

## **Cheddleton Parish Council**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN CRAFT CENTRE MEETING ROOM, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2022**

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman - H.R. Jennings.  
Vice-Chairman - Mrs. L.M. Salt

Councillor - M. Ahmad, M.T. Bowen, I. Dakin, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, D. Kari,  
Mrs. C.A. Lovatt, Mrs. J. Parkes, G.W. Salt, S. Scalise, Mrs. L. Shaw, & H.J. Tunna.

Clerk - Ms. L. J. Eyre

1. **APOLOGIES** - Councillors D. Boden, M. P. Worthington and it was resolved to accept these.
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 19<sup>th</sup>. APRIL 2021** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record, but Councillor Scalise stated he wanted to query some of the items not being included.
3. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No matters were raised.
4. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS FOR 1 VACANCY - CHEDDLETON WARD** - No applications were received so will be re-advertised. The Clerk reported that Councillor Boden has resigned due to work and family commitments he has taken the tough decision to leave. The Clerk also reported that Councillor Mrs. Salt has been on the radio advertising the vacancy and interview on Churnet Sound about the Council. Councillor Mrs. Salt reported that she spoke about what the Council does and promoting its volunteers and that it needs new members.
5. **CO-OPTED COUNCILLORS TO SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - Not required.
6. **CONFIRMATION/APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:** - The Clerk explained that this is an opportunity for members to confirm their membership of committees and fill vacancies where necessary but that the chair and vice-chairs will remain the same.  
**Planning & Amenities** - One vacancy as Dean has resigned. Councillor R.J. Hartley was agreed to become a member to fill the places.  
**Community/Craft Centre Management Committee** - the same.  
**Cheddleton Playing Field/Footpath & Countryside Committee** - the same.  
**Wetley Rocks/Toll Bar Playing Field Committee** - the same.  
**Burial Grounds Committee** - the same.  
**HR Committee** - Councillor Bowen proposed that Councillor Worthington be removed from the Committee as he is not in attendance. Seconded by Councillor Tunna. Councillor Kari, Councillor Mrs. Lovatt, Mrs. Shaw, 3 Abstained. Councillor Bowen, Mr. & Mrs. Hartley, Mr. & Mrs Salt, Tunna 6 For. Councillor Ahmad, Dakin, Mrs. Parkes, Scalise, 4 Against. Therefore, Councillor Worthington to come off the HR Committee. Councillor Bowen proposed that Councillor Mr. Salt become the replacement member of HR Committee seconded by Councillor Tunna and Councillor Scalise stated he was against.

**Finance Committee, Cautionary Lands Charity, Parish Assembly,** - the same.

**Wetley Rocks Village Hall Committee** - the same.

**Churnet Valley Railway, Advance Protein Liaison, Wetley Moor, Churnet Valley Landscape, Dalecrete, Disciplinary & Grievance Hearing Panel, Safeguarding Leads**  
- the same.

7. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillors Scalise planning application correspondence a. Councillors Mr & Mrs. Salt and Bowen members of Staffordshire Wildlife.
8. **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - No written requests for dispensation were received.
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The chairman announced that there is 3 planning application for Planning Members at the end of the meeting. Confidential items at the end of the meeting. Horticultural Sale 28<sup>th</sup>. May.
10. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No members of the public were present.
11. **CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE** - The Clerk reported that this currently stands at £500. Councillor Mrs. Salt proposed to keep it at £500, seconded by Councillor Bowen. It was agreed.
12. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS** - The Clerk has circulated the calendar of meetings for the year. Councillor Bowen proposed the calendar, seconded by Councillor Mr. Salt. It was agreed.
13. **ATTENDANCE RECORD** - The Clerk had circulated the attendance records for all meetings as follows proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Dakin excepted as an accurate record: -

