

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY, 30th. APRIL 2019.

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor H.R. Jennings.
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs. C.M. Meyrick.
Councillor - M.T. Bowen, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, S. Scalise, H.J. Tunna,
M.P. Worthington.

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from: -
Councillor - M. Ahmad

2592 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 2nd. April 2019, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

2593 **MATTERS ARISING**
Re. Min. 2579. Cheddleton Playing Field Volunteers (Meeting) The Clerk notified that this meeting was to be re-scheduled to take place on 21st May 2019 and that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would need to be scheduled to take place on 14th May 2019 to conform with legislation.

2594 **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 planning applications.

2595 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
There were no questions raised by the one member of the public in attendance.

- 2596** **CORRESPONDENCE**
- a. RBS Software Newsletter Spring 2019. The clerk explained that the software was not yet in use.
 - b. Responsibility of the hedge that borders the gully on Ostlers Lane side. The Clerk had received a query from Janette Barr asking who is responsible for cutting the hedge as it isn't very well maintained unlike the other side. The Clerk reported that it wasn't currently an issue but that in the past the Council had cut the hedge via the lengthsman and that Colin Lymer had also cut it in the past. It was noted that this may need to be done again in the autumn when the birds are no longer nesting.
 - c. Westminster Briefing on Local Government complaint handling on Wednesday, 26th. June 2019. Details should any member wish to attend.
 - d. Moorlands Home Link letter of thanks for £100 donation. The Clerk read out the letter thanking the Parish Council for its support.
 - e. Playground Projects equipment, design and installation. Will be kept on file for future reference.
 - f. Schoolsapes Play Park Projects. Again, will be kept on file for future reference.

2596 CORRESPONDENCE Cont'd...

- g. Confirmation of V.A.T. refund submitted. The Clerk has submitted the claim for £1240.87 which is the refund of V.A.T. charged from January to March 2019.
- h. Streetscape Products for sports and play areas. Will be kept on file for future reference.
- i. Amey Staffordshire Report 4146734 closed. Request for pedestrian crossing Cheadle Road, Cheddleton. The Clerk informed that this was as a result of a resident's enquiry about a crossing which was raised in January but was not feasible.
- j. Shropshire RCC FuelBuying Scheme – Now open to Staffordshire Residents. Any residents who uses oil or LPG may wish to obtain a better price for supply through this scheme. The Clerk gave the information to Councillor Tunna but stated that if other members required this to let her know.
- k. CPRE – Countryside Voice Spring 2019 Edition. Councillor Meyrick took the magazine to read and pass on to other members.
- l. Nemisis Fireworks – Professional Display Provider. Not required but the Clerk would keep on file for future reference.
- m. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust monthly e-newsletter. The Clerk reported on details of events etc. due to take place.
- n. Amey Staffordshire Report 4152385 Inspected. Pothole at entrance to Moorside School, Cellarhead Road. The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation that it had now been inspected but is not considered high risk so will be dealt with in due course. Councillor Tunna stated that there is a pothole in front of the bus stop about 100 yards away has this also been inspected. The Clerk would report it to SCC Highways.
- o. HAGS Spring Offers Brochure for Play Equipment. Keep on file for future reference.
- p. Support Staffordshire Village Hall Network Meeting 20th May 2019. The Clerk reported that she had confirmed membership of Support Staffordshire and would be meeting with Sue Green in the next couple of weeks to discuss grants. She asked if the Council want her to attend this meeting or if anyone from Wetley Rocks Village Hall would be interested. It was left to see what the outcome of meeting with Sue but details to be passed to Councillor Mrs. Hartley for Wetley Rocks Village Hall.

2597 TREE STUMP ON MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS

Councillor Tunna reported that the tree had fallen over and was reported to SCC about 12-18 months ago and was cut and removed but that the stump hadn't been taken out. He explained it is by the telephone kiosk and asked if the Clerk could ask SCC Highways for it to be removed. This was agreed as the best course of action.

2598 BLOCKED GRID AT LADY BANK COTTAGE, LEEK ROAD, WETLEY ROCKS

Councillor Tunna reported that this had been reported months ago and on Saturday after all the heavy rain the cottage was very close to being flooded again. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Councillor Helen Fisher and Philip Atkins making them aware that should the cottage be flooded that SCC are responsible for any damage as this should have been dealt with sooner.

2599 REQUEST BY SALVATION ARMY FOR A CLOTHING RECYCLING BANK

The Clerk reported that this would be of benefit to the Council as any clothing donated and weighed in would give a return of 50% of the average material price. Which is currently £240 per tonne. After some discussion it was agreed that currently there is no suitable site as there are several other clothing banks sited around the Parish.

2600 CHURNET VALLEY RAILWAY REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT TO EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INTO LEEK

The Clerk read out the letter explaining that CVR are currently seeking a grant to move forward with the extension and required letters of support to help with the application. Councillor Bowen stated that this is a really good thing to hopefully reduce traffic off the roads, give better access to Leek, Stoke and of course Alton Towers. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of support for the grant application and also the offer of help and involvement with the venture from the Parish Council.

2601 CAUTIONARY LANDS TRUST AGM – WW1 SEAT AND OLD MINUTE BOOK

The Clerk reported that the seat has now been put in place by Rob & Ken and had been properly secured to the ground and looks great. Councillor Scalise reported that he had received the invoice for copying the Minute Book but hasn't yet got it back but will chase this up again.

2602 NOTICE BOARDS IN MEETING ROOM UPDATING OF PAST CLERKS & CHAIRMEN

The Clerk asked if anyone had any recommendations for engravers/sign writers as she was going to approach the trophy shop in Leek but that it was now closed. It was suggested that maybe Sigley's could help so it was left that the Clerk would contact them for advice.

2603 ST EDWARDS LAWN CEMETERY FENCE OFF AND RENT OUT

The Clerk reported that she had approached Anne James to see if she was interested in making use of the large area of the cemetery which will not be required for many years for silage. She had stated that they would be prepared to fence it off and make use of it. The Clerk reported that she currently pays a peppercorn rent for the other field so would the Council want to ask to increase this? She also reported that Jim Gibson had stated that he could let the grass grow and he would cut it about 3 times a year and use it himself for silage and make no charge to the Council for doing so. This would reduce the grass cutting charge by around £30 per cut for the 14 cuts currently agreed to. After some discussion it was agreed that it would look better if it was fenced off and it would cut costs anyway for grass cutting so Councillor Bowen proposed that the Clerk speak to Anne James and re-negotiate the rent going forward. This was seconded by Councillor Tunna. All members were in agreement.

2604 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

0097 37, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks – Demolition of existing conservatory and new single storey extension to form kitchen/dining space to rear of the property.

No Objection

0166 Land At, Hillside Road, Cheddleton – Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for a residential development comprising 3 x 3-bedroom, 2 storey dwellings with some matters reserved.

OBJECT – Although this application falls within the category of infill the Council feels that the trees are very important and should be subject to a TPO prior to looking at this application and will the dwellings meet the planning regulations for standard space.

0174 Little Blakeley Lane Farm, Blakeley Lane, Dilhorne – Retrospective application for barn (resubmission of SMD/018/0249). The Clerk reported that this does not fall within Cheddleton Parish it should have been sent to Consall Parish Council so SMDC have done so.

2605 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Bench Seat on Plough Bank/Meadow Avenue in need of repair.

Footpath off Armshead Road.

Footpath 38 removal of vegetation at the top end as narrowing the path.

New Lighting along Gully at Fold Lane Terrace end.

Gated entrance to St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery off Cheadle Road.

Chairman
4th. June 2019.