He has built new fence around the Pound. Put up new signs in Cheddleton Lawn Cemetery and Playing Field. Repaired a sign at The Asylum Burial Ground. Is carrying out inspections on all Play Areas. Has cleaned the Well at Bridge Eye. Painted the frame on the map at the bottom of Hollow Lane and the seat. Rob & Ken have cleared out the brick shed at the back of the Community Centre which they discovered numerous useful tools, wood, spare play equipment etc. This can be now used as a little workshop/storage for Steve.

5640 WORKS UPDATE FOR FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

Councillor Harvey reported that the volunteers are now concentrating on clearing Footpath 38 of vegetation and starting to thin the trees. This will take several years as the window available is small each year but already is starting to look better. This week they are going to be burning some of the waste and he has contacted the Fire Service to make them aware. Staffordshire Wildlife are coming with volunteers for a couple of dates in February to help and this will be a great help. The Chainsaw course is booked to commence 3rd. February for Gary and Mike which will help progress the thinning of trees much quicker. The Chainsaw and equipment have been sourced from PJS at a competitive price. Councillor Bowen thanked Councillor Harvey for all his and the volunteers hard work on the footpaths and how much it has saved the Parish Council by them doing the works and keeping the footpaths tidy and it is very much appreciated.

5641 PARKING CONGESTION ON SOUTHWOWE ROAD

Councillor Tunna reported that he had raised this and that he usually raised an issue and had some idea as to how to solve it but with this he couldn't come up with a solution. Cars are parking on Southlowe Road, The Oval and The Main Road half on and off the pavement every school day, morning and night making it impossible to drive through the area without stopping and starting not to mention the restricted pavements. They are parking on single yellow line and there is no enforcement of the restriction. Other Councillors raised that it is bad around any of the schools and it seems to be a problem everywhere. Councillor Tunna stated that the Main Road is his concern as it is a faster road but his main issue is that not only are they congested but what if the emergency services need to get through it quickly when it's a matter of life or death. The only suggestion he could come up with is to write to Matthew Ellis and make him aware that any emergency vehicle would not get through to see if he can suggest what the solution is. The Clerk would send a letter and The Chairman would speak to SMDC Enforcement and report back.

5642 UPDATE ON CRECHE IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Seux has contacted her and Ofsted are due to visit in the next two weeks and she had tried to contact them but as we are not the applicant, they wouldn't give any information. Review again at the end of January.

5643 VE DAY/VJ DAY COMMEMORATIONS

The Clerk reported that Councillor Jennings had requested that this be on the agenda as he wants the British Legion to work with District and Parish Councils to celebrate these events. Maybe get the schools involved in creating posters and banners to display. Councillor Bowen would check with SMDC to see what plans they have and report back.

5644 CYBER CHAMPIONS COURSE, TUES, 10th. MARCH 2020

The Clerk reported that she had been made aware of a Cyber Champions Course being held in Leek by Staffordshire Police so as it is free, she will be attending at Leek Fire Station if there are spaces left.

5645 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council examined the reports of the following committees and adopted their recommendations: -

a. Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting

Re: Min. 2710. Update on Telephone Book Exchange – Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks

Councillor Mrs. Hartley reported that Les Jackson from The Leek Post had come along to report on the project and it will be in the Leek Post this week.

b. Cheddleton Playing Field Committee Meeting

c. Reports of Outside Bodies

SMDC Committees

Planning Applications Committee Councillor Bowen reported that he had attended as a speaker against Planning Application 0635 Land between Folly Lane & Cheadle Road, Cheddleton and was pleased that the application was refused and commented on the strong and clear refusal by officers by Jane Curley.

5646 ACCOUNTS

5647 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Domestic Abuse Forum Tues, 31st. March 2020. In Central London.
- b. Managing Mental Health in the Workplace Tues, 26th. March 2020. In Central London.
- c. The Public Sector Deposit Fund Statement. Interest for Nov £48.21 & Dec £53.49 with the average interest rate of 0.7175 for Dec.
- d. SMDC Litter Bin, Folly Lane, Cheddleton. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Andy Owen at SMDC and that the bin at the end of Folly Lane would not be moved but that he would monitor the amount of litter along the Lane to see if another bin was required. As yet one inspection had been done along the full length and there was 3 pieces of litter and 2 small piles of dog fouling. At the moment he hadn't got the resources to carry out another.
- e. SMDC Full Electoral Register 1st. December 2019 plus updates.
- f. Amey Report 4166784 – Shaffalong Lane, Cheddleton. Closed. This was the report of Japanese Knotweed which they were unable to find.

5647 CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd...)

- g. BT Web Host increase in charges. Charge increased from November to £14.00 a month from £8.00 and the Clerk reported that this is because the current contract has ended and she had attempted to re-negotiate but they are no longer continuing to provide this service so only option is to pay or cancel. We therefore will have to consider an alternative with the possibility of a new website.
- h. SMDC Climate Emergency Lecture Presentation. The Clerk reported that this had been emailed to Councillors.
- i. SPCA – Local Councillor Training Course – Wed, 12th. February 2020. In Stafford.
- j. Rialtas – New Website. The Clerk reported that RBS who supply the Accounts software have installed a new website.
- k. HMRC help and support. Details about payroll and submissions of PAYE.
- l. Canal & River Trust Newsletter. Circulated for members to read.

5648 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised.

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

Chairman
18th. February 2020.