	PC	Planning	CCMC	F&C	CPF	F&C	BG	WR/TBPF	Finance	Highways	HR
						CPF					
Cllr Ahmad	8 of 11	5 of 10	1 of 3				1 of 3	1 of 2			
Cllr Boden	3 of 4	1 of 3									
Cllr Bowen	11 of 11	10 of 10	3 of 3		1 of 1	1 of 2	3 of 3		3 of 3	2 of 2	1 of 1
Cllr Dakin	10 of 11		2 of 3	1 of 1	1 of 1	1 of 2			2 of 3		
Cllr Hartley (Mr)	10 of 11		3 of 3					2 of 2		2 of 2	
Cllr Hartley (Mrs)	10 of 11	10 of 10	3 of 3					2 of 2	1 of 1	2 of 2	
Cllr Jennings	10 of 11	8 of 10	3 of 3	1 of 1	1 of 1	1 of 2	3 of 3	1 of 2	3 of 3	1 of 2	1 of 1

Cllr Kari	2 of 2										
Cllr Lovatt	9 of 11	10 of 10					3 of 3	2 of 2		2 of 2	1 of 1
Cllr Parkes	4 of 6	5 of 6									
Cllr Salt (Mr)	9 of 11	9 of 10		1 of 1	1 of 1	2 of 2	3 of 3		3 of 3	1 of 2	
Cllr Salt (Mrs)	9 of 11	9 of 10	3 of 3	1 of 1	1 of 1	2 of 2	3 of 3	1 of 2	3 of 3	2 of 2	1 of 1
Cllr Scalise	8 of 11										
Cllr Shaw (Mrs)	3 of 4					1 of 1					
Cllr Tunna	11 of 11	10 of 10	3 of 3					2 of 2	2 of 3	2 of 2	
Cllr Worthington	8 of 11	9 of 10			1 of 1	1 of 2					0 of 1
R. Richards	x		2 of 3				0 of 3				
P. Green	x			0 of 1		0 of 2					
R. Beresford	x				1 of 1	1 of 2					
M. Bagnall	x							2 of 2			
G. Higginson	x			1 of 1		2 of 2					
C. Beardmore	x		2 of 2								
<b>*Accepted</b>											
Cllr Ball	2 of 2										
Cllr Belson	2 of 2										
Cllr Carr	1 of 2										
Cllr Harvey	2 of 2										
Cllr James	3 of 6	3 of 6		1 of 1		1 of 1	0 of 1				

14. **REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER** - The Clerk had circulated a copy of the asset register this was proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hartley and accepted as an accurate record.

