

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 30th. OCTOBER 2018.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman – Councillor S. Scalise.
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs. B. Hine
Councillor – M.T. Bowen, H.R. Jennings, M.P. Worthington
Member – Mr. R. Beresford, Mr. K. Wheawall.

Also, present were approx. 12 residents.

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from: - Councillor - Ms. C. Ball.

- 784** **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 26th. June 2018, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 784** **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING** The minutes of the meeting of the 28th. September 2018, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 785** **MATTERS ARISING** The Chairman reported that the public consultations had highlighted specific issues that had not only being the vandalism, dog fouling but also, drug use. He is pleased that the Rugby Club are interested in using the playing field and hoped that with the residents help that the interest in using the facilities properly would grow and therefore look forward to seek funding to expand on this. He explained that District Council has helped to fund Cheddle, Leek and Biddulph so there is no reason why Cheddleton should not receive some help.
One of the residents thanked Rob for weed killing the tennis court and repairing the net so that it could be used.
Councillor Bowen also expressed that he was very pleased about the interest from the Rugby Club and that it would be a move forward to possibly getting grants from Sports England for some flood lighting. He had also spoken to District Sports & Leisure to hopefully get them involved in moving forward the potential for the use of the pitch.
Residents reported that they are already speaking to people who they see causing trouble and in one incident has let the parent know of one of the lads that had been spoken to. Also, further reports of the discovery of drugs paraphernalia which he has continued to report to Ashley the PCSO. The issue is that the PCSO's are trying to Police the playing field but are short on resources to be there at the right times. He also suggested that he was happy to volunteer to litter pick/ pooh to help keep the pitch fit for use by the Rugby Club.
- 786** **WARDENS FOR PLAYING FIELD** The Chairman was extremely disappointed that the Police had failed to attend the meeting with so many residents showing an interest in becoming a warden. It was hoped that the Police could guide and provide training for the best approach to start the volunteers patrolling especially on a Friday and Saturday Evening. Councillor Bowen stated that he had spoken to Mark Thorley whose main concern is that it isn't seen as a vigilante group and he would prefer that they seek training and guidance from the Police. Councillor Jennings suggested that an email be sent to say how disappointed the Committee is that the Police did not turn up and copy in as many higher ranked Police as possible. It was agreed for the clerk to send an email. Unfortunately, this only left that the volunteers would have to be contacted to arrange training but they were made aware of the next Committee meeting is to take place on 22nd. January 2019. There was around 15 interested in helping.

787 **UPDATE ON PLATFORM FOR ZIP WIRE**

The Chairman reported that the insurance is willing to pay for a replacement platform with a £250 excess on our policy but that until the issues are sorted out its difficult to think about moving forward. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Batemans and that they are happy to take a look at fabricating a platform in metal. She stated that they are going to take a look and come back to her with a definite decision as to if it would be possible. She also reported that the playground inspectors are happy to look at any design that is put forward to establish it would conform to British Safety Standards required for Play Equipment. A resident also mentioned about the potential of the earth mound rather than an actual platform. It was agreed that this would be an option. At this point the residents left the meeting enabling the Committee to continue with the rest of the agenda items.

788 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. William Brindley Grounds Maintenance grass cutting etc. Company based in Buxton offering to tender for the Parish. Councillor Mrs. Hine commented that she felt it would be a good idea to tender out the works as Jim Gibson has done the maintenance for the last 10 years and she felt that his standards had slipped. She mentioned that even during the hot summer months he had continued to bill the Council even though the grass was not growing and didn't require cutting. She also mentioned that some of the works were not being completed which form part of his works schedule. The path between the Bowling Green and Tennis Court is completely overgrown. Grange Pond hasn't been touched. The path between Rennie Crescent and Grange Farm is overgrown because he can't use the large sit on mower. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Jim with regards to some of the issues including hedge cutting which he was still going to do but is running behind schedule. It was agreed that this is definitely an idea to move forward to advertise for tenders.

- b. PlayBark Email quote for Safety Surface for the Playing Field. The Clerk reported that she had contacted the company with regards to looking to replace the safety surface with Bark.

789 **TREES/PATHS PLAYING FIELD**

The Clerk reported that there was still some Tree works that Steve Massey had reported adjacent to Beech Avenue and also a tree that Councillor Hine had reported required some work as a branch had split. It was reported that there had been a recent case which leaves Councils liability for the safety of trees more important especially as they had been advised to complete works. Councillor Bowen proposed that Tree Heritage be asked to quote to do these works and was seconded by Councillor Jennings who said they had done a brilliant job at the Burial Ground. The Clerk will ask them to quote on this report.

790 **REPAIR OF SAFETY SURFACE**

Councillor Scalise again suggested that this could maybe repaired by cutting back the surface and some how sticking the surface back down. Rob & Ken reported that they had done such repairs but it would by no means be a professional job. Rob also stated that the last repair job done by the same company who laid the surface is already deteriorated. It was suggested that maybe to look at reducing the size of the surface and putting bark around the outside to still comply with safety standards. Councillor Scalise suggested that he, Rob and the Clerk would inspect the Playing Field and come up with a list of job requirements.

791 ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE PLAYING FIELD

The Annual Inspection had no worrying items on it but that there are some small issues that need to be looked at so again, it was agreed to as part of the inspection to look at some of the items required doing.

792 GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD

Rob & Ken reported that the pitch is looking really good but that there are quite a few branches, trees and rubbish which need to be removed or maybe burnt. Again, agreed to look on the inspection.

793 ANY WORKS REQUIRED

Rob raised concerns about the dry-stone wall on the bowling green which is continually being pulled apart so he suggested cementing the stones to stop this happening.

794 OUTSIDE MEMBERS' – ANY MATTERS TO RAISE

Councillor Mrs. Hine raised that Ian Dakin had already expressed interest in being a member on the Committee and that he walks around the Playing Field most days as does she. It was agreed that as there is a Councillor short on the Committee for the Clerk to contact Ian and ask him to be a member.

795 GRANGE POND

It was reported that the pond is looking overgrown and that it hasn't been touched this year. Definitely requires a tidy up.

796 BRIDGE EYE PLAYING FIELD – GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD AND WELL

Councillor Jennings reported as a member of the Lands Charity Committee that they are going to be sorting the sewage pipe which requires work. Rob also mentioned that he has noticed that a lot more litter is being left on there. He said that residents had complained that employees from the industrial site have breaks on there and are the main culprits of littering. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Batemans and Charles Taylor making them aware of the problem.

Councillor Mrs. Hine reported that the gate wasn't locked so it was open to being accessed by anyone. Rob handed keys over as he had already put a lock on the gate. Also, Councillor Mrs. Hine stated that there is no Notice on there as the previous one had rotted so suggested that the Clerk speak to Jackie to discuss what was on the old sign. It was agreed to get a price to replace the sign. It was also reported that the wall by the Bus Shelter still hadn't been repaired.

797 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS No items at the present time.

798 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

After considering the figures produced the committee made their recommendations.

Chairman
22nd. January 2019.