

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 16th. OCTOBER 2018.

ATTENDANCE Chairman – Councillor M.P. Worthington.

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M.T. Bowen.

Councillor – M. Ahmad, Ms. C.Y. Ball, J. Carr, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, K. Harvey, Mrs. B. Hine, H.R. Jennings, Mrs. C.M. Meyrick, Mrs. A. Oakden, S. Scalise and H.J. Tunna.

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from: -

Councillor – J. G. Arnold

5261 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 18th. September 2018, taken as read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5262 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

Councillor Ahmad was in hospital so his apologies were added to the minutes.

Re. Min. 5234. Blinds - Creche & Room 1 – Community Centre The Clerk reported that the Blinds are being fitted on Friday 19th. October 2018.

Re. Min. 5241. Repair Safety Surface – Cheddleton Playing Field Councillor Jennings reported that the Rugby Club are going to take a team up to look at and use the football pitch on Sunday and hopefully this will be the start of many more.

Re. Min. 5249. Basford Bridge Lane the damage to the bridge over the river churnet

Councillor Scalise reported that there has been further damage caused and that a huge crane had attempted to use the bridge trying to access Ernvale Nursing Home so something has got to be done and soon to stop the damage. It was agreed to highlight the issues to Councillor Helen Fisher at SCC and raise the possibility of bollards to restrict the width of vehicles allowed over the bridge. It was resolved that the Clerk to write to her.

5263 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Chairman asked the members of the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider a planning application. Also, reminder that there are several services taking place on 11th. November 2018 to commemorate the 100 years since the end of WW1 and he hoped that everyone would attend.

5264 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were three members of the public present and a resident from Rock House, Wetley Rocks raised an issue about some extremely large trees on the opposite side of Cheadle Road from her property. She stated that they recently shed some large branches and overhang the road considerably. They are also now losing leaves which is another issue so she wanted to know what could be done. Councillor Worthington described that he had recently been involved in an incident where one of the branches from these trees had hit his car windscreen whilst driving. He stated that he had actually approached the resident who is responsible for the trees and asked her to consider having them pollarded. She had stated that she had a tree surgeon who inspects them regularly and that she had no intention of doing this. The resident present submitted some photographs to Councillor Worthington who stated that he would take it up with SCC on her behalf.

5265 **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Councillor Scalise declared that he is a member of the District Council Planning Committee so would not take part in the discussions of the planning application. Councillor Bowen is a member of the Wildlife Trust.

5266 MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None had been received.

5267 VILLAGE GATEWAYS

The Clerk reported that she had received a brochure from Glasdon of gateways used at the entrance to villages and it was agreed to add it to the agenda for discussion at the Planning Committee. She had got a full price list and this was shown to Councillors with a starting price of over £300. It was discussed that these would look very attractive at the side of the road and it was resolved to write to the larger businesses in the village to ask for sponsorship. Councillor Harvey also mentioned planters which the gardening club would then be more than happy to plant up. The Clerk will compose a letter to businesses.

5268 POWDER COAT BOTH SETS OF GATES – ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported that the quote to powder coat the gates had now been withdrawn by Mr. Corden as he could not fulfill the work. It had been discussed at Planning & Amenities Committee which Councillor Ahmad reported that he had spoken to the person he had in mind but they no longer do such works. Councillor Scalise stated that he had managed to contact someone to come and take a look but had not yet arranged a time to meet. It was resolved to leave in abeyance for Councillor Scalise to follow up.

5269 BANNERS ON THE RAILINGS - COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Bowen stated that there is a requirement for Planning Permission to have advertisement banners on permanent display and that he felt that they are an eyesore anyway. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from two of the Community Centre hirers with regards to banners. The first being with regards to Pilates which she reported that Erica Hackett was upset that she had purchased the banner at a cost of £40 so were the Council prepared to reimburse her half of the cost as she was unaware that she needed permission to put up the banner. The second, being from Slimming World asking for permission to replace the banner with a slightly smaller one. It was discussed and resolved that the Council would not be prepared to reimburse any cost of the Pilates banner and that the banner for Slimming World could be displayed no matter what size but only on the day of classes and to be removed after. Therefore, the same policy for everyone would apply and the Clerk would inform both hirers.

5270 UPGRADING OF THE GENT AND LADIES TOILETS – COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Scalise reported that Stan is making a really good job of the painting at that the flooring is the last thing to be done which will mean that they will be completed by the end of the month.

