

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY,
21st. AUGUST 2018.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman – Councillor M.P. Worthington.

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M.T. Bowen.

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

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor - J.G.Arnold, K. Harvey and Mrs. A. Oakden.

4993 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 17th. July 2018, taken as read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4994 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4995 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Chairman asked the members of the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider two planning applications.

4996 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were two members of the public present who were present to put forward the state of the piece of land at the end of Basford Bridge Terrace at the entrance to Footpath 38. They explained that the area is in a mess with several vehicles including an old ambulance which are being stored there by one resident. This particular resident has a business and he seems to be storing items of scrap and the area is becoming an eyesore. It was explained that they had successfully applied for planning permission for a different piece of land to form part of their own garden which the Council thought was this land. Councillor Meyrick explained that she and the previous clerk had tried to establish through land registry who owns this land without any success. Councillor Bowen suggested that he would look into it as a District Councillor to see what could be done about it and report back.

4997 **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bowen declared an interest in Staffordshire Wildlife.

4998 **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None had been received.

4999 **POWDER COAT GATES – ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk updated that the works have not yet been started but that Mr. Corden should be starting in the next 2 to 3 weeks and that he will submit a quote for the other set of gates.

5000 **OPENING HOURS SIGN – ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERY**

The Clerk had received a quote of £100 plus V.A.T. to replace the sign in stainless steel to match the Memorial Plaque which hasn't yet been sited at the cemetery. Councillor Mrs. Hartley proposed to go ahead and order the sign which was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hine.

5001 BLINDS – CRECHE & ROOM 1 – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk has obtained quotes from Hillarys Blinds to replace the original Vertical Blinds but make them shorter now that the vinyl has been put on the windows in the creche. A total of £900 and Amanda for Blinds gave two quotes to replace like with like £510 or for a narrower blind £430. Councillor Bowen proposed to purchase the blinds from Amanda for Blinds but to go with the same width costing £510. This was seconded by Councillor Jennings.

5002 REMOVAL OF THE OLD BOILER - COMMUNITY CENTRE It had been agreed to go ahead so Councillor Tunna will speak to the old Clerk with regards where we are at and if the boiler is disconnected. The Clerk explained that she had spoken to the old Clerk who expressed that there is asbestos present which needs to be removed in a safe manner which Pointon's were going to do when they had some work done at the factory. The clerk will contact them and see what is happening with regards to that as this needs to be done so that it is safe to remove the boiler.

5003 REFURBISHMENT OF NOTICE BOARD – COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Ahmad had checked to see if he had a piece of Perspex that would fit, unfortunately he had not so it was agreed that Councillor Scalise would try and source it but making sure that it is UV protected to avoid the same happening again.

5004 REMOVAL OF HEATERS/ NEW CABINET – MEETING ROOM, CAFT CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the heaters had been removed and that the old clerk had sourced a wooden cabinet for the room to enable her to put the remainder of the old paperwork in it that is currently being stored still at her house. The Councillors were most grateful.

5005 REPAIR SAFETY SURFACE – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk had now obtained two quotes which are from Sovereign for £1449 & RTC Safety Surfaces for £1494 for a band repair to fill the gap and make safe the surface which is currently a trip hazard. The Councillors agreed that this seems to be an awful amount of money for a small job so Councillor Scalise suggested that before making any decision he would take a look to see if there was any other way of repairing it. He will report back.

5006 INSPECTION/REPLACEMENT – ZIP WIRE & PUBLIC MEETING – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk updated that the platform has now been removed to make it safe by Ken & Rob as it had been reported in the inspection. Zurich the insurers have been informed. The Clerk explained that she has received quotes from two companies to replace it but that these quotes actually included taken the old platform down. The first being Kompan for a wooden replacement platform costing £7454 plus V.A.T. and the second from Ludus Leisure who had provided different versions. Option one replacement ramp in timber £5565, option two to completely replace the zip-wire in timber £13649 or option three replacement ramp made of steel £7664 all prices net of V.A.T. It was brought up that during the Public Meeting that a couple of people had said do not replace it but Councillor Scalise proposed that we get back to Zurich to see if we can claim now that we have quotes as it will only cost the £250 excess if the insurers pay out. It was agreed that preferably the steel version would be the better option as it couldn't be burnt again as this is the second arson attack. The Clerk will report back then this can be decided with all the information. Councillor Jennings reported that he had spoken with the Rugby Club again at that they are very keen to use the Playing Field for training which is great for the Parish.

