

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY, 4th. DECEMBER 2018.**

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

APOLOGIES No apologies were received.

2531 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 6th. November 2018, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

2532 **MATTERS ARISING**

Re. Min. 2519. Quote for works as result of external structural survey – Craft Centre

The Clerk reported that Mr. Gee would commence work after Christmas.

Re. Min. 2521. Restoration of the Gates at Asylum Burial Ground The Clerk reported that she needed the deposit of £558 cheque to secure that Ironage Design commence the works.

Re. Min. 2525. Caravan Site - Longsdon Councillor Mrs. Hartley pointed out a typing mistake in the minutes it should read definitely not ideal. The Clerk will amend.

Re. Min 2527. Pudding Race Councillor Bowen raised that Sub 4 displayed a banner outside the Community Centre without permission from the Council. Clerk to notify them for the future. Also, he felt that it wasn't as well attended and maybe people were getting tired of running the same course but Councillor Scalise pointed out that it clashed with another local run. It was suggested that maybe they change the venue next year.

2533 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** There were no members of the public present.

2534 **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. Councillor Bowen declared that he is a member of the Wildlife Trust.

2535 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. The Pension Regulator – Contributions Increase on 6th. April 2019. The minimum contribution increases from 2% to 3% for employers and from 3% to 5% for employees.
- b. Councillor Initiative Fund – ACRA Association. Email directed at 3 District Councillors' of the Parish requesting a Grit Bin as it is all private roads and Staffordshire Highways do not provide them. Councillor Bowen told the Clerk to respond and ask them to fill in an application on SMDC Website as he was happy to help.
- c. Fisher German – Land at Wetley Rocks Tree Works. As part of the five-yearly update on tree surveys the glebe has been identified that some of the trees require pruning and some dead wood removal. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the tree surgeon and that they will clear away any branches after works completed.
- d. CPRE – Tree/Hedge Planting. Informing that the Woodlands Trust do two rounds of planting Oct/Nov and Feb/March so good to decide by August for Autumn Season and Oct/Nov for the Spring Season.

2535 **CORRESPONDENCE cont'd**

- e. CPRE - Countryside Voice Magazine & Field Work Magazine Winter 2018. These were passed onto Councillor Mrs. Meyrick.
- f. CPRE – Green Clean – Volunteers. 35 Litter picks have taken place to rid the Countryside of discarded bottles and cans. This resulted in 11,212 collected.
- g. SLCC National Conference 2019 – Dates 2nd. & 3rd. October 2019. Amended from 9th & 10th October as previously publicized.
- h. Councillor Helen Fisher – Weight Restriction on Canal Bridge, Basford Bridge Lane, Cheddleton. Confirmation that she has officers looking into this. It was discussed and felt that further request for width/height restrictions be put in place to stop damage happening.
- i. SLCC Your Practitioners’ Conference 14th. & 15th. February 2019. Costing £299 + V.A.T.
- j. SPCA - Local Councillor Training Course – Tuesday 15th. January 2019. Costing £40 for the first delegate and £30 for any others.
- k. SLCC – AGM Staffordshire Branch Meeting 13th. December 2018. The Clerk reported that she would be attending the Meeting followed by Christmas Lunch.
- l. Councillor Helen Fisher – Blocked Drains – A520, Main Road, Wetley Rocks. Responding to information forwarded from resident that officers would look into the matter. The next day a further email was received as the road was flooded again and photographs which the Clerk also sent to Councillor Helen Fisher. She had today received an email from Trevor Mellor, County Highway Liaison Officer stating that a job had been raised 211642 to undertake jetting to the main drain accessed from manhole in the carriageway near to No 46. Remove silt and clear blockages. Then clean and jet the gullies between Mill Lane and Cheadle Road. This has been passed onto contractors so should be completed within a month. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick raised why is it that they clean the roads and pavements during the summer months but when the leaves have come off the trees nothing is done which blocks the grids and causes such issues. It was agreed to ask Highways what their timetable of works of this nature is so the Clerk would write to ask.
- m. ICO – Renewal Confirmation – New Certificate Data Protection Officer expires 28th November 2019.
- n. SMDC – New Electoral Register publication 1st. December 2018. The Clerk has requested a copy of the new register.
- o. WaterPlus – Community Centre Water Credit. Actual Bill reading leaving a credit of £58.17.
- p. Sammons Architectural Ltd – GNC Survey. Email thanking the Council for permission to carry out the survey but that this will not take place until April 2019 and that a copy will be forwarded once complete.
- q. Staffordshire Highways – Report MREP-126108-9594 Street Light No 31 Basford Bridge Lane, Cheddleton. Covered by trees and doesn’t overhang the road enough. Highways have raised a report 18272301 with Eon to be looked at.

