

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY, 2nd. OCTOBER 2018.

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor H.R. Jennings
Councillor - M.T. Bowen, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, J. Carr, S. Scalise, H.J. Tunna,

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from: -
Councillor – Mrs. C.M. Meyrick, M.P. Worthington

2495 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the 4th. September 2018, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

2496 **MATTERS ARISING**

Re. Min. 2485. Estate Agent for sale signs Councillor Mrs. Hartley reported that the sign was still in situ. The house that it was advertising Shepherds Lodge had sold months ago. The clerk reported that she had spoken to Samuel Makepeace to ask them to remove it but will now write.

Re. Min. 2487. Upgrading of the gents and ladies toilets – Community Centre Councillor Scalise reported that the work was coming on and that the caretaker is in the process of painting them now and the flooring should be laid when he has finished.

Re. Min. 2489. Refurbishment of Notice Board – Community Centre Councillor Scalise stated that he will order the Perspex as soon as the toilets have been completed.

2497 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** There were no members of the public present.

2498 **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.

2499 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. SPCA – Staffordshire County Council's Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy. Over the past nine years the County Council has reduced running costs by £240m but there is a current shortfall of £35m. They are continuing to lobby Government for more money for social care. Also, bids in place for the next wave of business rates pilot scheme all of which would go to bridging the shortfall. Councillor Bowen explained that this was to keep the funds raised by business rates at local level rather than pooled but it had been reduced to 75% and not 100% which has been previously been piloted. He also explained that they were not very hopeful of being successful at District Council.
- b. SCC – Rights of Way – Footpath 38 Gate. Email from Ranger Dominic Ward (SCC) who stated that if the Parish had the owners consent he would be happy to provide the gate.
- c. SCC – Rights of Way Officer – Footpath 23. Email from Dominic Ward (SCC) requesting further information about the issues with this footpath. The Clerk reported that she has sent him copies of the minutes where all the issues have been discussed for him to investigate further.

2499 CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

- d. CPRE – Woodland Trust’s Charter of Trees. Email asking if the Parish Council would be able to work with them to suggest some sites/locations to plant some trees/hedges early next year. It was felt that this should be a forward agenda item to be discussed.
- e. Email from Plantscape – Solar Powered Trees/Floral Displays.
- f. Glasdon Village Gateways Brochure. There being no prices but felt that this maybe something the Council may wish to have it will be a forward agenda item.
- g. HMRC – Claim VAT Refund online.
- h. Royal Mail – Scam Mail. A letter seeking help to make the local community aware of the type of scam mail being received as although they do their best to combat this some does still get delivered. Supplied a poster of what to do should you receive scam mail. It was agreed to display this for the community to be made aware.

2500 POLLARDING OF TREES – LONSDALE HOUSE, CHEADLE ROAD, WETLEY ROCKS

The Clerk had been copied into an email sent directly to Councillor Worthington regarding his actions of contacting a resident with regards to her trees. The email asked what grounds for pollarding her trees and who had instructed such action. The Council discussed and agreed that they had no knowledge of any grounds to require the resident to pollard the trees and so instructed the clerk to notify her to that effect.

2501 FALLEN MAPLE TREE AT REAR OF 12 CHEDDLETON PARK AVENUE – FURTHER URGENT WORKS REQUIRED AS PART OF REPORT BY SMDC

The Clerk received information from Steve Massey that a maple tree which he had identified as requiring to be removed had partly fallen down into the garden of Mr. Longshaw. Councillor Scalise had spoken with the owner and had helped him remove it and had got rid of part of the tree. As this incident has happened and that there is still a remaining part of the tree along with another one that is damaged and needs to be felled which had also been reported on it was suggested that urgent works needed to be done. At this point it was also mentioned about the Conifer in the Asylum Burial Ground which is partially uprooted and leaning on another tree would also require urgent attention. It was proposed by Councillor Bowen that the Clerk contact Tree Heritage and get these trees dealt with. This was seconded by Councillor Tunna.

2502 TREES OVERHANGING GRANGE FARM DRIVE – ACCESS TO CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mr. Goodwin about the trees overhanging the drive and showed photographs of the trees. It was proposed by Councillor Tunna that Jim Gibson should be instructed to trim back the branches overhanging and this was seconded by Councillor Bowen.

2503 VEHICLES SPEED ALONG MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS

This was raised by a resident at the Council Meeting and although the Parish Council agreed that some vehicles do travel at speeds it has already received traffic calming measures. It was suggested that the Clerk report the issue to County Council and make the Police aware of residents concerns by contacting Sgt Bland.

2504 PUMP/GRID/ELECTRICAL ISSUES COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Gents Toilets at the Craft Centre had been reported to her by the Caretaker about them smelling. She had contacted Pisces Pumps who will service the pump next year and he suggested that it may be lack of use so said to try flushing out with plenty of water to see if this solves the issue. The Clerk also reported that the water flow had been turned down previously on the urinals to save water but felt that it was probably a good idea to turn it back up again. This was agreed and would see if the issue still kept happening before calling out Pisces Pumps to inspect.