15. **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS** - The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Financial Regulations items discussed were 2.2 and agreed Councillor Worthington continue. 4.1 remain the same proposed Councillor Dakin seconded Councillor Bowen. 4.5 remain the same proposed Councillor Bowen, seconded Councillor Salt. 5.5 remain the same proposed Councillor Mrs. Salt, seconded Mrs. Shaw. 11.1(h) remain the same proposed by Councillor Bowen, seconded by Councillor Tunna. 14.2 remain the same proposed by Councillor Bowen, seconded by Councillor Dakin. All accepted.
16. **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS** - The Clerk had circulated the standing orders proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Shaw to make no changes all accepted.
17. **REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENTS** - The Clerk had circulated the up-to-date highlighted changes proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Lovatt to make the changes all accepted.
18. **RENEW CODE OF CONDUCT (LGA MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT)** - The Clerk had circulated the new model code of conduct proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor Mr. Salt to adopt it all accepted.
19. **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ISSUES/HANDYMAN WORKS/BUILDING WORKS** - Councillor Dakin reported that areas have been marked out on the playing field to be not mown between May and October and this has already been mown which is disappointing. He went on to say he had tried to contact Jim and as yet had not been able to speak to him. The Clerk reported that she had and had passed on the map explaining the areas and asked him to contact Councillor Dakin to avoid these areas as a trial. Issues have arisen due to the changes in legislation and use of Red Diesel which he has been trying to work to but going forward should be in touch. The Clerk reported that the Cheddleton Playing Field Day was a big success putting up bird and bat boxes. Photos will be posted on the website. The Clerk reported that two incidents of damage to the toddlers play area which has been reported to the Police but has been fixed by Steve the handyman. Councillor Mrs. Hartley commended his efforts and what an asset he is to the Council. The Clerk reported a complaint about St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery and the short cut on the grass, so this has been highlighted to Jim. Councillor Jennings asked could we cut the entrance to the Asylum Burial Ground to tidy it up. Agreed for the Clerk to ask for this to be done. The Clerk reported that Steve has a few items to still do including the ceiling to paint in the Meeting Room. Curtains have been cleaned and are ready to be re-hung. The Britains sign still to be moved to the Community Centre. The Clerk mentioned that the topsoil has still not been sourced for the playing Fields and Councillor Scalise reported that the supplier is currently ill in hospital. He has done the fencing at Wetley Rocks playing Field and Councillor Tunna reported that the grass has been cut by Jim and it looks really good. The Clerk reported that the centenary bench at Wetley Rocks has been painted with the paint kindly donated by Councillor Worthington.
20. **UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS CRAFT CENTRE/BEAUTY ROOM** - The Clerk reported that she had obtained 3 quotes for the replacement of the windows being: - Walkers Windows £3791.67, Guy Peacock £3125 and Supercraft being £5705 ex. V.A.T. in all quotes. Councillor Dakin asked are they all the same specification. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt asked about supply as there is a know delay on UPVC windows to which the Clerk reported that Walkers are extremely busy and there is a waiting time for installation

without waiting for the windows. Guy Peacock has quoted 4 to 5 weeks for manufacture. Councillor Ahmad asked are they all guaranteed for the same length of time. The Clerk stated that they are 10 years at least and are BSA & Kite marked. Councillor Mrs. Hartley proposed that we offer Guy Peacock the contract and this was seconded by Councillor Kari if they are all the same for standards and guarantee. All accepted. The Clerk went on to report that Sam at Cornes is producing the tender packs and that the asbestos survey has been completed ready to move forward getting quotes for renovations. Councillor Jennings asked could we push this along which the Clerk will do.

21. **UPDATE BASFORD BRIDGE LANE BRIDGES/CCTV** - The Clerk reported that she had emailed and copied all concerned in, which was read to members requesting action straight away. A response from SCC asking to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues with a proposed agenda and a Teams meeting for an hour. The Clerk responded that a face-to-face meeting would be the ideal way to resolve issues. The Clerk also reported that Rob Malpass from C&RT is being moved from our area but appreciated our continued support on this issue. The Clerk reported that SCC have responded and now with a meeting in Stafford in June and online. Also, the Clerk reported that Councillor Worthington has stated that he has spoken to Councillor Williams is willing to come and have a look again. A meeting in June is too late and they want me to collate all the information when they have been informed of all incidents as and when they have happened. Councillor Ahmad stated that County Council should be leading this, and Councillor Worthington needs to be working for us. Councillor Kari stated that we should state that we will not accept the responsibility for what is County Councils responsibility. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt stated that unfortunately it is going to take an accident to force the issue. Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated that the email is excellent, and it is a very poor response and does not answer the questions asked. Councillor Bowen stated that the money being spent is a waste as they have to keep repairing it rather than curing the issue. Councillor Scalise stated that the Police are not responding either and contact the Police Commissioner and issue with a statement that will be put to the press. Councillor Bowen stated that prosecutions are being made but not publicised and Chief Executive of SCC. The Clerk stated that the press needs to be involved. Councillor Ahmad stated that we invite the press to our next meeting to report it and get the issue highlighted at our Planning & Amenities Committee.
22. **UPDATE ON RESIDENTS WALL DAMAGE/SIGNAGE ON PARK LANE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk read out an email sent to SCC with regards to signage and suggestions. No response has been received. There has been another incident of a skip truck getting stuck last week from Cheddleton end.
23. **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS/COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS** - The Clerk circulated the design of the mug ordered. The funding from SMDC has been received and need to forward half to Wetley Rocks celebrations. A poster to advertise the event needs to be circulated.
24. **SITING OF DONATED BENCH CALDON CANAL - CANAL & RIVER TRUST** - The Clerk reported that C&RT do not like the site near Bridge 44 and replace a bench further along towards Consall to replace an existing bench. Councillor Jennings stated that maybe the flint mill would be a better location. The Clerk will investigate further, and it was agreed that it be a future agenda item for Councillors to look at this/bench for Jackie.

