

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY, 4th. JUNE 2019.**

ATTENDANCE Ms. C.Y. Ball, M.T. Bowen, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, H. R. Jennings, Miss. O. Lucas, G.W. Salt, Mrs. L.M. Salt, S. Scalise, H.J. Tunna, M.P. Worthington

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from: - No apologies received.

2606 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Jennings, proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hartley, was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2607 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Tunna, proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Scalise was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

2608 MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of the 30th. April 2019, taken as read, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

2609 MATTERS ARISING

Re. Min. 2596(a). Correspondence The Clerk stated that RBS training had been arranged for Wednesday 5th. June starting 9am should any Councillors wish to come along. Councillor Harvey had agreed to and Councillor Mrs. Salt & Salt agreed they would also like to attend.

Re. Min. 2597. Tree stump on Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks Councillor Scalise reported that it was still there and the Clerk confirmed a report has been raised with Highways to remove it.

Re. Min. 2598. Blocked grid at Lady Bank Cottage, Leek Road, Wetley Rocks The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs. Fisher had responded stating that a recent visit by a gully emptier has established that there is damage to the drainage outfall from the gully outside Lady Bank Cottage. Appropriate remedial works are being planned and will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Re. Min. 2602. Notice boards in meeting room updating of past clerks and chairmen

Councillor Worthington asked if there was any progress and the Clerk reported that she had removed the little plaques to get the Chairmen updated and that Sigleys are looking at doing this for her. Also, they had passed on her details to a sign writer who could update the Clerks names.

Re. Min. 2605. Future Agenda Items Councillor Scalise asked about Footpath 38 and had the vegetation been cleared. The Clerk reported that she had asked Councillor Harvey and his volunteers to take a look at it.

2610 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tunna declared an interest in planning application SMD/2019/0283 Yew Tree Farm.

2611 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were three members of the public present and Paul Jones wanted to share that after the Planning Committee at SMDC on Thursday they were here to share their knowledge and pass on any information they have learnt during the process of the Ox Pasture application which could be of help to any future applications in the parish.

2611 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME cont'd..

Councillor Bowen reported that he had raised his concerns with Dai Lerner about the situation that SMDC seem to be in chaos and are likely to look really bad over this application. He had also raised that he felt that Rachael Simpkin should be removed from handling the application as it moves forward. He had requested a meeting with Simon Baker, Dai Lerner and Ben Hurst about the Planning Committee needing to be looked at. Members requiring intensive training as there are a lot of new members on the committee.

Mr. Barr also raised that part of the of the validation of an application is if a site is adjacent to a conservation area that it shouldn't be an outline application, but are officers looking at this or is it just admin staff that receive the application. He stated that Ben Heyward did raise that this isn't full legislation but surely without the detail it is impossible to determine the harm on bordering a conservation area when the number of dwellings/designs etc. isn't available.

Councillor Bowen thanked the core group of residents who are continuing to work to help stop this development. Mrs. Barr also raised that she had contacted with regards to the Local Plan and the fact that the Inspectorate says this will not be included as Visual Open Space she had asked for reasons as to why? Can we challenge his decision as there is a further consultation period now? Councillor Bowen confirmed that it is being discussed at Parish Council Assembly 26th. June and that there is a six-week consultation period. We need the facts as to why we do not meet the criteria for VOS. Councillor Worthington also added that he had emailed Gill Bayliss to state about the impact on the listed building.

2612 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. SLCC Staffordshire Branch Meeting 11th. June 2019. The Clerk reported that she would not be attending this meeting as it is on a Tuesday and would interfere with the scheduled Footpath & Countryside Committee Meeting.
- b. Kompan Outdoor Playground Equipment.
- c. Amey Report 4152389 Closed. Bus Shelter – Main Road, Wetley Rocks - Rhonda Gallimore this bus shelter belongs to SMDC. Mick Stephens Compliance Officer – SMDC. The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from SMDC and that they will get a contractor to have a look at it.
- d. Plantscape Flowering Planters.
- e. Support Staffordshire - Local Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Forums taking place in June/July 2019. The Clerk reported that there is a Networking & Funder Event on Wednesday 26th. June between 4-6pm at SMDC in the Churnet Room.
- f. The Parish Notice Board Company – Price List.
- g. Amey Report 4154570 – Road Markings – Junction of Armshead Road/Rownall Road Inspected 10th. May 2019 – Not High Risk. It was suggested that the Clerk contact them and refer to the danger of there being no road markings are Highways not responsible if there is an accident.
- h. MPK Wetley Rocks Filling Station – Screening of Bins. The Clerk reported that the wooden screen has been put up and showed members a photograph. It was agreed that the Clerk thank them for screening the bins off.

