

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN WETLEY ROCKS
VILLAGE HALL, WETLEY ROCKS ON TUESDAY, 19th. June 2018.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman – Councillor M.P. Worthington.

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M.T. Bowen.

Councillor – Ms. C.Y. Ball, J. Carr, G.J.R Furnival, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, K. Harvey,
H.R. Jennings, P.A.Latham, Mrs. C.M. Meyrick, S. Scalise, H.J. Tunna.

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillor – M. Ahmad,
Mrs. B. Hine, Mrs. A. Oakden.

4952 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the 15th. May 2018, taken as read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4953 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

Re. Min. 4950. Correspondence: p) Rebuilding of the Church Wall, Wetley Rocks

Councillor Tunna remarked that what a cracking job has been made.

4954 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman asked the members of the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider one planning applications.

4955 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were three members of the public present a question was raised from two residents of Beech Avenue, Cheddleton with regards to trees at the side of fencing which are on the Cheddleton Playing Fields. They mentioned that they have already cut back some overhanging branches but the main issue is the height of the trees as they are dominating the properties and the residents feel vulnerable especially those with children. This is because they may cause damage to certain properties as they are overhanging and with the more recent risk of fires being lite on the playing fields. The other issue is high winds with the branches being so close. Councillor Bowen explained that the Council will seek advice from Steve Massey at SMDC as he is the expert and get back to the residents and he tried to re-assure the residents that the PCSO's are aware of the recent fires.

4956 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

4957 MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None had been received.

**4958 ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND- QUOTE TO POWDER COAT THE GATES AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETARY**

The quote is still awaited so it was agreed to make it a future agenda item.

4959 QUOTE TO RE-LETTER THE WAR MEMORIAL - WETLEY ROCKS

The quote from Nettlebank to clean and re-letter in black had been received for £603.45 plus V.A.T. Councillor Bowen proposed that the work should be done bearing in mind it is the centenary year. This was seconded by Councillor Jennings and was carried unanimously to get this done as soon as possible.

4960 S.C.C, STAFFORDSHIRE LEGAL SERVICES - APPLICATION FOR THE ADDITION OF A PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM CHEADLE ROAD TO FOOTPATH 39 AT WOODLANDS AVENUE

Councillor Worthington went on to explain that he had got information that the application has been put back to go before the County Council's Countryside and Rights of Way Panel not as the information stated on 22nd. June 2018 but now on 30th. July 2018. He went on to explain that this has come from an application made back in 1999 which hadn't been followed up until now and the evidence dates back to 1807. He had no local knowledge of this being a Right of Way and knows that it was used as access to the apartments at Ashcombe Park but that the owner John Haigh has nothing in his title deeds about the footpath. He has always been under the impression it was private property. Councillor Worthington on speaking with S.C.C. it is highly likely that this application will be granted even if it isn't by the Rights of Way Panel it will be overruled and the only thing that can be done is to apply for a diversion order under King John 1200. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick did state that footpaths were originally the Kings/Queens Highway. Councillor Worthington wanted to make the PC aware that there is nothing to be done to stop it but to leave it to S.S.C.

4961 TRIMMING BACK OF TREE BRANCHES THAT OVERHANG A RESIDENT'S PROPERTY, CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELDS

This item was covered in Public Question Time as the resident raised it and it has been agreed to get advice from SMDC.

4962 RESIDENT'S REQUEST TO CARRY OUT MINIMAL WORKS TO LOWER THE HEIGHT OF A NUMBER OF TREES- GROWING ON THE OPEN SPACE TO THE REAR OF HIS PROPERTY

Noted that this had been requested and resident was made aware that he can trim overhanging branches. His argument is that other people have gone ahead and cut down trees without asking permission which he has done which is technically criminal damage. Council discussed and it was proposed by Councillor Jennings to obtain a TPO on all the trees which would then mean any works felt necessary would have to be fed through SMDC, this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Meyrick with an overall majority it was decided therefore Steve Massey would be approached by Councillor Bowen to look into this.

4963 QUOTE - TO FIT BLOCK OUT VINYL TO 10 WINDOW - CRECHE, COMMUNITY CENTRE

Two different quotes from Sherwin Rivers to Design, Print and Fit window graphics £475 plus V.A.T. or to fit Black Out Vinyl £299 plus V.A.T. to all 10 windows. It was discussed and felt that this was too expensive and Councillor Furnival stated that he has a few windows at home which his wife had fitted with a flower design so it was proposed by Councillor Jennings that Councillor Furnival investigate further as he was experienced in this. It was seconded by Councillor Worthington and all were in favour.

4964 QUOTE - TO UPGRADE GENTS AND LADIES TOILETS - COMMUNITY CENTRE

The quote was for labour only to Strip off old Tiles and re-tile Gents Toilets £980. To do the same in the Ladies Toilets a further £460. Plumbing to remove Gents Urinal to Fit New Urinal Bowls and to remove and re-fit basins in both toilets with new waste and pipe work plus service valves as required. Work, Labour and Materials will be £675. It was proposed by Councillor Jennings and seconded by Councillor Scalise and all were in favour to get the work carried out.

4965 UPDATE- ZIP WIRE - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

Email from Zurich Insurance confirming claim set up for the damage caused. What they require is two quotes to repair the damage. The Clerk has already approached Lappset and Merry Roundabout but as yet not received any quotes. The quotes are both to repair the damage and another to replace with metal to stop this happening again. There is an excess of £250 on the policy.

4966 CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Contract has been drawn up by the retiring clerk, The Chairman and Vice-Chairman as agreed by Council to delegate. It had been drawn up using template from SLCC and NALC with revisions specific to Cheddleton PC. The new clerk was satisfied that everything was in order so therefore it was proposed by Councillor Jennings and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Meyrick to agree its use. All were in favour.

