

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE
MEETING ROOM, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 19th. MARCH 2019.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman – Councillor M.P. Worthington
Vice-Chairman – Councillor M.T. Bowen.

Councillor – J.G. Arnold, 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.

There were several members of the public present.

APOLOGIES No Apologies were received.

5386 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the 19th. February 2019, taken as read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5387 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

Re. Min 5370 – Wetley Rocks – Parking on Mill Lane Councillor Mrs. Hartley reported that there had been two parking inspectors visit the lane and observed the parking but the day they visited there wasn't any particular incidents.

Re. Min 5377 – Reinstatement of land at station road, Cheddleton Councillor Worthington asked if there was any progress and Councillor Bowen had spoken to Dai Larner at SMDC but had not yet had any update.

Re. Min 5374 – Canal & River Bridges – Basford Bridge Lane, Cheddleton Councillor Scalise reported that the Bridge had been repaired and that they had made a good job until the next incident.

Re. Min 5383 – Correspondence (m) The Clerk reported that the claim or V.A.T. had been paid into the Council's account.

Re. Min 5383 – Correspondence (s) The Clerk reported that the 30mph Speed sign had been replaced on the A520 at Wetley Rocks. Councillor Mrs. Hartley also reported that the sign for Longsdon at the far end of Mill Lane had been put back up.

5388 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had visited John Bold and his wife and presented them with a couple of bottles as a thank you from the Council. He also updated that unfortunately John is struggling with his health. He also reported that he had taken Rob Beresford and his wife Margaret out for a meal as a thank you for all the work he does at Cheddleton Playing Field. As, there were members of the public present and the only planning application received was for Land adjacent 10, Ox Pasture rather than discuss at the end of the meeting he suggested it be dealt with after public question time.

5389 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Paul Jones asked if the Councillors were aware that the applicants are attempting to get it on the Planning Committee Agenda for April's Meeting rather than May. Councillor Bowen replied that it is all to increase the chances that the Local Plan will not be finalized and the allocation of Local Green Space (LGS) be undetermined as he had mentioned in his objection to the first application. They have owned the land for 20 years and are trying to seize the opportunity to get it through while they can.

It was asked could they be made to wait until the submission had been dealt with for LGS?

5389 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Cont'd.....

Councillor Bowen responded that it is down to the planning officer. Jeanette Barr stated that she has made a formal complaint and is awaiting a response along with Paul Jones who also stated that he had started to look at other areas in the district where other planning officers had made applicants wait until the submission has been completed and asked advice as to what the 200 plus objectors to the application could use in each objection to make the case stronger. Councillor Bowen stated main thing is to use the planning reasons such as heritage, ecology and the emerging Local Plan. Another question raised was would all the reports have to be re-submitted by County Highways etc? Councillor Bowen confirmed that yes they would be contacted again for a submission. Jeanette Barr also raised that they have got sightings recorded of Great Crested Newts less than 150 meters from the site and had tried on numerous occasions to speak to the Ecology Officer Mark Preece at SMDC without any success. Councillor Bowen suggested she try Ben Heyward as his manager or Dai Lerner. Councillor Arnold raised an objection to discussing the planning application with members of the public present but Councillor Bowen stated that it was not a confidential item and any member of the public could be present during the discussion. He also, updated that the process now with the Local Plan was that the submission for LGS was back with the inspector who will consider and finalize the Plan in September/October.

5390 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.

5391 MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS None had been received.

5392 UPDATE FROM HANDYMAN

The Clerk reported that the handyman had put up the sign at Bridge Eye and that it had been tampered with several times as someone has pushed on the post to try to dislodge it and that it wasn't the wind as it had been concreted in. As this had happened a few times he had now fixed the sign to the gate. He wanted to request a dog waste bin at Knowsley Picnic area as that's all that is being put in the litter bin. After some discussion it was decided as long as there is a bin there it was not necessary to have purely a bin for dog waste.

5393 ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE WETLEY ROCKS AND TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELDS

The Clerk reported that it was approaching the time for the annual inspection of the playing fields and that Wicksteed have done the inspections for several years so did the Council want to carry on with them. Councillor Bowen proposed we request them to do it and this was seconded by Councillor Scalise. The Clerk will arrange the inspections.