2612 CORRESPONDENCE Cont'd...

- i. Together we are Better – Public Consultation across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. The Clerk reported that there is a 12-week public consultation with various listening events and booking is essential as places are limited for Health and Care in Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent so should any member be interested; she could forward the details on but would also display the poster in all notice boards around the Parish.
- j. Churnet Valley Railway – Letter of thanks for Parish Council Support. Councillor Jennings suggested we write back and ask when the next meeting will be taking place to send a representative to it.
- k. CPRE – ‘The Time is Now’ public event 26th. June 2019 at Westminster.
- l. Mallatite Sustainable Lighting and Traffic Solutions.
- m. Public Sector Network Newsletter – May 2019.
- n. CAS Ltd – Specialists in Parish Council Insurance. The Clerk would keep details on file.
- o. Fields in Trust – Green Space index and nominations for Uk’s Best Park 2019.
- p. Earth Anchors – Timber Tri-Tables Prices.
- q. Playforce – Playing equipment.
- r. Playdale – New Range of play equipment.
- s. Wildlife Trust – What’s on monthly newsletter. Saturday 8th. June working party at Rod Wood, Basford Green 10am-1pm & Sunday 9th. June Open Day at Swineholes Nature Reserve, Ipstones Edge 11am- 3.30pm.

2613 GRIDLOCK OF HGV’S STATION ROAD, CHEDDLETON

The Clerk reported that she had been forwarded an email from Jackie from a resident with a photograph of Station Road at a standstill because of vehicles unable to pass. Councillor Ms. Ball reported that it is mainly two residents’ cars parked which causes the congestion. Councillor Tunna suggested that we write back and ask him what he suggests can be done other than double yellow lines to stop parking. The industrial site has been there for some considerable time and creates jobs and has been a part of the village. Maybe he could report any vehicle causing an obstruction to the Police to avoid this from happening.

2614 ST EDWARDS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION DONATION FOR ASYLUM BURIAL GROUND PLANTS/FLOWERS/BULBS AND WHAT TO BUY?

The Clerk reported that a donation of £50 had been made and it needed to be decided what to spend it on and they would buy and plant them. Councillor Jennings suggested this be discussed at Burial Grounds Committee.

2615 REFURBISHMENT OF NOTICE BOARD MAP OF VILLAGE- BOTTOM OF HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON

Councillor Jennings had supplied a photo of the board which requires new perspex and a paint. Councillor Scalise said he would order it along with the other board and get it replaced.

2616 PARKING ISSUES – WHO DEALS WITH WHICH ISSUES

The Clerk reported that she had contacted David Smith at SMDC asking advice about parking especially as it is becoming an issue in several places. She was directed to Vicki Ellis who stated that they have no powers but suggested that the Council contact Highways/Police over the said issues. The Clerk had supplied all Councillors with details of all different parking issues which is on Staffordshire County Councils Website so that they can advise residents on each type of issue and who they should contact. Councillor Tunna reported that Moorside School has stopped parents entering the school grounds to drop off children and that this was causing even more parking issues on Southlowe Road. PSCO's had turned up one school drop off/pick up and couldn't control the parking issue. The same issue is happening around all schools so the Clerk suggested that she contact the Community Liaison Team and see what they suggest.

2617 TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW COUNCILLORS

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by SPCA with several dates of New Councillor Courses in June & July but would cost £40 for first delegate then £30 for any additional ones. She had also been contacted by Karen clerk to Barlaston PC who has a Planning Training Course organized for £25 per head. SMDC are running Code of Conduct Training on 24th June 2019 at 5.30pm which is free to Councillors. Councillor Bowen suggested that he is quite happy to run through several items with new Councillors along with the Clerk either before or after the next Full Council Meeting as he had done previously and that he would push for Planning Training through SMDC which would also be free. It was agreed that they needed some guidance.