The Clerk had also received a report that the grid in the Community Centre Car Park needed rodding as the last heavy rainfall had formed a lake in the Car Park. Councillor Scalise and the caretaker are going to do this to unblock the grid.

The Clerk also reported that there are a couple of strip lights in the Community Centre that need to be looked at so it was agreed that she should get an electrician to take a look and replace tube/starters of affected lights.

Finally, the Clerk reported that the microwave in the main kitchen had stopped working so requested that a new one be purchased as soon as possible to replace it. This was agreed.

2505 PCSO'S SURGERIES TO TAKE PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. 10TH & 29TH OCTOBER 2018

The Clerk reported that Steve Sherratt had organized the first surgeries to take place in the Mobile at the Community Centre so she would advertise them on Cheddleton Chat Facebook page and put up posters in the Parish Notice Boards. She also reported that a diary had been put in the mobile for the PCSO's o sign in and out so that the Council knows when they are using it and how often.

2506 BANNERS ON THE RAILINGS – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Banners had been taken down after a second letter had been sent to Slimming World and Pilates but, she had received a request from Erica Hackett (Pilates) explaining that she wasn't aware that she required permission from the Council. She stated that she had asked Christina before putting it up originally but obviously wants to attract people to her classes. Councillor Jennings stated that maybe we need to remove the schools banner and place it on the school's railings this then gives no justification for anyone having a banner up permanently to which Councillor Bowen will speak to the school and get it removed.

Therefore, it was agreed that as the Council doesn't want any banners displayed constantly to advise Erica that she can display her banner the day she is to have her classes but to remove it again in between. The clerk will inform her.

2507 REMOVAL OF OLD BOILER – COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Bowen reported that he had spoken to Barney at Pointon's and that he has all the information and will get back to us in due course. It was agreed that the Clerk will email him to confirm he has all the information on the asbestos survey that was completed previously. Also, Councillor Tunna was all prepared with the actual removal of the boiler once the asbestos has been looked at and removed properly.

2508 ELECTRIC HEATERS – GENTS AND LADIES TOILETS- CRAFT CENTRE

The Clerk reported that she had been advised that the best solution to the heaters is to purchase a wireless thermostat which costs £39.90 each so at least two would need to be purchased for each toilet and if required one for the disabled toilet. She had a quote of £50 to install the thermostats and mount them in a tamper proof box. Councillor Tunna proposed getting two thermostats and that they be fitted. This was seconded by Councillor Bowen who then also reported that he had received a complaint about the poor state of the toilets so it was also

suggested that after the electrical works and the Community Centre Toilets had been completed that they receive a coat of paint.

2509 CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELDS UPDATE

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Playground Inspectors for advice with regards to a bespoke replacement of the zip wire platform in steel. They reported that it would be possible but that it would have to meet playground equipment standards EN1176 & EN1177 to be an approved option. They are happy to look at any plans that could be possibly manufactured before going ahead with the platform. She also, reported that she had spoken to Zurich about the insurance and they are happy if the Council want to look at further options but if it costs more than the agreed quote from Lupus of £5565 less £250 excess then the Council would have to fund the difference. It was also pointed out that if the bespoke platform was produced for less that Zurich would only pay for the cost not £5565. As this is an option it was agreed to approach Batemans to see if they could manufacture something like this so, Councillor Carr will contact them and in conjunction with the clerk take it from there.

2510 QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH CANOPY – TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

The Clerk reported that the date had been changed for the ceremony to Thursday, 25th. October 2018 and that it would be taking place between 12 noon and 4pm. Councillor Bowen reported that he had further information that it would be timetabled for 12.15pm. It was already agreed that the tree be planted at Wetley Rocks but was felt that maybe to get the seat replaced which is in a very poor state. It had been previously suggested to maybe acquire a WW1 Commemorative Steel Bench which was felt would be a lovely idea if one could be sourced prior to the planting. Councillor Jennings suggested that the Clerk get in touch with the RBL to get some information and if it would be possible in such a short time scale. It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Bowen have the powers to make the purchase of the seat if it is possible.

2511 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

0410 Tunstead Park Lane, Cheddleton. Retrospective planning permission for the erection of two sheds.

No Objection

0549 Land West of Sutherland Road, Longsdon. Amenity Building.

OBJECT – This is a conservation area so disruption to wildlife. Also, it is on a flood plain and would create additional traffic.

0590 473 Cheadle Road, Cheddleton. Proposed extension to existing dwelling and detached garage.

No Objection

2512 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Telephone Box, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks – Notice put in but needs attention.

Chairman

6th. November 2018.