5007 QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH CANOPY – SITING OF TREE PLANTING

The Clerk reported that Karen Bradley had emailed offering Parish Council's a tree to plant in the Parish as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy and a ceremony to take place on 26th October. The tree could be either Hazel, Silver Birch or Rowan and for each tree an Ezee Tree Guard will be supplied. The Clerk said that we are to receive one of the five trees in Staffordshire Moorlands so where would be a suitable site to plant the tree. It was agreed that Councillors to come up with suitable sites and discuss as a future agenda item.

5008 REFURBISHMENT OF NOTICE BOARD – PARK LANE, CHEDDLETON

The Chairman stated that this has been added to the agenda as a question raised by a resident on Park Lane. The Clerk reported that she is now displaying Parish information now in the Notice Board but it could do with a paint. Councillor Tunna proposed that the handyman take a look at it and this was seconded by Councillor Bowen.

5009 ROAD ISSUES – PARK LANE & COALPITFORD LANE, CHEDDLETON

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Councillor Helen Fisher as a result of residents concerns about the state of the repairs on these roads. She had confirmed that she would look into the matter but as yet no response. The Chairman agreed to follow this up with Helen and report back.

5010 PARKING COMPLAINT – ST. HILDA'S AVENUE/ A520 CHEDDLETON

The Clerk had received an email from a resident complaining about congestion caused on the junction of St Hilda's Avenue and A520 by parking around the vets. There is a truck parked on the pavement causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road causing safety issues. Also, a VW parked on the A520 above the Red Lion. She had approached a PCSO who had advised her to contact the Council. The Clerk contacted Steve PSCO who said that the Council could consider double yellow lines to stop the parking. The Clerk explained it was Highways that deal with Road issues. Councillor Furnival explained that causing an obstruction is a Police matter so the resident should contact the Police as the PCSO have no powers in parking matters but that double yellow lines are not appropriate which was agreed. The Chairman explained that he would personally speak to the truck owner and ask him to stop parking his vehicle there causing a danger to pedestrians. It was also reported that the VW no longer parks on the road since the grid had been fixed. Councillor Jennings mentioned about Road Safety and that there may be possible funding by the PCC so could the County Council look into this for the Crossing so it was suggested contact with Philip Atkins and Helen Fisher to look further into availability.

5011 SITING OF THE OLD SIGN FOR THE BRIDGE

It was previously discussed with Batemans that they would re-site the sign but it was agreed that this would be left in abeyance for now.

5012 S.L.C.C. REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE – WORCESTER 24TH OCTOBER 2018

The Clerk raised that booking a place on this course would be beneficial and that as a new Clerk she could obtain a free place which would normally cost £75 plus V.A.T. So, it was proposed by Councillor Bowen that the Clerk attend and seconded by Councillor Jennings.

5013 CLERK'S PENSION SCHEME

The Clerk reported that in her contract it states that she is to source a Pension Scheme and put forward to the Council. The Chairman stated that this is correct as the LGPS is very expensive that's why it was put in the contract that it may not be the best option. The Clerk expressed that she had worked in Local Government and so would prefer to be enrolled in this pension fund as it is part of the reason why she applied for the position. Also, that the previous Clerk was in this pension scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk is still in probationary period so that if she provides all the details at a later date this can be discussed further.

5014 UNADOPTED LAND BASFORD BRIDGE TERRACE

This item was discussed in Public Question time.

