

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WETLEY ROCKS
VILLAGE HALL, WETLEY ROCKS ON TUESDAY, 16th. APRIL 2019.**

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, S. Scalise and H.J. Tunna.

There was 1 member of the public present.

APOLOGIES No Apologies were received.

5411 MINUTES

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

5412 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

Re. Min 5401 – Design Assessment of Zip Wire Platform – Cheddleton Playing Field The Clerk reported that the funds had been agreed by Zurich Insurance and should be paid into the Council's Bank Account soon and she would then place the order with Bateman's for the Platform.

5413 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that one planning application had been received so could members of the Planning & Amenities Committee stay to discuss this at the end of the meeting.

5414 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.

5415 MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS None had been received.

5416 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ian Dakin announced that the next Litter Pick is to take place on Sunday 28th. April 2019 meeting at the Community Centre at 11am and that there was plans to have some litter pick in Wetley Rocks.

5417 SCOUTS USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – CHARGE FOR OVERNIGHT USE

The Clerk reported that the Scouts had used the Community Centre for a sleepover which they had paid £170 for the use of the Community Centre and it had been suggested that it might be a kind gesture to make a donation of the fees back to the Scouts. This was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Meyrick and seconded by Councillor Jennings. The Clerk would arrange a cheque to be issued to the Scouts.

5418 PARKING ISSUES ON HEATH AVENUE, CELLARHEAD

Councillor Mrs. Meyrick had received a telephone call from a resident concerned about the number of vehicles that park half on the pavement and half on the Road and was there anything that the Parish Council could do but that he wished to remain anonymous. She also stated that at the end of Southlowe Road it was also an issue around school opening and

closing times with parked cars on both sides of the road. Councillor Bowen stated that the PCSO or the Police have no powers unless it is an obstruction. So, if the vehicle is blocking the pavement completely and forces pedestrians to walk in the road to get past it. In this case the Police can get involved but they would not make it a priority to come out to enforce it. Other Councillors agreed that it is an issue around the whole of the Parish especially around the schools and getting worse on estates as more commercial vehicles parked outside houses. Councillor Bowen proposed that the Clerk speak to Parking enforcement at Staffordshire Moorlands to ask for advise on the legal position and if they could assist.

5419 SUPPORT STAFFORDSHIRE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £25

The Clerk reported that she thought it may be a good idea to join Support Staffordshire as they would be able to assist in applying for grants for works on the Community Centre and as they were planning on some expensive works this may achieve some additional funding. Councillor Bowen proposed that the Council join and this was seconded by Councillor Scalise.

5420 QUOTES FOR REMOVAL OF THE BOILER IN HE BOILER HOUSE – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported she had now obtained 3 quotes for the removal of asbestos: - Aib who quoted to do the job back in 2015 for £11615, TES Environmental Services £8495 and insulation contracting services £11658 who also stated that the boiler itself may contain asbestos rope would cost an additional £780 all quotes exclude V.A.T. The Clerk also explained that she would look to Support Staffordshire to help look for a grant towards the cost. Councillor Tunna stated that he could get the Boiler removed and disposed of for free but the Clerk stated that maybe safer to let the company successful to dispose of it so she would seek the cost from the cheaper of the three quotes and come back to the next meeting with the progress.

5421 REMOVAL OF SIGNATORY FROM NATWEST BANK ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that she had enquired about removal of Councillor's leaving to remove them as signatories so had a form to complete but had discovered that there were currently 9 who could sign cheques so these would have to be removed and as soon as the New Council is formed some additional Councillor's would have to be added as there would only be 3 left. This was agreed and Councillor Tunna and Bowen signed the forms for the removal of 6 signatories. She also reported that when she had completed the access to online banking it had not been accepted because all signatories have to sign the form so she had completed a new application to submit and needed this to be signed as well by Councillor Tunna and Bowen to submit to the bank for online access to the Council's Bank Accounts.

5422 OPENING OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND

The Clerk had also completed the application form which required signatures from members to open the deposit fund. It was decided that the interest would be paid back to the NatWest Bank Account and that Councillor Bowen & Councillor Tunna be a signatory on the Fund and any transfers require two to allow any transfer of funds. As for the amount to put in the Fund it was felt that it would be better left for the New Council to decide on.

5423 RT. HON. KAREN BRADLEY MP TRIP TO LONDON AND PRIVATE TOUR OF WESTMINSTER – THURSDAY 25TH. APRIL 2019

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter inviting members on a trip to London and Private Tour of Westminster at a cost of £18 per person. The Clerk asked if anyone was interested to let her know.

5424 STANDING ORDERS - RE: SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor Bowen stated that any of the Councils business should not be disclosed until the minutes of the committee meetings are ratified at full council. The Clerk reported that after some discussion it was thought best to add to the Standing Order a new point under Unauthorised activities. Point 64 c) Make any statement or report concerning the business of the Council, or its proceedings, through any branch of the media, including social media. This will be added to the agenda of the next meeting for confirmation.

5425 GATEWAYS SIGNS/PLANTERS DISCUSSION WITH DAVE RUSHTON SCC HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported that she and Councillor Bowen had met with Dave Rushton to ascertain what was required to move forward with the signs and he stated that we first need to ascertain where they should be sighted as permission is required from SCC. After some discussion it was concluded that the sign into Cheddleton should be on the left before Heath House Lane. The one between Cheddleton & Wetley Rocks by the crooked tree as there is more space and is a better position than the current Wetley Rocks sign. The one into Wetley Rocks should be situated where the sign is now as the verge is wide enough.

