

Cheddleton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MAIN HALL, CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 17th. MARCH 2020.

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor M.T. Bowen.

Vice-Chairman - H.R. Jennings.

Councillor - Ms. C. Y. Ball, N. Belson, I. Dakin, Mrs. D. A. Hartley, R. J. Hartley, G. W. Salt, Mrs. L. M. Salt, S. Scalise, H. J. Tunna.

APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from: -

Councillor - M. Ahmad, J. Carr, K. Harvey, Mrs. C. A. Lovatt, Miss. O. Lucas and M.P. Worthington.

5672 **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of the 17th. February 2020, taken as read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5673 **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

No matters arising.

5674 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman explained that SMDC have today delegated a specialist team to head up actions required due to Corona Virus and he will cascade information to the Parish Council with details of how we are to conduct our business. He also asked the members of the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider three planning applications. A thank you letter was read out from Frederick Cooper on his 90th birthday for his gift from the Chairman.

5675 **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mr. Salt as listed in the Accounts.

5676 **MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None had been received.

5677 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was a member of the public present making enquiries about using the Football pitch on Cheddleton Playing Field. Councillor Bowen explained that over the years the changing rooms have had to be removed as they were set fire to and that the Parish Council would prefer the pitch to be in use but as there are no facilities would this be any use. Mr. Luznyj explained that he wanted to use the pitch on Sunday mornings for an U14's team for Leek Town FC with seven players being from Cheddleton it would be ideal and that he would take it upon himself to make sure that people parked on the carpark and would check the pitch etc. He could not maintain it though. Councillor Scalise mentioned that there is a group of volunteers who meet regularly and help to litterpick and keep eyes on the Playing Field so it would be really good if he and any others could come along to the next meeting to help and discuss the use of the pitch further. There would be no charge for the use of the pitch. Mr. Luznyj would keep in touch with the Clerk and look to following this up. He also added that he was employed by Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service so it was agreed to bring forward the item on the agenda about the draft safety plan should Councillors have any questions which he could answer.

5678 VIEWS SOUGHT ON DRAFT SAFETY PLAN 2020-2024 – STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Councillor Bowen explained that all Councillors had received details about the Draft Safety Plan and did anyone have any questions. Mr. Luznyj explained that the Fire Service wants as much feedback as possible to improve the plan but the main thing is to prevent and protect the public. With recent events such as Grenfell Tower the Fire Service is looking to employ more engineers and to lobby for more legislation and enforcement officers to prevent such catastrophes from happening. Councillor Tunna asked about the issue of parking along Southlowe Road at the start and end of school and if a Fire Engine was required to access the road it would be impossible was there anything that the Fire Service can do to alleviate the problem. Mr. Luznyj suggested that he could certainly speak to highways and highlight this with them. The Clerk also mentioned that it is an issue outside all the schools in the Parish.

5679 REVIEW OF CHEDDLETON CONSERVATION AREA

Councillor Bowen explained that the residents wanted to now take a look at extending the conservation area in Cheddleton since the Local Plan was now including the Local Green Space and that he along with Councillor Scalise would take up the issue with SMDC along with the residents on behalf of the Council. The Clerk reported that she had checked the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and that the Planning Authority should review Conservation areas from time to time so suggested that the Parish Council write to SMDC to ask that this be carried out. This was proposed by Councillor Jennings and seconded by Councillor Tunna.

5680 GROUND MAINTENANCE/ ADDITIONAL WORKS – FULL UPDATE OF AREAS AND ANY ISSUES

Councillor Bowen suggested that this could be a future agenda item.

5681 COMMERCIAL WASTE CONTRACTS FROM 1st. APRIL 2020

The Clerk reported that she had received the contracts for all three Commercial Waste bins and as last year they have increased but confirmed that when she had compared to outside Contractors last year and SMDC were the cheapest. So, it was unanimously agreed to renew the contracts.

5682 UPDATE ON REFURBISHMENT OF EMPTY ROOM – CRAFT CENTRE

Councillor Bowen reported that enquiries had been made to cost locating toilets inside the empty room and was estimated to be between £20,000 & £40,000 to do such works plus the loss of revenue from not being able to hire the room out. Councillor Scalise proposed that the sub-committee carry on to refurbish the room as previously planned. This was seconded by Councillor Jennings. It was agreed by all. The Clerk reported that the windows had been ordered with Walkers Windows and would be ready to be installed mid - April. She also reported an account has been set up with Travis Perkins for purchase of materials for the refurbishment.

5683 ANNUAL SERVICE OF GAS BOILER – CRAFT CENTRE

Councillor Bowen suggested that this be a future agenda item.

5684 UPDATE ON ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM BOILER ROOM – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that TES were looking to schedule works to remove the asbestos starting Wednesday 25th. March unless anything changes.