25. **FOOTPATH UPDATES/VOLUNTEERS** - The Clerk reported that our volunteer has received his expenses from SCC, so we have not had to paid him. A further claim has now been submitted for April. The Clerk reported that Keith Harvey is still the lead in getting materials via SCC and a full list has been provided to them and might supply some clothing for them. The marker post outside the Craft Centre has been requested and looks like it will be supplied but may have some cost implications, but we wait to hear. Footpath 22 has now been done by Shaffalong and a stile has been put in to make it accessible again.
26. **SLCC STANDARDS WELLBEING SUMMIT - WED, 18/5/2022 WEBINAR - £45** - The Clerk reported that this was mentioned at Planning and if possible, she would like to attend it tomorrow. It was proposed by Councillor Dakin and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Salt that it be paid for her to attend. It was agreed.
27. **UPDATE POLICE/COUNCIL SURGERIES** - The Clerk stated that the two surgeries were visited and as yet no feedback from Paula Lowndes as to if we arrange any more.
28. **UPDATE ON PARKING ISSUES - MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS** - The Clerk reported that it has come to light that this land belongs to Your Housing so permission would be needed to plant/restrict this area. Dave Lovatt has been contacted at Your Housing and informed of intensions and arrange a meeting.
29. **COUNCIL NEWSLETTER** - The Clerk listed this as an agenda item and will have to be a future agenda item as have not received a copy of what Werrington currently issue.
30. **PUDDING RACE 26<sup>th</sup>. NOVEMBER 2022 - HIRE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE** - The Clerk reported that she had been approached by the Carnival Committee to allow them to host the run from the Community Centre. Councillor Bowen proposed that this be allowed as it ran without any problems last year, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Salt. It was agreed to allow it.
31. **MAP AT THE BOTTOM OF HOLLOW LANE** - Councillor Mrs. Salt stated a resident had approached her about getting it updated as the map itself is out of date as the companies on it are out of date. Can a photo of it be obtained for details and we can look into it? Councillor Scalise stated that Sherwin Rivers provided the original map on Ashcombe level so would give the clerk details to contact them.
32. **GREEN SPACE BOTTOM OF GRANGE ROAD, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk reported that an issue had been raised issue of water being directed on he grassed area maintained by SMDC. It was reported to planning enforcement and they responded stating it was not their remit. The Clerk had tried again to direct it to the correct officer but had no response. Councillor Scalise will find out which Councillor is over Assets to contact them.
33. **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - 4278650 MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS** - The Clerk read out the notice with diversion in place for the duration of works for 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.
- 33a. **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - 4273761 OX PASTURE, CHEDDLETON** - The Clerk will forward details to Councillors for this one on 30<sup>th</sup>. May 2022.