4967 END OF YEAR AUDIT - VARIANCES.

A copy of the variances had been provided for all to peruse and the retiring clerk Jackie explained that she takes full responsibility for these figures as she prepared them although the outcome of the Audit wouldn't be concluded until August after she has retired.

4968 **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

- a. **Footpaths & Countryside Committee Meeting**
Re. Min 1848 Matters Arising Re. Min. 1837. – Installation of Fencing/Gate - Boundary of the Open Space Lane, Grange Banks Councillor Harvey updated that everything had been completed except the Notices about No Tipping which will be in situ on Thursday. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick thanked and congratulated on a superb job well done. Councillor Bowen updated that he had been informed that a resident had witnessed and had photographs and CCTV of someone tipping on the site. He was going to follow this up as there has already been a successful prosecution in Cheddleton and these people need to be stopped.
- b. **Community/Craft Centre Management Committee Meeting**
Re. Min 2293. – Upgrading of the Gents and Ladies Toilets, Community Centre This has been dealt with under Agenda item 14.
Re. Min 2994. - Removal of Old Boiler, Community Centre. This is still ongoing.
Re. Min 3000. - Downspout to the rear of the Craft Centre.
- c. **Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting**
Re. Min 2444. - Matters Arising Re. Min 2426. Development of 8 Dwellings at Cheddleton Park Avenue Councillor Bowen updated that he had spoken again with Jane Curley and she still hasn't had any further communication from Architects.
Re. Min 2448 - Building Materials - Crickets Farm Councillor Bowen updated that Dai Lerner at SMDC was looking into the matter.
Re. Min 2450 - Installation of Bollard - St Edward's Lawn Cemetery This has been completed and photograph shown to Councillors of the finished job.
Re. Min 2451. - Acknowledgement Plaque - Wording A copy of the wording on the plaque was shown to Councillors who all approved.
Re. Min 2453. - Protecting the Council's Property/Assets Councillor Bowen still to look into PC's options.
- d. **Wetley Rocks/Toll Bar Playing Field Committee Meeting**
Re. Min 377. - Toll Bar Playing Field - Any Works It was agreed for Rob & Ken to tidy up the tarmac area which has been completed and a lovely job made of it.
- e. **Reports of Outside Bodies**
S.M Parish Assembly - Councillor Mrs. Meyrick reported that were told about Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS) who are to support voluntary organisations/charities with all aspects of running them. There are quite a few employed and paid for by County Council. They also have funding to set up new clubs etc. Mark James updated on Local Plan that has now been passed to the Inspectorate to be looked at by them which will take until October then by next Spring it should be ratified. Martin Peake from Beat the Cold updated that the scheme is to end in September and that it was to be promoted by Local Councils so notices to be placed in the Notice Boards. Councillor Bowen updated that the scheme is being promoted through the press as he had taken part in photos to be published.

4969 **ACCOUNTS**

4970 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. S.M. Parish Assembly - Agenda for the meeting on the 14th. June 2018 + Minutes of the previous meeting. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick attended.
- b. Amey - Ref. 4126207, Leek Road, Wetley Rocks confirming that the work is now completed.
- c. Amey - Ref. 4118595, Basford Bridge Lane, email confirming repairs will be carried out. Noted that this has already been completed.
- d. Resident from Station Road - Condition and dangers on Park Lane, Cheddleton. This is a further letter from the same resident about the number of accidents and incidents that have happened over the last 3 years due to poor road signage, missing signs, condition of the road and the speed at which drivers use it. Councillor Bowen also mentioned the latest incident of a Belgian lorry driver who got stuck and damaged 14 feet of the wall with an artic lorry which the road definitely isn't suitable for as are a lot of the country lanes in the village. It was resolved to forward the letter to Helen Fisher at County Highways with questions to be raised about inadequate signage and request a reply as to what can be done to improve the situation.
- e. S.P.C.A. - Local Councillor Training Course - Wednesday 25th. July 2018. Information of the content and cost and Chairman suggested that the new Clerk attend.
- f. Lawson's Playzones & Groundworks - Zip Wire Repair. Email about site meeting to quote for the repairs.
- g. S.C.C. - Remittance Advice for £750 to cover the grant application for the Notice Board. Confirmed with Earth Anchors that delivery could now be made and the New Notice Board is being delivered tomorrow. Rob & Ken to look at Installation of it.
- h. S.C.C. - Evaluation form for completion - requesting a copy of the invoices/receipts on completion of the project, as they have been approved by the Monitoring Officer.
- i. S.M.D.C., Pat Trafford -Defibrillator training as per the question raised at the Parish Assembly Meeting. Details of contact anyone wishing to get trained.
- j. CPRE - Campaigns update. Copy to be perused by Councillors.
- k. EDF - Resolving the recent complaint re. The gas change over at the Craft Centre. The new start date is 27th. June 2018. With EDF paying for any charges incurred in the interim period.
- l. Sentinel, Simon Ellis - Introducing himself to look after business publications in the Sentinel Newspaper.

4970 CORRESPONDENCE Cont'd

- m. Mr. I. Wykes - contact details for Nick Carter, Inspector of Ancient Monuments - Buttercross. Mr. George not responded as he left over 12 months ago, so now contacted Nick Carter to move forward with the project.
- n. SPCA - Giving Notice of a Local Councillor Outreach Training Course on Tuesday, 7th. August 2018.

4971 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME There were no members of the public present.

4972 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - CRAFT CENTRE HIRER

Members' noted the information and resolved to write an appropriately worded letter.

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

Chairman
17th. July 2018.