5271 REMOVAL OF THE OLD BOILER - COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Bowen reported that he had not heard anything from Barney as yet but would follow it up. The Clerk reported that she had emailed Barney the asbestos report and had received an acknowledgement that he would be in touch within 2 weeks.

5272 REPAIR SAFETY SURFACE – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman suggested to discuss all agenda items at the Playing Field Committee so it was resolved to leave in abeyance.

5273 UPDATE ZIP WIRE – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

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5274 QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH CANOPY/CENTENARY SEAT – 25th. OCTOBER 2018

Councillor Bowen reported that the tree planting was taking place between 12pm and 4pm and that ours would be first on the agenda. He was also pleased to announce that with it being the centenary of the end of WW1 that it had been suggested that a seat also be placed next to the tree to commemorate those who died. He shared a photo of a beautiful black steel seat which the Clerk reported that she had managed to source and that it is being delivered this week to Councillor Tunna. Councillor Bowen explained that the Cheddleton Cautionary Lands Trust had donated £300 towards the seat which was costing £620 plus delivery and that would mean that the Parish Council would have to pay for the difference. This was a resounding approval so it was resolved that even if it was temporarily put in place for the tree planting that it could be fixed permanently before 11th. November beacon lighting. It was also discussed that there was a bench to be removed which the new seat would replace.

5275 GRANT TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF WW1

The Clerk reported that the grant funds were being paid to St. Johns as they were organizing the centenary celebrations and beacon lighting on the 11th. November 2018. This was agreed by Council.

5276 CPRE – WOODLANDS TREE CHARTER FOR TREE CAMPAIGN

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from CPRE who are working with the Woodland Trust Charter for Trees Campaign which asked if the Parish Council were able to do some tree and/or hedge planting early next year. This was discussed and resolved that the Clerk inform them that the Council is interested and will come up with locations closer to the time.

5277 TELEPHONE KIOSK – MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS

Councillor Mrs. Hartley reported that it had been discussed that maybe the school would be interested in decorating or using the Kiosk as a school facility. She reported that as yet she had not approached the school and wanted to know if it was worth asking. Councillor Tunna said he thought it a good idea to approach the school. The resident present from Wetley Rocks said that she could ask the school and get back to the Council which was resolved the best course of action.

5278 WILDLIFE TRUST – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Clerk reported that the Councils' membership is up for annual renewal at a cost of £42. Councillor Jennings proposed that the Council renew its membership and this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hine. Therefore, it was resolved to pay the membership.

5279 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

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

a. Public Meeting Cheddleton Playing Field.

Re. Min 7. Conclusion The Chairman was disappointed in the outcome of so much effort but thanked Councillor Bowen and Councillor Scalise for the time and effort they had put in holding these meetings for the public. The Clerk reported that Sgt Bland was happy to come to the next meeting on 30th. October and so far, she had received notice that 3 people were interested in being a warden. Councillor Bowen said he had been told by another resident that she too wanted to help.

b. Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting.

Re. Min 2485. – Estate Agent for Sale Signs The Clerk reported that she had now emailed Samuel Makepeace to remove the sign at the approach to Cellarhead but that it is still there at the moment but they had responded to say they would arrange its removal as soon as possible.

Re. Min 2501. Fallen Maple Tree at Rear of 12 Cheddleton Park Avenue The Clerk reported that she had received a quote from Tree Heritage to fell the trees at a cost of £250 + VAT. Also, the removal of the leaning large conifer tree, Crab apple and raise crown of 2 Cherry trees in the Asylum Burial Ground also reported as urgent works by Steve Massey at a cost of £350 + VAT. She confirmed that she had instructed them to do the works as a matter of health and safety.

c. Burial Ground Committee Meeting.

d. Reports of Outside Bodies

Rugby Club Meeting Councillor Bowen reported that the meeting had been extremely positive with them showing much interest in using the pitch on the Playing Field at Cheddleton which is encouraging as the more people who use it the better. If they can move forward it was discussed about pursuing grants for example for flood lighting which would be brilliant and be a good move to reducing the vandalism. Councillor Ahmad raised that he thought that the old Residents Playing Field Committee still had funds so could this be looked into.

5280 ACCOUNTS

5281 CLERK'S PENSION, MILEAGE & PROBATION

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council with only a precept of £70,000 with the largest cost being the Clerk's salary could not afford to enter the LGPS and that this was part of the Clerk's contract so she must find her own appropriate scheme which the Council are instructed by law to enroll employees into a pension fund. He went on to add that the Clerk seems to have settled into the roll really well and as it is the end of her probationary period at the end of October he welcomed her as a permanent member of staff.