5394 FUNDING FOR TELEPHONE BOOK EXCHANGE – MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS

The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs. Hartley and her had met with Nathan Price a teacher at St. John's Primary School and that he was keen to use the telephone kiosk as a book exchange. He was happy for the school to be responsible for looking after it and provide the books but would the Council fund the shelving and lettering? Councillor Mrs. Hartley would measure up and the Clerk would price up what is required so Councillor Bowen proposed that the Council provide the funding and this was seconded by Councillor Jennings.

5395 NEW ROAD AT THE TOP OF MILL LANE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE JUST BEFORE ROWNALL ROAD, WETLEY ROCKS

The Clerk reported that Councillor Scalise had raised this as it looked like the road went straight through to the A520 and so would this not require permission. Councillor Harvey reported that it did not go right the way through that it is on Pointon's land and he had fenced the fields between Mill Lane and A520 and put in drainage because it is very wet land to now be used for cattle. They have widened the entrance off Mill Lane to a double gate and created a hard standing to drive cattle trucks onto the land and unload the animals safely. There isn't a road through to A520 and they have improved Footpath 50 by re-instating a stile by the brook and another one further on. In his opinion they have made a good job but Councillor Worthington added that he would find out if any permission is required.

5396 POT HOLE NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF MOORSIDE SCHOOL Councillor Mrs.

Meyrick reported that she had requested this on the agenda as it was a problem. The Clerk mentioned that she had raised a report with SCC Highways and it is Report 4152385.

5397 WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ITEMS DISPLAYED IN THE HOSPITAL NURSING MUSEUM

The Clerk reported that she had information that some of the artifacts went to the County Museum at Shugborough Hall which is no longer there so presumably SCC have them stored somewhere and that maybe some went to the Nicholson Institute with a few in the Meeting Room cabinet which they donated to the Council.

5398 SUPPLY OF GAS & ELECTRICITY REVIEW

The Clerk reported that Utility Aid had come up with the best options for the Council to lock in supplies until 2023/2024. It is on their advice that the rates will only keep increasing over the coming years especially as we approach April and Brexit. The current supplier for Electricity is Opus Energy and this runs out 4th. November 2019 so they recommend SSE to supply from then until 30th. September 2023. Then for Gas which is currently supplied by EDF Energy which runs out 1st. July 2021 to also go with SSE until 30th. September 2024. After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Scalise that we contract for the recommended suppliers and seconded by Councillor Bowen.

5399 QUOTES FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE BOILER IN THE BOILER HOUSE – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that she had at present only obtained two quotes but was meeting with a further company tomorrow so would report back with the three at the next meeting.

5400 S.M.D.C. – REST CENTRE PROVISION – CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that she had met with David Owen Health & Safety Advisor from SMDC at the Community Centre as it is included in their Emergency Plan. He also had written explaining what was required from a rest centre. It is a designated building used for temporary accommodation of evacuees or uninjured survivors. It offers safe and secure shelter, at a safe distance from the incident site, with facilities for the provision of refreshments, access to welfare services and short-term sleeping arrangements. These centres may be required due to a range of emergency situations such as evacuation due to gas leaks, fire, severe weather, explosion, flooding or other threat. Normally the rest centre would not be open for more than 48 hours as other accommodation would be sort. SMDC would be responsible for the running of the rest centre and pay for the use should the need arise. He requires information of the last fire risk assessment and the fixed electrical installation has been checked in the last 5 years. He also required information as to the nearest defibrillators which are at The Boat Inn, The Black Lion in Cheddleton and The Village Hall in Wetley Rocks.

5401 DESIGN ASSESSMENT OF ZIP WIRE PLATFORM – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that she had received information from the Play Inspections as they have contacted Batemans about the Outdoor Design Assessment on the Platform and so far, everything is looking to follow recommended legislation but that Batemans need to produce further details and they are very willing to work together once the order has been agreed for the platform from the Council. Therefore, the Clerk recommended that the Parish Council place the order with Batemans to allow further development of the design. Councillor Scalise asked would that increase the cost of the assessment but the Clerk reported that the cost would remain at £100 + V.A.T. The price for the platform is £4750 + V.A.T. which is below the agreed amount from Zurich Insurance for a replacement so Councillor Bowen proposed ordering the Platform which was seconded by Councillor Scalise.