**34. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES: -**

- a. **HR Committee (Confidential)** - Moved to the end of the meeting.
- b. **Planning & Amenities Committee**  
**Re. Min. 209. Removal of Community Centre Mobile/Re-Build** - Councillor Dakin asked why was this not put on CCM Committee. The Clerk stated that it will be discussed further at the next meeting.  
**Re. Min. 215. Parking Issue - Southlowe Road** - Councillor Mrs. Lovatt reported that the road restrictions have not yet been implemented. The Clerk will follow this up and check with Paula Lees at SCC. Councillor Tunna stated that patch repairs on Cellarhead which has removed road markings so needs reporting.
- c. **Outside Bodies: - SMDC, Cautionary Lands Charity, Advanced Protein Liaison Group** - Councillor Jennings reported that the Lands Charity are getting someone else to look at the drainage of the well and the wall by the Bus stop. The Clerk reported that they have enquired about the recycled benches, so details have been given. Councillor Jennings reported that Advanced Proteins are welcome to use our website to let resident's know what's happening in future. Councillor Dakin reported that they have had a door smashed off which caused a few days of smells escaping in April. The environmental agency was informed. Councillor Mrs. Shaw stated a resident is constantly monitoring and it seems to be a problem at weekends, but she reports it direct to the environment agency. Councillor Bowen reported that the whole of the roof is going to be replaced in September so this may cause additional smells to escape. Telephone Number to be posted on our website.

- 35. ACCOUNTS** - See attached list of payments authorised for payment. Proposed by Councillor Ahmad to pay and agreed.

**\*Authorised under Sec. 137 of the L.G.A. 1972 'Free Resource'\***

**36. CORRESPONDENCE: -**

- a. SMD/2021/0656 - Land At Eastern End of Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks - Reserved matters application following the grant of SMD/2015/0701 - Objection - Planning Committee 12/5/2022.
- b. SMD/2022/0019 - 57, Willow House, Ostlers Lane, Cheddleton - Fitting of Agate Grey Composite Cladding to the upper half of the elevation of the property - Do not agree with retrospective applications - Refusal 26/4/2022.
- c. Support Staffordshire News. Any Councillors want details contact the Clerk.
- d. Enquiry to Leek Town Council/Enforcement Nature Conservation Area. Details read out of the response from SMDC.
- e. Hut on The Hill - Rownall Solar Farm Planning Application - Additional information.
- f. Police Incident 216 3/5/22 - Table Top picnic area - Gas cannisters. Reported by Steve handyman. Councillor Mrs. Salt stated they are regularly outside the school.
- g. NatWest Bank Changes.
- h. Asylum Burial Ground Information request. Family member buried read out.
- i. Fly Tip Report - Thorney edge Road - Reported by the handyman.
- j. Moorlands Climate Action Newsletter.
- k. Servoca Recruitment Advertising. Posters on our noticeboards.
- l. Register of Electors monthly updates.
- m. Staffordshire Wildlife - Enews. Copy available.
- n. HMRC Updates.
- o. Fraud Updates.

**36. CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd...): -**

- p.** Enquiry Phone Box Library. Details read out. Councillor Lovatt has cleaned ours out.
- q.** Website enquiry - Community Centre Booking.
- r.** Amey Report 4280530 - Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks - Pothole.
- s.** Amey Report 4278457 - A520, Cheddleton opposite Folly Lane - pothole - works completed 8/5/2022.

**37. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - No members of the public were present.**

**38. PLANNING APPLICATION**

- a. SMD/2021/0674** - 83, Lilac Grove Farm Folly Lane Cheddleton - Redevelopment of the site to provide 8 dwellings in the form of 4no semi-detached two-storey dwellinghouses, 2no detached chalet bungalows and 2no single-storey detached bungalows - Amended application - Revised plan previously No Objection.  
**No Objection.**
- b. SMD/2022/0140** - 4, Basford View, Cheddleton - Single Storey rear extension - Revised plan previously No Objection.  
**No Objection.**
- c. SMD/2022/0180** - Newfields Farm, Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks - Development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with ancillary infrastructure, security fence, access, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements, to provide balancing services to the local electricity grid.  
**Objection most strongly on grounds of safety concerns which has been reported to the house of lord's science and technology committee and green belt which requires exceptional circumstances.**

**39. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - CLERKS NEW CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT – Discussed and signed.**

Chairman  
21<sup>st</sup>. June 2022.