

## Cheddleton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS & COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup>. MAY 2018

**ATTENDANCE** Councillor – Ms. C.Y. Ball, M.T. Bowen H.R. Jennings, Mrs. C.M Meyrick  
Member – Mr. R. Hill, Mr. J. Smith. Councillor K. Harvey was also in attendance.

**APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from:-  
Councillor – S. Scalise, M.P. Worthington. Member – Mr. P.H. Green.

**1845** **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** Councillor Mrs. C.M. Meyrick, proposed by Councillor Jennings and seconded by Councillor Bowen, was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

**1846** **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN** Councillor Scalise, proposed by Councillor Jennings and seconded by Councillor Bowen, was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

**1847** **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup>. February 2018, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**1848** **MATTERS ARISING**

**Re. Min. 1837. Installation of Fencing/Gate – Boundary of the Open Space Land, Grange Banks** Mr. Smith raised his objections to fencing the land that was not in the ownership of the P.C., this was ultra vires and he asked for it to be recorded that he would not have anything to do with the decision. He advised that his wife had been taken ill with serious complications and therefore; due to family commitments he would not be seeking re-election and could have no further involvement with the committee. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick extended hers and the Council's best wishes to Kit and understood the reasons for his resignation. She gave account of the fly tipping and the reason for the decision to install a number of posts adjacent to Footpath 38. She assured Mr. Smith that the posts would be removed if the residents raise objections. Mr. Smith advised that he had recently been made aware of capital funding from landfill and he would pass the information on to the Clerk. Mr. Smith was thanked and he left the meeting.

**Re. Min. 1839. Purchase of a Stihl Petrol Strimmer -CPI Bid/Grange of £370** Question was raised as the whether the strimmer had been purchased. The Clerk reported that it had and it was being stored at Councillor Tunna's.

**1849** **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. L. Redfern – Advising that the works on Bridle path 14 have been completed.
- b. B. Hargreaves – advising that she would be happy to raise awareness of the Council's appeal for volunteers. Please do ask Councillor Harvey to forward the poster and any extra info. that he would like for a news bulletin. She can also offer him the possibility of an interview with one of the presenters to chat about the initiative. Councillor Harvey was happy to take up the offer.

**1850** **ANY UPDATE – SEC. 106 AGREEMENT – 25 YEAR FUNDING FOR THE  
MANAGEMENT OF THE OPEN SPACE, GRANGE BANKS**

Councillor Bowen reported that there had been no further update since the last meeting. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick questioned if the funding could be lost. Councillor Bowen advised that the funding was a condition of the planning permission.

**1851 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – CATEGORISING OF THE FOOTPATHS IN CHEDDLETON PARISH**

Members had been issued with a copy of the list, for consideration, at the last meeting. The Chairman questioned if the members had any objections to the categorising of the paths in the parish. She herself felt that Bridleway 14 should be categorised as B, at least, and Footpath 18 should be categorised as B and not C. Members' discussed and agreed to review the list and advise the Clerk of any revisions to the categorising of these Rights of Way, in order for a list to be compiled and forwarded to the S.C.C., if it's not too late. The Clerk would issue a copy of the maps to Councillor Bowen.

**1852 MARKING OF THE BOUNDARY ON THE OPEN SPACE, GRANGE BANKS AND PREVENTATIVE BARRIERS ON THE LAND ADJACENT**

It was reported that the volunteers had started and a number of posts had been installed adjacent to F/Path 38, on the land adjacent to the Open Space, in order to try and prevent further fly tipping and cars accessing the site. It was made clear that this work had been carried out to help the residents who had noted that a contractor was tipping on this land. Councillor Bowen advised that someone had recently been fined for fly tipping and if the person responsible is known he would be prepared to pass the details on to the S.M.D.C. It was reported that the volunteers were due to install the posts on the boundary of the Open Space over the next two weeks and if required signage would be displayed.

**1853 VOLUNTEERS TO CARRY OUT WORK ON THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH**

It was reported that Councillor Harvey would be putting together the wording for the notices that he would display at both ends of a public right of way, in order to try and encourage walkers/residents to get involved.

**1854 BUTTERCROSS**

Councillor Ms. Ball reported that she had spoken with the Landowner's partner and they are very keen and would be willing to work with any agency/organisation to maintain the area, in order to preserve this ancient monument. The Clerk reported that a certain amount of cutting back had been carried out but the Buttercross itself needed re-pointing by a specialist and the soil/silt surrounding the monument needed digging out and levelling in order to expose the bottom section and the true extent of the works required. She advised that she had emailed Mr. I. George but had received no response, she would however try contacting him again by telephone and email.

**1855 PURCHASE OF DRILL FOR USE ON THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH**

It was reported that the volunteers were in need of a heavy duty drill to carry out certain works on the public rights of way. The Clerk advised that an application had been submitted and with Chairman and Vice-Chairman's agreement there would be approx. £150 available to purchase a drill. The committee agreed the purchase of a heavy duty drill and agreed to recommend:- meeting any shortfall out of the F&C account.

**1856 FLAIL MOWING – OPEN SPACE, GRANGE BANKS**

It was put that the flail mowing had been carried out to an excellent standard by the Council's mowing contractor and, in order to maintain the land, the flail mowing needed carrying out again this year. Following discussions proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Jennings it was agreed unanimously: to appoint Mr. Gibson to carry out the flail mowing of the Open Space.

**1857 PULLING OF THE HIMALAYAN BALSAM**

The Chairman put forward the need for anyone and everyone who walks Footpath 38 to pull the Himalayan Balsam. In Oakamoor the Clerk had put up signs asking walkers to pull this invasive plant and, it had worked. She suggested that it maybe an idea to try this on Footpath 38 and if possible she would try and obtain a copy of the sign and in particular the wording.

**1858 SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH**

Councillor Mrs. Meyrick questioned if the broken fingerpost on Footpath 1 had been reported/replaced. The Clerk advised that the broken fingerpost had been reported to the S.C.C. to action.

**1859 ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS**

Councillor Jennings advised that he had noted on Facebook that there had been a problem of fly tipping on a Footpath in Wetley Rocks – he did not know where but, he would try and make enquiries.

**1860 JAPANESE KNOTWEED – BASFORD/APESFORD**

Mr. Smith had been issued with copy emails, as requested, which confirmed that in 2016 the S.C.C. highways had raised a job and sent it through to a contractor. The job with Ref. No. 4005006 had been added on to a waiting list of a divisional Weed Control scheme which is being carried out over a 3-4 years period, with treatment being carried out twice a year.

**1861 WAYMARKING**

Councillor Mrs. Meyrick reported not seeing a Fingerpost on Footpath 54 in Cellarhead. She would check and report back.

**1862 COUNTRYSIDE**

Members' agreed that with the warmer weather the countryside was looking beautiful with all its flora and fauna.

**1863 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS**

Footpath 23 - Mr. Hill raised the matter of the dead trees on the land which, he opined, posed a danger to the public. He understood that the Environment Agency had been informed about the effluent but the trees were also a concern and someone needs to get a grip before a member of the public is injured. Councillor Ms. Ball advised that this area had once been a beautiful wooded area but, the tipping and the pigs had devastated the area. Following discussions Councillor Bowen agreed to raise the matter of the dead trees with Mr. S. Massey at the S.M.D.C. Forward Agenda Item.

Buttercross.

Chairman

11<sup>th</sup>. September 2018.