5685 UPDATE ON THE CRECHE AND REVIEW OF CHARGES – COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Bowen reported that everything is moving forward an empty charge has been paid on the Creche. Seux now has her staff and Ofsted are visiting on 30th. March to do there inspection for registration. Councillor Scalise suggested that a monthly hire charge be set and collected at the start of each month. The Clerk reported that a 5 day charge for 8 hours per day calculates at £240 per week under the new rate of £6 per hour. This equates to £12,480 a year so suggested that a monthly hire charge of £1000 be appropriate so Councillor Scalise proposed this and was seconded by Councillor Jennings. All agreed.

5686 UPDATE ON NEW DEFIBRILLATOR - CHEDDLETON

Councillor Mrs. Salt reported that the first one was funded and that they are now looking into providing a second one.

5687 BRIDGES ON BASFORD BRIDGE LANE, CHEDDLETON

The Clerk reported that Bob Allen from SCC had stated that the site investigation is due to take place 19th. March with regards to new signage and that they hope to deliver the scheme in the not to distant future. He also stated that the structures team would look at physical measures to help protect the bridges. The Clerk would update again.

5688 BOLLARD ON MOORLAND ROAD ENTRANCE TO CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Scalise reported that the resident at 3, Moorland Road had asked if he put in and paid for a lockable bollard would the Council agree to him doing this in order to park his car in front of his property. The Clerk suggested that he would be required to supply the Council with a key for access. All agreed and Councillor Scalise would feed this back to the resident.

5689 UPDATE AMEY REPORT 4190533 POT HOLE – CELLARHEAD CROSSROADS

The Clerk reported that the works had been completed

5690 HEDGE CUTTINGS LEFT ON WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Tunna stated that the clippings had been left on the playing field so suggested that the resident of The Old Vicarage have a letter asking them to remove them. This was agreed that the Clerk write to them.

5691 ANNUAL INSPECTION OF WETLEY ROCKS, TOLL BAR & CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELDS

This was agreed to be a future agenda item.

5692 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman confirmed that everyone had received the amendment to item 64 of standing orders and the Clerk stated that one suggestion had been to remove from (c) or opinions just to read Council's agreed policies. All members felt that this amendment was correct so resolved to change standing orders.

5693 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council examined the reports of the following committees and adopted their recommendations: -

a. Burial Ground Committee Meeting

b. Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting

Re: Min 2733. Correspondence m). Councillor Scalise reported that SCC were looking into Parish/Town Councils taking on the responsibility of gully clearing.

Re: Min 2733. Correspondence u). Councillor Tunna reported that the sinking on the Main Road is getting worse so The Clerk would follow this up by contacting Helen Fisher.

c. Footpath & Countryside Committee Meeting

d. Reports of Outside Bodies

5694 ACCOUNTS The following accounts were authorised for payment: -

5695 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman suggested that they leave the correspondence unless anyone had anything specific they wanted clarified. The Clerk also added that anyone could contact her for a copy of the correspondence.

- a. Complaint Handling in the Public Sector Forum - Thur. 23rd. April 2020. London.
- b. Staffordshire Moorlands Chairman's Charity Ball - Sat. 28th. March 2020.
- c. Pointon's Liaison Group Meeting - Fri. 24th. April 2020.
- d. Support information from HMRC.
- e. Cllr. Helen Fisher Grass Cutting and Weed Control - SCC Highways.
- f. Douglas Macmillan Hospice - The Dougie Magazine.
- g. GeViews - Planters & Street Furniture.
- h. Times Echo and Life Publications - Cheadle & Tean Times and Leek Life.
- i. Agri-Cycle recycling of Wheelie bins to make benches, picnic tables and planters.
- j. Fabrications Northeast - VE Day Planter & Remembrance Bench.
- k. Graveyard - St. Edwards Church, Cheddleton.
- l. Public Sector Network Newsletter.
- m. Earth Anchors - Picnic benches & Memorial Tree Plaques.
- n. The MJ weekly Publication - Subscription.
- o. Staffordshire County Council Permit Scheme Order 2020.
- p. Field In Trust - Email Bulletin.
- q. Schoolscapes - Play equipment.
- r. Enquiry to use Cheddleton Playing Field Football Pitch.
- s. Fly Tipping report - DVTZQHS - Knowsley Common.
- t. Travis Perkins - Trading Account.
- u. Creative Play - Play equipment.
- v. NCVO - Guidance for protection from covid-19.
- w. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine.
- x. Calor Rural Community Fund 2020.
- y. Canal & River Trust Newsletter.
- z. Playdale - Play Equipment.
- aa. Update Amey Report 4190816 - Church View, Main Road Wetley Rocks - Sinking manhole.

5697 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised.

5698 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – AQUIRING LAND

Discussed and declared a future agenda item.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed and concluded that members would be updated on plans for future meetings due to Corona Virus.

Chairman

21st. April 2020.