2535 CORRESPONDENCE cont'd

- r. CPRE – Give as you live. Create a free account and select CPRE Staffordshire as your chosen charity and then on over 4,000 retailers who participate if you shop using the app and select the store you shop at then they receive between 1% and 10% of the money you spend.
- s. The Wildlife Trust Autumn/Winter Membership Pack. All details given to Councillor Mrs. Meyrick to peruse.
- t. Wildlife What's On – Leek Local Group. On Saturday 8th. December 2018 are holding a Work Party at Rod Wood, Basford Green carrying out heathland maintenance.
- u. CPRE – Support Our Campaign for Deposit Return System. Asking for support to introduce for consumers a deposit on recyclable containers which they get back when returned. There are 42 systems already in operation worldwide with an average return rate of 90%. This would go a long way to protecting our countryside. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick felt that as a Council we should write a letter of support and also forward to Rt. Hon. Karen Bradley M.P. Councillor Scalise also raised the question of what happens to the deposit which is not claimed back how will this be spent so it was agreed to ask this in the letter.
- v. The Camping & Caravanning Club – Confirmation of letter about the planning application at Longsdon confirming that they had not received any request to become a certified site with them but that this doesn't rule out the Caravan and Motorhome Club or any other Club they might have applied to. They will keep the information on file should they apply in the future, Councillor Mrs. Hartley suggested that the Clerk also write to the other club mention and this was agreed.
- w. Steve Massey, SMDC – Trees along Station Road, Cheddleton. Steve confirmed that he had met on site with the leaseholder of the piece of ground next to the start of Footpath 23 which has several dead/dangerous trees which need to be dealt with alongside Station Road. These are overhanging power cables so will need professional felling or he has given him details of a few tree surgeons to complete the works. There may be a need to turn off the power whilst works are carried out. Although these trees are subject to a TPO they are dead and/or dangerous so no formal application is required for the works. He will re-visit the site next year and if works are not completed, he will inform Staffordshire County Highways to take action.
- x. Amey Staffordshire Report 4142731 – Fill Grit Bin Community Centre.
- y. Rights of Way Enquiries – Footpath No. 1R/2575 Cheddleton. Gully/Little Gully needs clearing of leaves.

2536 REMOVAL OF OLD BOILER – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that she had no further update from Pointon's at present.

2537 VILLAGE GATEWAYS/SIGNS

The Clerk reported that Charles Taylor are looking into manufacturing three gates as suggested but would require the Council to arrange installation of them. They also wanted to confirm the colour required and that they would have their name as sponsor of the gates. The Clerk will report back to them that yes, they would have recognition. The Clerk also reported that she had met with Edward Bateman from LM Bateman & Co Ltd and he was also very interested in coming up with some bespoke design for both gateway and possibly planters. The Clerk also reported that F Ball & Co Ltd had responded but she had not yet met with them. Overall it looks very promising that they may come up with something between them and possibly share the cost for recognition of supplying the gateway/planters.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Jenny Hogan with regards to the siting of the sign Welcome to Wetley Rocks which she states is in the wrong place on the road and causes some confusion as the Welcome to Cheddleton sign is some distance away as you come out of Wetley Rocks. Councillor Bowen said it was Staffordshire County Highways who are responsible for the siting of the sign so it would be better for her to report it directly to them to get it moved. She also, suggested that the Council could provide three bespoke Welcome to Wetley Rocks signs at the main entrances to the village and that one of the current signs mentions the twinning town. As this is in the process of being sponsored by local companies the Clerk will inform her of the ongoing project.

2538 BURIAL REGULATIONS – ST EDWARD’S LAWN CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Anne-Marie Challinor on behalf of the Lowe family as they were disappointed with the burial ground regulations, especially with regards to the headstone. She stated that they have been to 3 separate memorial suppliers to find that 95% of the stones in their catalogues do not adhere to the regulations and at a difficult time feel that the regulations are unfair and unnecessary. Councillor Bowen pointed out that a church cemetery under the Diocese has even stricter rules and regulations with regards to the type of stone used as well as what is allowed. Councillor Tunna pointed out that the Committee took much thought about what regulations are set out with care and compassion and have been in place for many years. The only amendment was to clarify specifics. The Clerk will reply to Anne-Marie Challinor on behalf of the Council.