5015 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER SM 308(2018) – LAND SOUTH OF BOUCHER ROAD AND CRONY CLOSE

Councillors discussed the location of TPO and agreed that there were no objections.

5016 FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE UPDATE & WORKS REQUIRED

The Clerk had received an email update from Councillor Harvey about works being done by the volunteers and what is required. Footpath 38 works completed on the installation of the posts at the entrance and marking of the land owned by the Parish Council. Junction of Footpath 46,45,66,65 the area was completely overgrown but has been cleared using the new strimmer and the stile which had collapsed has completely been replaced. Footpath 42 where it enters Mill Lane they are currently replacing the gate with the assistance of Pointon's Estate Manager with some large stones. Footpath 82/83 the A frame stile has been made good but it will need replacing eventually.

Works required on Footpath 43 a new road will be built by Pointon leading down to Mill Lane so a new stile will have to be built as a temporary measure whilst works are carried out but will work along with the Estate Manager to do this. Footpath 42 a new fence following groundwork on the field has prevented walkers from crossing the land down Mill Lane. Agreed with the Estate Manager to put in a new stile to resume access. Footpath 38 the farmer has fixed a kissing gate with string which is dangerous and is the wrong gate for the job anyway. It was agreed to contact County Council for a new gate. Footpath 23 is a growing concern with the pigs which was discussed and agreed to contact Paul Rochfort to request a site visit to try and resolve the issue.

The Clerk also reported that Councillor Hine had informed her about part of the fence collapsed on Footpath 38 on the slope from Cheddleton Park Avenue which a photograph had been supplied so it was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Volunteers to see if they could go ahead and fix it. The last item was the Buttercross the Clerk had managed to arrange a site meeting with Nick Carter from Historic England on Friday 7th. September 2018 at 11am for any of the Councillors to attend with regards to renovation of the Buttercross.

5017 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

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

a. Confidential Meeting of the Finance Committee

Confidential Item.

b. Community/Craft Centre Management Committee Meeting

c. Reports of Outside Bodies

Public Meeting for Cheddleton Playing Field.

5018 ACCOUNTS

5019 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Amey Staffordshire - Report 4119884 closed – Broken Branch on Hollow Lane. Councillor Furnival removed the branch.
- b. Canal River Trust - Damage to Bridge on Basford Bridge Lane. The Clerk notified them of the damage to the bridge. Forward Agenda item about constant use by vehicles that are overweight.
- c. SLCC - National Conference Booking Confirmation. The Clerk is booked to attend.
- d. Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan - Submitted to Secretary of State. Notification that it is now moving forward.
- e. Amey Staffordshire - Report 4056799 closed and works completed – Cheadle Road. Report dates back to 26th. August 2016.
- f. Staffordshire Wildlife Magazine and Raffle Tickets – Issued to Councillor Mrs. Hine.
- g. CPRE - Countryside Voice Magazine – Issued to Councillor Mrs. Hine.
- h. Creative Play – Brochure – Keep for future projects.
- i. New governance for Fire and Rescue – Email from Matthew Ellis confirming that the Police Crime Commissioner from the 1st August 2018 is now Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime.
- j. Playground Projects. Email about what they supply including fitness equipment.
- k. Zurich Municipal Insurance. New Policy which starts on 1st of October 2018 to which the Council signed up to a 2-year agreement which ends next year.
- l. Road Damage - Cheadle Road, Cheddleton. Emails from both Mr. & Mrs. Parry-Thomas about road damage on the A520 just above the Crossing by the Red Lion. The Clerk forwarded these to the Highways department and contacted Helen Fisher but the works have now been completed.
- m. Shrewsbury Model Railway Show. Advertising the Model Show Saturday 20th. August 2018 which the Clerk has put leaflets in all the notice boards.
- n. CPRE – Campaign Updates. Email received about what is happening and notifying of the AGM on Wednesday 12th. September 2018.

5020 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME There were no members of the public present.

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

Chairman

18th. September 2018.

