

## Cheddleton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup>. MAY 2023.

**ATTENDANCE** Councillors - M. Ahmad, M.F. Cunningham, Mrs. A. Grocott, Miss. V.L. Salt, Mrs. L. Shaw, C. Ramos, and M.P. Worthington.  
Members - Mr. R. Beresford, Mr. P. Green & Mrs. G. Higginson

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.  
3 residents and Councillor O.C. Pointon.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. J.C. Parkes, it was resolved to accept these.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** - Councillor Worthington, proposed by Councillor Mrs. Grocott and seconded by Councillor Miss. Salt, therefore Councillor Worthington was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing two years.
3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN** - Councillor Mrs. Shaw, proposed by Councillor Worthington and seconded by Councillor Ahmad, therefore Councillor Mrs. Shaw was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing two years.
4. **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING OF 14<sup>th</sup>. MARCH 2023** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - The Clerk reported that Ian Dakin had requested to join as a resident since no longer being a Councillor.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - Correspondence forms part of the agenda.
7. **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - The Clerk reported that the small sub-committee met with regards to the 7 walk leaflets before applying to get funding with Churnet Valley Railway to produce them and stands to house them on the station. We approached other Parish Councils, being Ipstones, Consall and Kingsley. Mr. Green reported that all the leaflets are completed but the photos are not of reproducible quality and the Council Logo and if we can resolve the technical issues and get the sub-committee to meet again before the next Committee Meeting which is September. The Clerk reported that she has approached the RSPB for Consall and then we can maybe include them. Mr. Green suggested the pubs could have a stand to house them. If the sub-committee meets in July to get the figures together for the funding. It was agreed and the chairman thanked Mr. Green for his efforts.
8. **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - The Clerk had nothing to report from Historic England but that the next funding dates from Moorlands Partnership Board, so applications needed by 26<sup>th</sup>. June. Nothing to report.
9. **UPDATE/SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH - VOLUNTEERS** - The updated spreadsheet has not been made available, but the volunteers survey all footpaths annually and the other volunteers help with the repairs.

10. **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/JAPANESE KNOTWEED** - The Clerk reported that a Balsam pull took place last year and there are plans to do another one this year. Canal & River Trust contact Beth Dawid has been in touch as they do have volunteer days. Details have been forwarded to Ian Dakin but that it is working as there is less year on year. Councillor Cunningham reported that as part of an angling club he takes part in work parties at Oakamoor, and the latest program is looking into the use of rust to reduce it which he will get further information and forward it to the Clerk.
  
11. **UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS/APPEALS** - The Clerk reported that the cut off for modification applications has been extended from January 2026 to January 2031. Mr. D. Rice has advised that he has contacted Cllr Mark Winnington who is the chairman of the Rights of Way Panel at SCC because the local ombudsman has declared that they should be updating applicants with what is outstanding and the plan of action every six months. The Clerk explained for new members that there are modifications outstanding going back to 1990 and even those that have been determined by the ROW Panel are not being formally added to the Definitive Map and the Panel meets and discusses a couple of applications or keep cancelling meetings. Councillor Worthington asked why this the case, and the Clerk is stated they just say they have not got the staff. The Clerk gets a lot of information via Hannah Titchener, but nothing is getting resolved. Councillor Worthington will send an email to get an update on why there are such delays.
  
12. **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS/REPORTS WITH ROW** – The Clerk reported that the FP 42 & FP17 have signs about Bull in the field which Councillor Ahmad will speak to the owner of the field to cover the sign when the Bull is not in the field as it put people off using the Footpaths.  
 FP51a works taken place to fix a gate.  
 Bagnall 20 we have been contacted by Bagnall Parish Council about this being obstructed as it comes into Cheddleton. They asked ROW about a re-direction, but the owner of the land must make the application and it costs them to have the redirection put in place, but it is not in our parish.  
 FP IR2575 No Fingerpost by Fold Terrace which needs to be reported to SCC.  
 FP 38 Fencing next to the kissing gate is down by the Red Lion in Cheddleton.  
 FP 24 & FP 33 the squeezer stile animals can get through so an alternative stile to allow walkers & the gate is blocked so volunteers to investigate.  
 FP18 walker got bitten by a dog and the Police were involved.  
 Councillor Worthington thanked Mrs. Higginson for all her surveying and the other volunteers.
  
13. **WAYMARKING** - The Clerk will report the Fingerpost that is missing, and all other paths are checked, and missing markers replaced. FP32 reported by Mr. Green needs some markers so Mrs. Higginson will check it.
  
14. **DEEP HAYES/COUNTRYSIDE/CANALS** - Mrs. Higginson reported that the ranger and volunteers have been concentrating on the footpaths around the pool. The terrain proves difficult, so everything must be carried. The Green & Red Paths are very muddy. Councillor Worthington reported that SCC would like someone to take it over like RSPB.
  
15. **UPDATE PROJECTS - RESIDENTS SURVEY** - The Clerk has not yet done the survey and the District Council has changed due to the election so funding will need to be sought via the new Council. The Clerk still has not got any information from Fields in Trust with regards to transferring ownership from them to the Parish Council. Councillor Worthington

stated it would be easier to obtain funding if we owned it. He asked if the Clerk could send details for the contact at Fields in Trust and he will chase them up.

Councillor Mrs. Shaw raised the zipwire being broken but that it is just general wear and tear not vandalism so can the repairs be looked at or maybe another piece of equipment. The Clerk reported that she had received quotes for some gym equipment via Ian Dakin which would be better discussed at the full Council Meeting. He would also like to have a volunteer day painting the old equipment if members would supply the paint and brushes and again put it forward for a date in June.

16. **GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - There were no issues with the field.
17. **ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** - The Clerk reported that the safety surface is not a high risk on the inspection report, but the handyman has come up with some pegs to pin it down. The zipwire has been removed because it was reported not working. Mr. Beresford suggested that the resident who made the swing brackets would happily look at it to see if he can manufacture the internal fittings so handyman will liaise with him. The 'no mow' areas which we attempted to do last year so it was agreed to meet with Mr. Gibson and show him what not to mow. Mr. Beresford has completed works on the tiled seat in the memorial garden and made some replacement tiles. Rather than pay him he has requested the cost of his time to be paid to Cancer Research, which was proposed by Councillor Miss Salt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Shaw. All agreed.
18. **GRANGE POND** - Mr. Beresford stated it is quite overgrown. Councillor Mrs. Shaw reported that there is a stile, that is rotted, which needs replacing, which Mr. Green stated had done ok as it was installed 30 years ago. The Clerk asked for photos, and she will ask the Handyman to replace it.
19. **BRIDGE EYE** - The Clerk reported that Cautionary Lands are still looking into repairs to the blocked drains. Mr. Beresford reported that Tom Neal can do the work but will need excavating so Councillor Worthington will speak to the chair of Cautionary Lands Charity to try to get this resolved.
20. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - Dog Warden - Councillor Worthington will investigate this at SMDC.

12<sup>th</sup>. September 2023.  
Chairman