

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 12th. NOVEMBER 2024.**

ATTENDANCE Chaired by - M. Ahmad.

Vice-Chairman - Mrs. L. Shaw.

Councillors - M.F. Cunningham, K. Harvey, Mrs. C.A. Lovatt, Miss. S.J. Rogers,

Members - Mr. R. Beresford, & Mrs. G. Higginson.

Clerk - Mrs. L.J. Green.

19. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillors M.P. Worthington (Chairman), and Miss. V.L. Salt, Member Mr. P. Green and it was resolved to accept these.
20. **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10th. SEPTEMBER 2024** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
21. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No items were raised.
22. **CORRESPONDENCE:** -
 - a. Playsound Playgrounds - Supplier of Play equipment.
23. **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - The Clerk reported that there was no further progress due to Churnet Valley Railway being busy with Polar Express and moving of the Signal Box so will be looking at it after Christmas.
24. **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - Councillor Harvey reported that the Butter Cross will be treated with weedkiller before Christmas and the site will be tidied up awaiting works to commence in April.
25. **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. Councillor Harvey reported that a volunteer from Keele University had been with the volunteers this week. He has also contacted the new lady and will be signed up for inspections.
26. **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/JAPANESE KNOTWEED** - The Clerk stated nothing to update.
27. **UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS/ APPEALS/ DISCREPENCIES** - The Clerk reported that there are 161 new reported applications and only dealing with on average 16 a year. The modifications agreed to which require new orders still have not been made and therefore have not been included on the definitive map.
28. **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS/REPORTS WITH ROW** - Councillor Miss. Rogers asked if they are aware of the one in the coal yard being obstructed. The Clerk reported that it has been logged. Mrs. Higginson asked about Footpath 26 with crops growing right up to the edge of the field becoming inaccessible due to corn being planted. The Clerk will report to Rights of Way.

28. **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS/REPORTS WITH ROW (Cont'd...)** - The Clerk reported that Footpath 55 has been reported to ROW and that the Officer is visiting it this week as this is obstructed. Footpath 38 has also been reported to ROW since the complaint has been received from a resident and Nigel Hopkins has stated he will inspect and see if the volunteers can do anything to widen the path.
29. **WAYMARKING** - All Waymarkers are constantly being checked and put up to help with directing walkers.
30. **DEEP HAYES/COUNTRYSIDE/CANALS** - Councillor Miss. Rogers reported that C&RT have been working on a barge cutting trees back with a shredder to clear trees. There is lots of debris in the water. The Clerk asked to send her photographs to send to them. Mrs. Higginson reported that there are roadworks taking place and drainage has been put in at Deep Hayes to alleviate the issues on Park Lane and thanked the Clerk and Councillor Ahmad. Is there any funding available for a history board for the brick works, the Clerk will look at it.
31. **UPDATE PROJECTS/WORK PARTY/DEED OF DEDICATION - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that the new paperwork has been signed but not been confirmed by the solicitor that the deeds have been transferred. The Clerk reported that the two ladies who are going to apply for grants have been allocated separate projects to look at so one is on Cheddleton Playing Field and the other is looking at the Community Centre. The first one for the Playing Field being funding to do the Muga/Tennis Court.
32. **INSPECTION REPORT/GENERAL CONDITION/WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that the handyman is working on the full inspection report. We have also had a request to cut back some trees that line the road up to the car park, so Charles Piggott has inspected and given a quote for works to 3 trees requiring a zip lift costing £1,200 but he cannot do works until February. Further quotes can be obtained. Councillor Harvey suggested that one of the volunteers may be able to quote. The Clerk will contact him. Councillor Mrs. Shaw also asked about trees overhanging the zipwire and the Clerk confirmed that the handyman can deal with those for us.
33. **GRANGE POND** - This is due to have its annual cleanup which Jim Gibson will do.
34. **BRIDGE EYE** - The Clerk reported that there was no further update as both Councillor Ahmad and Worthington were not at the last Cautionary Lands meeting. It would be nice to get this sorted so that we can hold a well dressing this next year and involve the school.
35. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - The land on Station Road where the pigs were. Footpaths around the Sub-Station and how all the Planning Applications granted and applied for affects them.
36. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2025/26** - After considering the figures produced the committee were asked to consider the budget and requirements for the next financial year.

11th. March 2024.
Chairman