5282 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. SLCC – Minutes of last Branch Meeting. The Clerk reported that the next meeting is to take place on Thursday 13th. December 2018 which she will be attending followed by Christmas Lunch.
- b. SCC – Highways Dept. Report MREP-121124-2996. 3 Lights along the Gully, Cheddleton. The Clerk reported that she and Councillor Mrs. Hine had walked and reported the lights as not being very bright.
- c. SCC – Highways Dept. Report MREP-121125-3361. 1 Light along Little Gully, Cheddleton. Again, the Clerk reported not very bright but Councillor Mrs. Hine said that she had seen a man replacing the covers on another walk around the village.
- d. CCLA – Investments. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to this company at the SLCC Cheshire Branch Conference and asked for further information so it was agreed to raise a future agenda item to discuss.
- e. Severn Trent – Report a Problem – Footpath 38 Sewage Pipe. The Clerk reported that the works had been completed but that she needed confirmation which Councillor Bowen would look into.
- f. Amey Staffordshire – Report 4069184 dated 07/2/2017 – Coley Hole completed.
- g. David Rice - Undetermined Applications to modify the definitive map of rights of way. Email with several outstanding applications with regards to footpaths which the Parish Council had submitted requiring further action dated back as far as 1990. It was agreed to put on as a future agenda item for the Footpath & Amenities Committee.
- h. Joanne Green – Environment Agency – Pointon’s Liaison Meetings. The Clerk reported that she had requested the meetings from previous meetings to add to the Parish Councils website as they hadn’t been updated since 2016/17.
- i. ICO – Data Protection confirmation of change. Email confirming that the Clerk’s details had been updated but that the certificate runs out on 28th. November 2018.
- j. Paul Rochfort – SCC – Rights of Way – Works and Volunteers. The Clerk updated that the volunteers need to be registered with SCC which Councillor Harvey stated that he was in the process of completing for all volunteers even for those who have been doing it for ages. The Clerk also reported that the kissing gate on Footpath 38 had been installed showing a photo of two of the volunteers at the gate. The Chairman thanked Councillor Harvey for his work and time spent.
- k. Mr. Neil Bunting – Email regarding Planning SMD/2018/0549. The Clerk explained that she had received an email with regards to Facebook discussion that had taken place between him, Councillor Jennings and Councillor Mrs. Hartley about the Council’s response to the planning application. The Clerk clarified that she had notified SMDC of the Parish Council’s objections and that the minutes of the Planning & Amenities Committee had now been ratified so she would add them to the website and inform Mr. Bunting.

5282 CORRESPONDENCE cont'd.....

- l. Mr. Ian Dakin – Save Leek Hospital. Letter requesting the Council to write a letter of support to Pam Wood as Ipstones Parish Council have done this. Councillor Bowen stated that he had attended all the meetings with the CCG who are already aware that the whole of North Staffordshire is opposed to the cuts they are wishing to implement at Leek Hospital and at many other Hospitals. The outcome of these meetings has recommended a panel of independent experts to come up with recommendations but ultimately it is the CCG and NHS England who will make the decision at the end of December and SCC, SMDC and Parish Council have no powers it seems to be a political action of some and is not about saving the Hospital. So, it was resolved that the Parish Council has done everything it can.
- m. SLCC – New Bulletin. Email with regards to Audit reports and the legality of displaying it on the Council’s website.
- n. CPRE – Campaigns Update. Hosted 22 Green Clean litter picks. Data that 10,000 hectares of Green Belt land has been released for development since 2012. No Nuclear in our National Parks and Influencing the Agricultural Bill. Councillor Bowen wanted to read out a letter he had composed to support the CPRE in the Section 106 Agreements which the developers are getting removed and using as a bargaining tool for developments. It was resolved to issue this letter in support.
- o. Reflow – Parish Council Website Offer. Special offer of website creation for £800 + VAT.
- p. Amey Staffordshire – Report 4138467 – Grit request David Curtis, Bridgecliff Farm, Basford Lane. The Clerk had raised the request on behalf of the resident.

5283 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was raised about the old boiler in the Community Centre and did it contain asbestos and have the Council got a management plan. Councillor Bowen explained that it isn’t the actual boiler that contains asbestos its some of the pipework in the boiler house. The Council has a full report and management plan for its removal and once the asbestos is removed the boiler isn’t really a problem other than it is extremely old.

5284 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – CRAFT CENTRE HIRER

It was resolved to let Councillor Bowen investigate further.

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

Chairman
20th. November 2018.