

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 10th. SEPTEMBER 2024.

ATTENDANCE Chaired by - M. Ahmad.

Vice-Chairman - Mrs. L. Shaw.

Councillors - M.F. Cunningham, K. Harvey, Miss. S.J. Rogers,

Members - Mr. R. Beresford, & Mr. P. Green.

Clerk - Mrs. L.J. Green.

Jamie Richards - AEDdonate.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillors M.P. Worthington (Chairman), Mrs. A. Grocott, and Miss. V.L. Salt, Member Mrs. G. Higginson and it was resolved to accept these.
2. **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING OF 14th. MAY 2024** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman. The Clerk introduced Jamie Richards from AEDdonate, so item brought forward for discussion.
13. **CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** - Jamie explained that they have in the past held a music festival in Stone last year and are looking for somewhere to host an event next year other than Stone and as they now have links with Staffordshire Moorlands that maybe Cheddleton Playing Field would be suitable, although he had not actually been there. After some discussion about this type of event with the amount of people expected that Cheddleton would struggle to accommodate the parking. Main suggestion was that Brough Park would be a better space for this type of event as they have held such events or maybe Ashcombe Park if it is on a smaller scale. Jamie thanked members for their suggestions and left the meeting.
3. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No items were raised.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No items.
5. **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - Mr. Green reported that Churnet Valley Railway (CVR) has other projects on the go which have taken priority. It will happen and all the leaflets have been researched so when there is an opportunity to move forward with it the funding will be applied for. Continue to have it as an agenda item.
6. **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - Councillor Harvey thanked the Clerk and Chairman for making sure that the agreement was signed with Historic England to allow the funding of £10,000 to be put in place. Contractors have been approached and as specialists they have long lead times, so it is not feasible to do the actual cross restoration until April next year. All other contributors are onboard to donate their time and materials for the works on the perimeter now that it has been agreed by Historic England on the details. We will be working from now until April with the farmer and then the conservator who is successful will then carry out the works on the cross and completed by June 2025. We should have three quotes in the next couple of weeks for the restoration.

7. **UPDATE/SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH - VOLUNTEERS** - The updated spreadsheet has been circulated with quite a few issues highlighted by the inspection ladies. Councillor Harvey reported that the volunteers are prioritizing the work required and working through the issues using materials supplied by Staffordshire County Council. The Clerk reported that Janette Barr has taken a step back as a volunteer, but Councillor Rogers stated that another lady is interested so could someone please contact her with details as to what she needs to do. The Clerk agreed she would follow this up.
8. **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/JAPANESE KNOTWEED** - Councillor Harvey stated that Himalayan Balsam Pull event was not very well supported by members but with the help of C&RT volunteers we did pull quite a bit at the event organized and the Clerk stated that she will contact them again next year to continue to do this annually.
9. **UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS/ APPEALS/ DISCREPENCIES** - The Clerk reported that there are 277 applications in the backlog at Staffordshire County Councils Rights of Way and at the current time based on 15 applications resolved a year, these are not likely to be resolved within the next 18 years. There were no meetings in May, June & July at SCC but they had two in August. One of the determined applications was the application submitted by Cheddleton PC, LG659G in 1998 which has been approved but now must be included in the Definitive Maps of Rights of Ways once the time has elapsed to allow any objections, before the order is raised. There is a further modification, LJ648G from Cheadle Road to FP 39, that has gone to appeal 3322875 with the Planning Inspectorate which has been in dispute since receiving an objection to the Order made to include it in the Definitive Maps. Mr. David Rice has stated that he has supplied all the information in June 2024, but it has not yet been determined.
10. **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS/REPORTS WITH ROW** - The Clerk reported that all obstructions have been noted by the volunteers and will be dealt with in order of risk. Councillor Miss. Rogers mentioned the Bull Signs still up and no Bull in two fields and another field which contained a Bull with no sign. Councillor Harvey stated that there is another issue with planting. These issues need to be reported to SCC Rights of Way not the Parish Council. To be officially told with a copy of the rules and regulations of landowners' responsibilities. The signs were there last year in the same two fields which need to be removed when there is no bull.
11. **WAYMARKING** - All Waymarkers are constantly being checked and put up to help with directing walkers.
12. **DEEP HAYES/COUNTRYSIDE/CANALS** - The Clerk had no reports with regards to Deep Haye other than we met with SCC Highways on Park Lane to look at the drainage issues. This needs to be sorted with the two departments at SCC & Deep Haye. Councillor Harvey reported that the ranger is doing a good job with little resources. Councillor Miss. Rogers reported that it is the 50th Anniversary of the re-opening of Caldon Canal which happened 1974. There is an event organized 21st September 2024 at The Red Lion Pub. Please attend to support this for local people including entertainment and community networking. Between 2pm & 6pm. Hopefully there will be grant funding available to fund it, only costing £150 which the Chairman will support with his allowance if there are no grants available.

13. **UPDATE PROJECTS/WORK PARTY/DEED OF DEDICATION - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that the solicitor has requested that the documents for the deed of dedication need to be re-signed. Councillor Ahmad & Cunningham will go to do this. Fields in Trust have not confirmed the date of handover. The Funding will then be investigated. We have met with Support Staffordshire and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to investigate what is available. The Clerk reported that she has approached a couple of people who could be employed to find funding on our behalf who are experts at completing grant applications so she will report back to the Full Council. It is very time-consuming and would be money well spent to obtain the funding. Support Staffordshire will still look at any application completed. The right grant is also key. The Clerk reported that another team have expressed an interest in using the Football Pitch. A resident had contacted SMDC about the zipwire being broken and was forwarded onto the Clerk. The handyman was able to repair it by taking the mechanism apart and it was fixed within a day of being reported to us.
14. **GENERAL CONDITION OF PLAYING FIELD** - Generally in good condition.
15. **CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS** – The Clerk reported that a broken step has been fixed on the slide which was being discussed by residents on Facebook. The Handyman has repaired it. There has been some fly-tipping in the woods just on the right as you enter the carpark. The handyman is monitoring to see if any more is dumped. Looks like garden waste. Councillor Shaw reported that some children have asked again about a mountain bike course, and she had advised them to come to a meeting. Mr. Beresford reported that the Cheddleton Playing Fields Bank Account is now empty to help fund repairs and grass cutting. Councillor Harvey suggested some fund raising to keep this running and set aside for small repairs and mowing for the volunteers. Councillor Mrs. Shaw suggested maybe a Small Christmas Market. She also stated that the Nursery Little Stars do use the playing field as well as a football team for training. A resident who has requested to tidy up behind Beech Avenue properties has written to the Clerk to repeat the exercise again.
16. **GRANGE POND** - Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated that the Pond needs to be tidied up. The Clerk will check with Jim as to when the work will be carried out.
17. **BRIDGE EYE** - The Clerk reported that the drainage has been done on Station Road by Staffordshire County Highways but that there are other issues where the road is sinking close to the bridge. It's hoped that Councillor Worthington, chair of Cautionary Lands Charity, will now get the Bridge Eye Well works sorted as he has stated he would.
18. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No agenda items raised.

12th. November 2024.
Chairman