5402 OLD MINUTE BOOK – ORIGINAL BOOK OF MINUTES FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Bowen had obtained the book and was looking to get it copied for the Parish Council which dates back to 1894. Councillor Scalise offered to see if he could arrange for it to be scanned/ copied by Steve Stanley a printer. He would report back to the Council.

5403 UPDATE STANDING ORDERS DUE TO THE PENSION REGULATOR

Councillor Worthington declared that the new Standing Orders be implemented including 99 Pension re-enrolment.

5404 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

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

a. Burial Ground Committee Meeting

b. Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting.

Re. Min. 2562. Correspondence (a) The Clerk reported that she had checked and there is a clothes bank still at the Powys Arms but not at the Red Lion

Re. Min. 2573. Refurbishment of the Pottery Room – Craft Centre The Clerk reported that she thought it may be a good idea to reconsider the size of the replacement boiler to a larger capacity, should they require to heat the Pottery Room as well she would come back with 3 Quotes.

Re. Min. 2579. Cheddleton Playing Field Volunteers Meeting The Clerk reported that due to the coming election it would be a better idea to hold the meeting on the 7th. May 2019 instead of 26th. March 2019. It was agreed to postpone it until May.

c. Footpaths& Countryside Committee Meeting.

Re. Min. 1902. Undetermined applications for rights of way The Clerk reported that she had asked what was the timescale for the decision on the application for a direction on the four applications. It was indicated that it would be at least a couple of months.

d. Reports of Outside Bodies

None to report.

5405 ACCOUNTS

5406 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed New Pay Scales from 2019-2020 to be implemented from 1st April 2019 for clerks. To be implemented.
- b. S.M.D.C. – Commercial Waste Service charges 2019-20. Duty of Care and Service agreement for the C.C. & Burial Ground to be filled in and returned. New contracts from 1st. April 2019. The Clerk reported that the price is annual charge of £846.73 & £605.69 for weekly collections of 1100ltr Bin. Councillor Scalise suggested that we obtain a quote from elsewhere to compare before going ahead and the possibility of reducing the collection to fortnightly. The Clerk would investigate further before committing to SMDC.
- c. Playdale News – Playground Equipment.
- d. Rialtas Newsletter – Accounts Software. Updates on the newly acquired Alpha Finance software package to be implemented next financial year.
- e. William Egan- How does the future of public sector outsourcing and insourcing affect you? The affect of Carillion and the like on the public sector.
- f. Anne Swinton – Zurich Insurance Re: Insurance Claim Zip Wire. The Clerk informed that she had updated them on the current position.
- g. Managing Mental Health in the Workplace Conference – London – 26th. March 2019.
Customer Insight Conference – London- 30th. April 2019.
- h. A&M Digital – Bespoke websites, print, communication and design.
- i. Calor Rural Community Fund – Win up to £5000 for your community project. The Clerk would investigate further.
- j. Fresh Air Fitness – Outdoor Gym Specialists.
- k. HM Revenue & Customs – Important Information for Employers. Year-end procedures to be completed by the Clerk.
- l. MPK Wetley Rocks Filling Station – Bin Store. The Clerk reported that she had received a reply that they will arrange a screening fence to be erected to better hide the bins and trolleys from view.
- m. CPRE – Campaigns Update. Councillor Bowen suggested that the Council contact them with regards to the Local Plan and Local Green Space Designations for their support.
- n. SLCC – News Bulletin with updates should members wish to have a copy.
- o. Parish Assembly Meeting due to take place 21st March 2019 at 7pm. Information was passed onto Councillor Mrs. Meyrick.

5407 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Not a question but Ian Dakin announced that he had organized a litter pick as part of Keep Britain Tidy campaign which is on Saturday 23rd. March starting at 1.30pm from the Community Centre and anyone is welcome plus he had contacted SMDC who would provide litter pickers and collect the rubbish as part of the campaign. He had also invited the Leek Post to photograph and report on the event and the school had notified all parents about the litter pick.

5408 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – POTTERY ROOM

It was resolved to get quotes for works that required to be done to bring the room up to a decent standard for hiring it out.

5409 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

It was resolved that tenders be advertised for next year if the contract is to be renewed.

5409 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

It was resolved that the Clerk open a Deposit Fund with CCLA.

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

Chairman
16th. April 2019.