2618 RT. HON KAREN BRADLEY MP – LONELINESS AND ISOLATION AWARENESS CONFERENCE – FRIDAY 14TH. JUNE 2019

The Clerk reported that the Conference was free should any members wish to attend to let her know and she would forward the details as you need to register your place to attend.

2619 UPDATE ON STARTING POINT OF FOOTPATH 23 – STATION ROAD, CHEDDLETON

The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from SCC and that currently they could find no evidence or legal documentation which preserved the public rights of way along the now private road. The Clerk had asked David Rice if he could help and he had supplied plenty of evidence which the Clerk with the Council's approval would supply to SCC to hopefully get the starting point moved to Station Road.

2620 STATE OF THE OLD DOCK HOUSE – CHEDDLETON

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Hine had asked if the Council would please discuss this as the building was refurbished in 1985 and was being left to become a mess again. It was decided that the Clerk write to British Waterways and point out they should be looking after it as it is an important heritage building to the village and also about the other building that goes over the canal on the opposite side of the Main Road by the Flint Mill. The Clerk will establish if these are Listed and stress the importance of keeping them in good repair.

2621 TELEPHONE BOOK EXCHANGE – KIOSK MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS

Councillor Mrs. Hartley explained that the wording for the sign needed to be agreed with the School but that Easyfix Emblems would supply it for free. The Clerk had emailed the school but without any response as yet. She had also looked at shelving but that the floor needs to be restored as it is cracked. Councillor Scalise suggested self levelling compound and that he would take a look at doing this. They will report back on the progress

2622 USE OF THE CRECHE – COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHEDDLETON

The Clerk reported that Little Stars had not confirmed in writing yet what they wanted going forward but that they had spoken to Christina stating that they require the creche during the 6-week holidays for holiday club. The Clerk reported that they have not paid up to date what they owe for the use of the creche and therefore it was agreed that they be notified that they would no longer be able to hire the creche and that they need to pay in full what they owe. The Clerk also reported that she had contacted the nursery that was interested in using the creche but that they were no longer interested. It was suggested that the Clerk and the Chairman would come up with an advertisement to place in the Leek Post/Sentinel and possibly a nursery type publication.

2623 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman raised that as none of the three district Councillors are on the Planning Committee at SMDC and County Councillor Worthington the Parish Council has the experience but that all members need to be planning trained. Councillor Bowen agreed that again he would approach SMDC to gain some training for members. Councillor Scalise also raised that his time on the Planning Committee had made him aware that a site visit is a must to establish all the facts of an application and so suggested that members should be better prepared for discussing the applications by having read all plans and visited the site prior to the meeting. The Clerk stated that she was now sharing the link to SMDC planning portal for each application with members to allow them to look at it before the meeting.

0249 – Land Adjacent 185 Cheadle Road, Cheddleton. Erection of new three bedroom dwelling.

No Objection

0258 – 401, Cheadle Road. Cheddleton. Erection of single dwelling.

No Objection

0233 – Land Adjacent Big Southlowe Farm, Leek Road, Cellarhead – Outline application for the erection of three dwellings with means of access and all other matters reserved.

No Objection - fits in with infill criteria

0184 – Crickets Farm, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks – Retention of extension to house and changes to external appearance of house.

OBJECT – Over development and inappropriate with the greenbelt

0306 – 12, Wetley Rocks, Cellarhead – Alterations to garage and extension to provide utility room and first floor ensuite bedroom.

No Objection

0283 – Yew Tree, Cheddleton Heath Road, Leek – Proposed agricultural building for the store of silage and hay.

No Objection

2623 PLANNING APPLICATIONS Cont'd.

0302 – Land at Cheddleton Park Avenue, Cheddleton – Outline application with means of access for residential development. Re-submission of SMD/2018/0174.

MOST STRONGLY OBJECT – the same reasons t would not be sympathetic to its surroundings so it contrary to DC1 & DC3 of SMDC Core Strategy DPD and the NPPF. The Policy NE1 with the survey now completed on the pond show that there are great crested newts in close proximity. The instability of the land which is a major issue. Without details of the number of houses design etc. how can the impact on the conservation areas be fully proven. This application was refused previously and if anything, it is stronger case of refusal based on evidence provided.

2624 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

White lines between the Chapel and the speed camera in Wetley Rocks.

Emily's Beauty Banner on the wall of The Craft Centre.

Chairman
2nd. July 2019.