

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/ CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER 2022.

ATTENDANCE Vice-Chair - Councillor M.P. Worthington (CPF) - Chaired the meeting.
Councillors - M.T. Bowen, H.R. Jennings & Mrs. L. Shaw.
Members - Mr. R. Beresford & Mrs. G. Higginson.

19. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor I. Dakin & Member - Mr. P. Green, but not reported at the meeting due to the absence of the Clerk.
20. **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE / CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24th MAY 2022** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record.
21. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**
Re. Min. 3. Matters arising therefrom - Councillor Worthington reported that the dog warden is coming out and will be bringing signs out to put up about dog fouling and fines but will ask where we want them putting and he confirmed he would need to concentrate mainly on the Playing Fields.
22. **CORRESPONDENCE:** -
23. **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - No update.
24. **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - Historic England and Moorlands Partnership contacted no update.
25. **UPDATE/SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH - VOLUNTEERS** - Councillor Worthington thanked the volunteers. Mrs. Higginson reported that the maps have been split between her and Jan and will swop over once completed but try to complete the survey at least once a year.
26. **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/JAPANESE KNOTWEED** - Councillor Jennings reported that Councillor Dakin is not here to update this. Councillor Bowen reported that having walked to Consall the Himalayan Knotweed is spreading along the canal side and is a big issue. Japanese Knotweed no update other than anyone who discovers any can claim from Rail Track as they introduced it.
27. **UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS/APPEALS** - Councillor Jennings reported that the modification LA647G - Crown Point being the oldest application has not been done yet. Other modifications FP11-1 & 7,8 & 1 made by Felicity Edmeston in 2020 upgrade to Bridleway has not been to ROW Panel yet. Councillor Worthington reported that the Panel is only dealing with minimal modifications each time they meet. Councillor Jennings reported that Modification went to appeal for Ashcombe Park but as yet there has been no order made. Modification - Adding on to ROW Map - Footpath 13 and upgraded to restricted byway made in January 2022 - No update. FP23 - Opposite the Churnet Valley Station we need to submit a modification Form as soon as possible. The ROW Panel has determined 10 applications in 8 months but then not been granted orders made and added to the backlog. It will take 18 years to clear the backlog.

28. **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS/REPORTS WITH ROW** - Councillor Jennings reported that FP19 has been logged with ROW as it has been built over. FP27 - Fernyhill obstruction logged. FP42 - Reported Electric Fence & Bull Sign has been inspected by Dominic and has been removed so closed. Mrs. Higginson reported FP18 has an issue but the other volunteers are going to look at it as it may have been re-directed around Brookhouse Farm so they will report back.
29. **WAYMARKING** - Mrs. Higginson reported up to date.
30. **DEEP HAYES/COUNTRYSIDE/CANALS** - Councillor Worthington reported that Deep Hayes continues to be an issue as SCC have tried to get it taken over by RSPB or Staffs Wildlife, but this continues to be a problem. Mrs. Higginson reported that Adrian continues to do what he can to do as the ranger. On the Canal, Councillor Bowen reported that the vegetation is overgrown and encroaching on the towpaths and needs to be reported to C&RT and the amount of Himalayan Balsam is getting out of hand all agreed for the Clerk to notify them. Councillor Bowen mentioned that he would like to know the regulations on moorings and are people allowed to live on the canal as they seem to be doing. Councillor Jennings stated that the towpath is public, and the C&RT can allocate moorings but on the other side it belongs to the landowner's and their responsibility and if they give permission to boats as long as they are insured it is up to them.
31. **UPDATE CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD CHAIRMAN'S IDEAS/ OWNERSHIP - FIELDS IN TRUST** - Councillor Jennings reported that Fields in Trust want the Parish Council to take on the Playing Fields. This has come because of the disabled access enquiry which the Clerk has contacted them to ask for guidance as owners. The responsibility is with them and if we take on the ownership, we still leave wide open for additional responsibilities, and we do not have the funding to make those kinds of alterations to make it accessible. Councillor Bowen stated that the original risk assessment stated that there is other access via other entrances. Councillor Bowen proposed that we do not take on the ownership, seconded by Mrs. Shaw all agreed as Fields in Trust must keep it as a playing field.
32. **UPDATE DISABLED ACCESS ENQUIRY** - No update given.
33. **GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - Mr. Beresford reported that the tennis court is a mess and that there is glass that has been there for weeks. Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated that it took a while to get the steps cleared of weeds. Councillor Bowen stated that Steve should be doing this and maybe we need to employ someone in addition to him. Councillor Worthington stated we need to ask Steve if he has not got the time to deal with things now that he has taken on additional Councils. Councillor Mrs. Shaw asked about the Tennis Court improvements and Councillor Worthington mentioned mark Deaville is looking to fund this. After the fire of the bins Councillor Shaw patrolled a bit to keep an eye on things. Mr. Beresford stated he is disappointed that the areas are being neglected and he has people asking him what is happening. He has been doing some maintenance and cleared the Tennis Courts but that the safety surface is getting worse so Councillor Mrs. Shaw will take some photo's and report it to Louise. Councillor Worthington stated he has taken on more hours and maybe needs an assistant.
34. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** - Nothing else to report.
35. **GRANGE POND** - Councillor Bowen reported that it still has great crested newts.

36. **BRIDGE EYE** - Councillor Jennings reported that Cautionary Lands meeting stated that they are trying to sort out the drainage and the wall by the bus shelter, but they have been let down several times. Next meeting is in a couple of weeks.
37. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No items raised.

22nd. November 2022
Chairman