

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
WETLEY ROCKS VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS ON
TUESDAY, 23rd. APRIL 2024.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - M. Ahmad.

Councillor - D.S. Bagnall, Mrs. V.B. Cornes, M.F. Cunningham, Mrs. A. Grocott, Miss. G. Grocott, K. Grocott, K. Harvey Mrs. C. A. Lovatt, O.C. Pointon, Miss. S.J. Rogers, Mrs. L. Shaw, T.G. Williamson, and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.

338. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor M.J. Leeder, C.A. Ramos and, Miss. V.L. Salt and it was resolved to accept these.
339. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
340. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written applications for dispensations received.
341. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The Clerk had been made aware that Mr. George Tatton will celebrate his 90th. Birthday in May so the Chairman agreed to send a gift. A letter of thanks has been sent to Ethan who has helped litter picking. The Election Notice for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on 2nd. May 2024 details of candidates. Police have a take part in our Community Chat on 2/5/2024 between 7 & 8pm online. A meeting on Plough Bank with Barney Williams from Advanced Proteins on Thursday 25/4/2024 at 2pm to look at parking restrictions and how they may help fund it if anyone wishes to attend.
342. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were present.
343. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 26th. MARCH 2024** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
344. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:** - No matters were raised.
345. **LEEK RADIO - ROOM HIRE** - The Clerk read out information about Leek Radio and their request for a new building to house the station. Russell Rushton spoke on the end of the lease and looking for alternative premises in case they are unable to negotiate a new lease. The Clerk explained that the Community Centre would struggle to meet the Radio's needs but if there are any other alternative suggestions. The Clerk suggested a room at the church. The Chairman suggested that we had looked at building on at the Community Centre which may be an option, but we had agreed to consult the residents as to what they want. Internet is required. Councillor Pointon asked for a budget they have to spend on premises, and we could certainly ask around. Councillor Ahmad suggested meeting at the Community Centre to see if there is a space. Councillor Harvey suggested Ashcombe Centre and Councillor Ahmad suggested the Methodist Church.
346. **GROUND MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN/BUILDING WORKS** - The Clerk the bus shelter by the Avenue has been cleaned by the handyman as requested by Councillor Worthington. The Asylum Burial Ground update that Mrs. James has emailed asking if the Memorial Stone could be moved as previously requested and that she would

organise this at no cost to the Council. As a good will gesture they have contributed £100 to the cost of the maintenance to the roundabout. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt suggested that it be made more prominent if they agree and let them move it. This was proposed by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Pointon. Agreed to let the Clerk speak to them. There had been some fires on Cheddleton Playing Fields in the woods during the Easter Holidays reported by Councillor Mrs. Shaw so new Chief Inspector Mark Barlow was contacted asking who we should be contacting since PCSO Paula Lowndes is no longer our PCSO as she attended Council Meetings and kept us updated. He responded noting that our Sargeant is John Edwards and PCSO's Ashley Goodwin, Jonathan Staples, and James Naylor. The Clerk reported that she did receive an email from Ashley and apologies for not responding to emails received and asking when the meetings are. Councillor Mrs. Shaw reported that on Tuesday the Playing Fields were cut after an extremely wet day and there are only 4 trees left of those that were planted. The Clerk reported that Dick & Denise Hartley had sent a thank you for keeping the Telephone Book Exchange tidy. The moles have been dealt with on the Cheddleton Playing Field.

- 347. UPDATE FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT - COMMUNITY/CRAFT CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that all works completed apart from meeting with hirers.
- 348. WATERPLUS - CRAFT CENTRE BURST ALLOWANCE CLAIM/CHANGE IN SUPPLIER** - The Clerk reported that we have received the burst allowance of £4,011.44 and £100 compensation. The final bill is £945.66 for the water since the burst. Everflow are now starting to bill for all water accounts.
- 349. UPDATE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS/PARKING PERMITS - COMMUNITY CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that handyman Steve has fitted the kitchen work tops and plinths which cost £208 in labour. The Chairman requested a letter of thanks for his hard work. The Clerk reported that the door and windows for the boiler house at the community centre have been paid for, but Handyman is on holiday for two weeks in May. Car parking on Community Centre had a further couple of requests for permits since the decision was made to allow those on the waiting list to have permits and discuss again in 6 months. They have been informed of the situation, but this will be an ongoing request for additional permits now. Councillor Ahmad suggested that a company be approached to manage it. Councillor Miss. Rogers stated that there is no issue with Wetley Rocks being left open for free parking. So, could we try opening up Cheddleton for everyone. After some discussion it was left that the new requests will go on a waiting list until the 6 months have elapsed. Councillor Ahmad wants it fair for the community.
- 350. UPDATE ON BASFORD BRIDGE LANE BRIDGES** - The Clerk received a report with photos of an 18t truck going over the canal bridge which has a weight restriction of 7.5t. This was reported to the Police and Chief Inspector Mark Barlow. Also, Canal & Rivers Trust to check it. The company were also contacted, and the driver was suspended by them. Councillor Miss. Rogers asked why we are not removing the temporary barriers. The Clerk stated it is Staffordshire Highways are responsible for these and they have been asked to remove them. Councillor Williamson suggested we not tell them we will remove them by the end of May if they do not do so.
- 351. UPDATE PROJECTS/DEED OF DEDICATION - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD - MEMBERS WORKING GROUP** - The Clerk reported that fields in trust have emailed that they will try and speed up the deed of dedication. No response from Councillor Matt Swindlehurst.