5426 ST EDWARDS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION DONATION

Councillor Jennings reported that the Residents association had offered a donation of £50 towards planting bulbs in the Asylum Burial Ground so had passed on details to the Clerk.

5427 BROKEN WINDSCREEN 12/6/2018 MILL LANE

The Clerk reported that she had an enquiry from SCC about who cut the grass on Mill Lane which she had responded and this was an incident which happened supposedly whilst the grass was being cut. She had spoken to the claimant and had received all the details of which she had now passed onto Jim for him to contact his insurers but it was very difficult to prove blame as the car was parked on Mill Lane all night and up until 5pm on the day of the 12th. Anyway, it was for the insurance company to investigate further.

5428 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. 2584. Matters Arising Councillor Bowen stated that he had suggested that the Clerk also write to the Wildlife Fund about the Local Green Space Designations and hoped that the Council felt that this was appropriate as well as the CPRE.

Re. Min. 2588. S.M.D.C. Commercial Waste Charges for the Community Centre & Burial Ground The Clerk reported that she had contacted S.M.D.C. and amended the Burial Ground collection to be a fortnightly collection for the 6 months of winter which had reduced the cost to the Council.

b. Reports of Outside Bodies

None to report.

5429 ACCOUNTS

5430 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Public Sector Network Newsletter. Any member interested in reading the Newsletter to ask the Clerk for a copy.
- b. Mallatite Ltd Road & Traffic Safety. Sustainable lighting and traffic solutions.
- c. Mazars guidance for completing Annual Governance & Accountability Return. The Clerk reported that she is currently completing the return.
- d. CPRE Staffordshire Events. 1st May the CPRE are celebrating Staffordshire Day, with oatcakes and other forthcoming events.
- e. Decision of appeal for footpath application through Ashcombe Park. The Clerk had received information from David Rice that the appeal had been successful. The Secretary of State has excluded a small section at the eastern end but this will be resolved by a separate section 53 claim to now be submitted.
- f. TWM Traffic Controls LED enhanced visibility. Specialists in traffic control systems.
- g. JAG Arb Consultancy tree inspector. A qualified tree inspector providing tree inspections/surveys.
- h. SMDC Ref RBFWSQBV Fly Tipping at Knowsley Picnic Area. The Clerk had reported this to SMDC as Jim Gibson had notified her that a pile of garden rubbish had been fly tipped.
- i. EDF Energy confirmation of transfer to another supplier from 1st July 2021.
- j. Neil Bunting Heritage Report for Planning Application SMD/2019/0143. Copy of the correspondence to Ms. Morris about the footpath from the gully to Ostlers Lane.
- k. Fields In Trust picnic Saturday 6th. July. A national event taking place.
- l. Seafarers UK – Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2019. The District Council flies the flag as the Parish Council does not have a Flag Pole it could not take part.
- m. Helen Champeau – Concerns re: Planning Application for Consall Hall. Further information which she has forwarded to all Councillors for their support in objecting to the planning application. Councillor Bowen said that as it had no impact on our Parish there is little the Parish Council could do.
- n. Bob Gregory – History of Ashcombe Park Cricket Club. The Clerk reported that he would like to view the old minutes of the Parish Council to see if there is any reference to Ashcombe Park. She had already said to him that she felt they would be of little use to him but the Members agreed he could have access to the old minutes.
- o. Register of Electors - Notice of Alteration (April 2019). Update of changes.

5430 CORRESPONDENCE Cont'd...

- p. Ingrid Freeman – Owner of Land at Station Road. The Clerk had successfully made contact with the owner of the plot of land on Station Road where Footpath 23 begins and where the pigs are currently being kept. Ingrid would speak to her son and ask him to contact the Clerk with a view to possibly selling the land to the Council. Councillor Jennings wanted to thank the Clerk for her persistence in tracking down the owner.
- q. Third Sector Commissioning Conference – Wednesday 22nd May 2019 – London. How to improve partnerships to enable the most effective delivery of public services.
- r. Amey Report 4154570 Road Markings end of Armshead Road.
- s. Amey Report 4152702 Inspected and assessed. Drains blocked Hollow Lane, Cheddleton. The Clerk had received confirmation of the inspection and that it is not considered a high risk to public safety therefore it will take time to be repaired but that 50% of these types of repairs are carried out in 60 days. Councillor Tunna suggested that it be revisited in June if the works had not been carried out.
- t. Opus Energy transfer of contract 4th. November 2019.
- u. Wicksteed Playground equipment offer.
- v. CPRE – Response to Local Plan - Local Green Space. The Clerk reported that the CPRE have submitted an objection to the planning application as a result of them being contacted. The Clerk also reported on the response from Staffordshire Wildlife who were in contact with Mark Preece at SMDC for the previous application and have added to their list of applications to potentially comment on.
- w. SPCA - Local Councillor training Courses – various dates. The Clerk reported that SMDC will run courses also for Councillors.
- x. National Grid – Delivery of a new transformer to Cellarhead Substation on Sunday, 28th. April 2019. This will be a wide load under Police escort so may cause traffic delays.
- y. The Salvation Army Clothing recycling bank. This is something that could raise funds for the Council as any donations are weighed in and the land owner receives 50% of the money. It was suggested that this be put on the Planning & Amenities Committee as an agenda item.

5431 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public remaining.

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

Chairman
14th. May 2019.