

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM,
HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 14th. MAY 2024.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - M.P. Worthington
Vice-Chairman - Mrs. L. Shaw
Councillors - M. Ahmad, Mrs. A. Grocott,
Members - Mr. R. Beresford, & Mr. P. Green.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.
Councillor - K. Harvey.

76. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillors M.F. Cunningham, Miss. S.J. Rogers, and Miss. V.L. Salt, Member Mrs. G. Higginson and it was resolved to accept these.
77. **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12th. MARCH 2024** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
78. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No items were raised.
79. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No items.
80. **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - Mr. Green reported that Churnet Valley Railway (CVR) have stalled due to one of the footpaths on RSPB was closed but it suffered another landslide so unable to advertise as it forms part of the leaflet. It was agreed to keep it as an agenda item.
81. **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - Councillor Harvey updated that Historic England have confirmed the offer of funding should be with us in the next two weeks. The proposal for works around the buttercross has not been recommended as a suitable historic setting. The management of the monument needs to be set out for the next 5 years as part of the agreement. We will look at revising it to meet with what they advise. We will then have an offer of funding and specification of works required to renovate the actual buttercross to be able to invite quotes from specialists and co-ordinate the works around it once agreed by Historic England.
82. **UPDATE/SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH - VOLUNTEERS** - The updated spreadsheet has been circulated with some issues because of the weather. Works have been taking place at Basford as it is on higher ground. Councillor Harvey states that some fingerposts have been removed but we are working on installing them. The clerk reported that surveying has been delayed because of the weather. There are several issues which remain outstanding but reported to SCC.
83. **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/JAPANESE KNOTWEED** - The Clerk reported that the Himalayan Balsam Pull is taking place tomorrow from 10am and C&RT have confirmed they will be attending.

- 84. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS/ APPEALS/ DISCREPENCIES** - The Clerk reported that the next CROW Panel for SCC was scheduled for 17th May and this has been cancelled only 5 applications have been dealt with this year. Councillor Worthington stated he could not understand why they are only dealing with one a meeting when there are so many outstanding. The Clerk reported that our appeal LG659G addition of footpath between FP28 Longsdon and St Edwards Hospital which was applied for 34 years ago the officers are now recommending its addition after we submitted further evidence in September 2022 which has taken them until now to amend their recommendation of refusal. They were directed by the secretary of state that this application should have been dealt with by 6th September 2020, so they have been in breach for almost 4 years. There is a consultation period which expires on the 25th. May 2024 and then this can be discussed at the CROW Panel so hopefully will be on the Agenda in June. Councillor Worthington said he is happy to represent the Council at the meeting if members wish him to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed that this was a good idea and once it is on the agenda the Clerk will notify him. The Clerk reported on another modification from Cheadle Road to FP39 woodlands Hall that has been to appeal and SCC has failed to submit evidence so David Rice will keep us informed.
- 85. ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS/REPORTS WITH ROW** - The Clerk reported that we raised as missing fingerposts have been closed and not all have been installed. Mr. Green reported that Footpath 1R1988 behind Grange Farm and beyond Grange Pond has been closed and there is no fingerpost. Footpath 52 the metal post is there but no sign. Footpath 82 has had one installed, but it is in the middle of nowhere. The Gully end at Ox Pasture. Footpath 80 on Brittain Road has not been installed. The Clerk will report them all to the volunteers to look at. The only report remaining unresolved with SCC is Footpath 52.
The Clerk reported that the start of Footpath 24 where the pigs and sheep live the farmer has passed away recently. Mr. Green stated they have been removed off the land and the Clerk will again approach the owner to ask them to tidy it up now that the tenant has gone.
- 86. WAYMARKING** - All Waymarkers are constantly being checked and put up to help with directing walkers.
- 87. DEEP HAYES/COUNTRYSIDE/CANALS** - Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated that the canal has a couple of sections which have fallen into the canal but have been barriered off. The Clerk reported that Councillor Pointon had asked about the lane from Basford Bridge Lane to Willow Cottage if it belongs to C&RT. A few reports have been raised and C&RT do act very quickly normally.
- 88. UPDATE PROJECTS/WORK PARTY/DEED OF DEDICATION - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that she has received details from Fields in Trust which now needs to be checked over by the solicitor. We have agreed to pay the fees of £1500 once completed. Councillor Ahmad will also ask his solicitor for a quote to look over the transfer. This will enable us to then obtain funding for works required. The Clerk reported that Werrington Wanderers have requested using the football pitch as a training pitch. The clerk has stated they are more than welcome to use it if they take responsibility for the children and running the session on a Friday Evening. We have also been approached by a new team being formed by The Red Cow and both have been informed of the plans to work with Staffordshire Football Association and funding could be applied for with the backing of a team. Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated that the grass cutting certainly needs to be improved. Mr. Beresford stated that the football pitch is particularly good. The dog walkers are using the memorial garden. The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for

the signs from SMDC so Councillor Worthington will chase them up. Mr. Beresford has found another seat has been damaged, so he is looking into repairing it.

89. **GENERAL CONDITION OF PLAYING FIELD** - Wet but in good condition.
90. **CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** – Councillor Mrs. Shaw reported that someone was using the basketball hoop. She will check on any holes remaining on the top field. Trees have been trimmed by Steve.
91. **GRANGE POND** - Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated that there was a family of ducks. Mr. Green stated that where the stile is needs cutting back.
92. **BRIDGE EYE** - The Clerk reported that we have not been getting any answers to any outstanding reports, but Paula has stated that it is with the drainage officer. Councillor Worthington stated the road needs to be closed to deal with the collapsed drains and it is difficult because of the businesses. Councillor Worthington, chair of Cautionary Lands Charity, has stated that he will try to get it sorted because it affects the well.
93. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No agenda items raised.

Chairman