2539 QUOTE FOR TREE SAFETY WORKS AT CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote from Tree Heritage to carry out tree works as per the report/inspection by Steve Massey to include 5 trees of £400 + V.A.T. Councillor Bowen proposed that they proceed to carry out the works. This was seconded by Councillor Bowen.

2540 COMMUNITY FUNDED SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

Councillor Bowen reported that a School Crossing Patrol Working Group has been set up and will be looked at County wide. All school crossings will be rated and they are looking at lots of ideas to provide the service. One being that maybe sponsorship from companies and the possibility of Parish Councils taking on the provision. This may be the start of many services being passed to Parish Councils. It isn't a Statutory requirement that Staffordshire County Council provide this particular service. Another option is if the Schools could fund it which is highly unlikely as the school's budgets are getting smaller each year. He also pointed out that as a rural Parish Council requiring 3 School Crossing Patrols costing £12,000 this would lead to a large increase in the Parish precept to provide this service. He will continue to report back to the Parish Council as talks progress.

2541 CHANGES TO OLDER AND DISABLED BUS PASSES/ YOUR STAFFORDSHIRE YOUTH CARD

The Clerk reported that the changes to the Older and Disabled Bus Pass from April means that you will not be entitled to free travel between the hours after 11pm up to 9.30am. So, any travel outside of these hours is still free. As for the Your Staffordshire Card this is being ended on 31st August 2019. Currently this is for the Under Twenties who pay a £10 charge for the card and get each journey at a subsidised rate of £1.30 within the Staffordshire County Council area. Councillor Bowen felt that it was going to hit the vulnerable again as affecting the young and old residents.

2542 HEDGE – ARMSHEAD ROAD

Councillor Mrs. Meyrick reported that the farmer had cut his side of the hedge but that along the roadside it required cutting as it is very uneven and there is clipping on the road side. It was agreed to ask Jim Gibson to do the works as soon as possible.

2543 MYERS SOLICITORS

The Clerk reported that she required signatures for the Contract for Myers Solicitors to act on behalf of the Council. This was signed by herself and Councillors Bowen and Tunna.

2544 QUOTE FOR GENTS/LADIES TOILETS FLOORING – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that she had met with Mike Palfreyman for him to re-measure the flooring and as the ladies toilets in particular were very damp he had quoted for extra works to prepare the quarry tiled floor prior to laying the vinyl flooring. His new quote was for £2236 + V.A.T. so it was agreed to get further quotes as this had increased from £690 + V.A.T. which seems to be a dramatic increase. The Clerk will get further quotes.

2545 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

0700 Land Adjacent 10 Ox Pasture, Cheddleton. Outline application for residential development.

STRONGLY OBJECT – On the grounds that this is designated Visual Open Space and to build on this open space would remove a welcome green space in the village. With loss of wildlife. The access is not viable as it would create more traffic on an already busy road and make it extremely dangerous for existing properties to gain entry and leave their properties. It would also invade on the gully which is used by many people on foot to access the School and other parts of the village. There is also a further pathway which runs between the gully and Ostlers Lane which the access road would run straight through and spoil the picturesque views of the church and village beyond. The infra-structure of schools and roads are not able to cater for further development.

0642 Land at Westfield, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks. Outline application for erection of one storey domestic dwelling on garden adjacent to Westfield, Mill Lane, accessible via existing track entrance from Mill Lane.

No Objection

0038 Darleyshire Farm, Leek Road, Wetley Rocks. Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development.

OBJECT – Do not recognize a need for an additional dwelling for the operation of the farm.

2545 PLANNING APPLICATIONS cont'd

0707 2, Brindley Crescent, Cheddleton. Proposed single storey side extension.

No Objection

0710 Brookhouse Farm, Brookhouse Lane, Cheddleton. Proposed change of use of two holiday lets into dwelling with disabled adaptations.

No Objection – Exceptional circumstances and need for the conversion.

0730 16, St, Edwards Road, Cheddleton. Proposed side extension to dwelling.

No Objection

0579 Old Far Rowall Farm, Thorneyedge Road, Bagnall. Proposed conversion of Outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation.

MOST STRONGLY OBJECT – Overdevelopment of the site.

2546 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Pedestrian Crossing to slow traffic between the two bus shelters on A520 at the end of Felthouse Lane as a recent accident by Folly Lane.

Road markings on Armshead Road.

Tree at the top of the Oval overhanging the road.

Telephone Box – Mill Lane.

2547 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

After considering the figures produced for the four accounts, namely: - Administration, Amenities, Handyman and Open Space, the committee made their recommendations.

Chairman

8th. January 2018.