352. **UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATORS** - Councillor Miss. Rogers checks them weekly but has not officially been allocated the defib at Pointon's Park to her yet.
353. **UPDATE PROPOSAL FOR SOLAR PANELS AT COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported that everything has been submitted but awaiting the cost for the new planning application from SMDC. Councillor Worthington will try to speak to Ben Hayward.
354. **CROW MEETING/APEALS/FOOTPATH UPDATES AND ISSUES** - The Clerk reported that the County Council Rights of Way Panel met in April to discuss 1 application and have only determined 5 from January to April. The Clerk had contacted SCC with regards to the contact from a resident about Footpath 38 and was told that someone would take a look at it. Bagnall Parish Council have approached us with regards to a re-direction of one of their footpaths which we await details. The Himalayan Balsam Bash is set to take place 15/5/2024 and has been advertised on Facebook.
355. **UPDATE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk stated we are now waiting for Historic England have not updated us on any progress. The new drawings were circulated with members to see the plans. Councillor Harvey stated that he has contacted our MP Karen to update her on the lack of progress from Historic England. The Clerk has emailed Rachel for an update and had no response.
356. **UPDATE MEMORIAL SAFETY CHECKS - CHEDDLETON LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk reported that AES are scheduled to do this on 20/5/2024 and signs are being made to put on any headstones that are deemed dangerous.
357. **REPORTS OF ITEMS REMOVED ST. EDWARDS LAWN CEMETERY** - The Clerk has had a couple of reports from residents with regards to a Christmas Wreath and another ornament which has been removed by someone.
358. **HIS MAJESTY THE KING OFFICIAL PORTRAIT/CHAIRMAN'S CHAIN OF OFFICE** - The Clerk received the portrait of the King. Also, the chairman's chain needs repairing. The cost for repairs and pins replaced will cost £225 to send off to Vaughton's proposed by Councillor Mrs. Shaw, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, and agreed to get the works done.
359. **UPDATE REMOVAL OF BUS STOP MAIN ROAD, WETLEY ROCKS BOTTOM OF PLOUGH BANK** - The Clerk reported that a resident has contacted again, and emails have been sent to Councillor Mark Deaville and D & G Buses by the Clerk.
360. **AMEY REPORT 4382102 VERGE WALL LANE TERRACE - TREE** - The Clerk has received an email from a resident about the remains of a tree that was cut by Tree surgeon on behalf of SCC Highways. A report has been sent into SCC to ask for its removal. Councillor Pointon stated he would get it removed.
361. **RIALTAS ALPHA PACKAGE - ACCOUNTS SOFTWARE ANNUAL SUPPORT/MAINTENANCE - £192** - The Clerk reported that the software package is due for payment. Proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lovatt, all agreed to make payment.

- 362. UPDATE CHEDDLETON STRADDLE WAREHOUSE, CHEADLE ROAD, CHEDDLETON - C&RT** – The Clerk reported that she has contacted C&R Trust, and they have no plans to do anything. Also, enforcement at SMDC have been contacted but there is nothing they can do but we could report it to The Council Building Regulation department as a dangerous building which the Clerk will do.
- 363. CPRE PLANNING TRAINING - TUESDAY 24/9/2024, 6-8pm VIA ZOOM - COST £5 PER PERSON** - The Clerk has booked 4 spaces for members to attend. I have had two members expressed an interest. We had the Appraisal training which we paid for, and two members missed therefore we can switch to another course so there is Employment Basics 20/5/2024. So, the Clerk and Councillor Mrs. Grocott will do that.
- 364. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES** -
- a. **Planning & Amenities Committee**
 - b. **Reports of Outside Bodies** - Cautionary Lands Charity Meeting 11/4/2024 - Councillor Worthington stated that he will arrange a meeting with County Councillor Mark Deaville to look at it.
- 365. ACCOUNTS** - See attached reports of accounts authorised for payment. All members received Bank Reconciliation, payments, receipts, ear-marked reserves, and budgets as spent to date. VAT submission has been completed and payment received to 31/3/2024.

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- 366. CORRESPONDENCE** -
- a. Amey Report 4380761 - Roundabout Cheadle Road, Cheddleton - Manhole cover reported 11/3/24.
 - b. Amey Report 4383462 - Hollow Lane - Oil spillage reported 11/4/24, completed 16/4/24.
 - c. Caldon Canal - Bridge damage - Reported to C&RT 4/4/24 and repaired.
 - d. Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) 2023/24. The Clerk has completed the return and internal audit have now sent in their report which will be on the agenda for next month.
 - e. Advanced Proteins Liaison Group Meeting 10/5/24, 4pm @ Cheddleton Community Centre. Councillor Miss. Rogers will attend the meeting.
- 367. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were present. The Chairman presented the Clerk with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you.

Chairman
28th. May 2024.