

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
MEETING ROOM, CRAFT CENTRE, HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON
TUESDAY, 1st. MARCH 2022.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - Councillor M.T. Bowen

Vice-Chairman - Councillor H.J. Tunna

Councillors - D. Boden, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, H.R. Jennings, Mrs. C.A. Lovatt, Mrs. J.C. Parkes, G.W. Salt and Mrs. L.M. Salt and M.P. Worthington.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre & Councillors - I. Dakin, R.J. Hartley & Mrs. L. Shaw. Sirius - Dan Elvin, Nick Davis & 1 other.

2 Members of the public.

164. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor M. Ahmad, it was resolved to accept these.
165. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Salt, Bowen are members of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.
166. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - No questions.
167. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11th. JANUARY 2022** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
168. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**
Re. Min. 157. Update Street Light - Ashcombe Road, Cheddleton - The Clerk reported that the invoice has now been received for the column and an email has been sent to the resident to request payment for the damage caused.
169. **PRESENTATION FROM SIRIUS RENEWABLE ENERGY, WITH REGARDS TO PLANNING APPLICATION SMD/2022/0047** - Nick Davis gave some background into the company and what they do with regards to renewable energy. Subsidies to help have ceased but they continue to have projects ongoing and new ones. The planning application is for a battery only project and connection to the national grid at the sub-station in Cellarhead. All types of renewable energy are not constant, so battery storage is to support the deployment of energy and to store when demand is low and to release energy when demand increases. Potential sites are very few and far between around the country with a connection to the national grid and suitable to house such developments. This is in the greenbelt but in close relation to the sub-station and has already got 3 electricity pylons in it. SMDC have been involved in preliminary planning enquiries and advice sought before submitting the application. All reports have been completed as required and the site will house batteries in containers around the site and connected via underground cabling. All environmental considerations have been looked at to keep the impact as low as possible to the area. Planning requirement to assess the biodiversity of the site being lost to enhance the environment by an increase of 10% of that area being lost. Environmental Health will perform scrutiny of all reports to eliminate harm to the area and its residents with screening, noise etc. The benefits of the scheme are global but want to engage with the local community to help alleviate the impact locally. Question & Answers took place. Major concerns with safety of the batteries themselves, contaminations, dangers, and injuries if the batteries catch fire raised by a report

that went to the house of lord's science and technology committee last year. Sirius explained that the containers house its own extinguishing system and so is all inbuilt within each container. There has been reports in the news about the dangers and these need to be alleviated to make this a viable option and give both sides on the benefits and the safety. A lot of discussion from both sides with regards to the safety as there is a need for renewables and the main question is does this out way loss of greenbelt? A 40-year limit on the site and it then must be put back to how it was as part of the planning restrictions. Surely industrial areas would make better options than disturbing greenbelt, but the grid access is limited. The applications are coming in thick and fast, and this area could end up being covered in renewable energy. Noise is also a concern, and a fencing will be put up to reduce the noise.

170. CORRESPONDENCE: -

- a. Action Fraud Alerts.
- b. Staffordshire County Council News. Vacancies etc.
- c. SLCC Updates.
- d. Enquiry via Council website – Enquiry from a resident about a blocked gully and this has been resolved with SCC.
- e. Proludic Catalogue of play equipment.
- f. Fields In Trust Bulletin.
- g. Support Staffordshire News.
- h. Staffordshire Commissioner Review.
- i. Canal & River Trust Update. The Canal Bridge has been hit again this evening.
- j. Community Online Directory.
- k. Staffordshire Wildlife News.
- l. Village News Online.
- m. North Staffs Fire recommendations for the Beauty Room - Craft Centre works required.
- n. Checkley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- o. Best Kept Village Community Competition.
- p. HMRC Information.
- q. SCC ROW Panel 18/2/2022 - David Rice update - 2026 for recording footpaths has been re-appealed.
- r. The Queens Green Canopy - Jacksons Nurseries. 25% discount on trees for the jubilee.

171. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - The Clerk updated that the application to Staffordshire Moorlands for funding of £425 has been submitted. There is another meeting in the Community Centre on Saturday 5th. March at 3pm. Councillor Bowen will check with SMDC to see if there is any other funding available. Councillor Mrs. Salt updated that Barney from Advanced Proteins has been invited as they had offered a substantial amount of funding for the celebrations. She also added that there are big ideas for large events and some small ones, but main issue is people volunteering to organize them. Councillor Mrs. Hartley stated it's hard to decide what to do when there are 4 days to cover. Councillor Jennings stated the school are wanting to run an event of food on tables in the road. Councillor Tunna asked is the grant for Wetley Rocks too? The Clerk reported its for the whole Parish. Councillor Jennings proposed that no charge be made for holding the celebrations or meetings in the Community Centre.

172. REFURBISHMENT OF BRITAINS PAPER MILL SIGN - Councillor Mrs. Salt stated that the sign is not being seen and always overgrown on footpath 38. It is a big part of the history of Cheddleton. Councillor Tunna mentioned that he has a sign of one of the original paper machines to be added as a future agenda item. Councillor Jennings proposed lifting it and re-siting at the Community Centre, seconded by Councillor Mr. Salt all agreed.

- 173. PLAYING FIELD INSPECTION REPORT - TOLL BAR/WETLEY ROCKS** - Councillor Tunna suggested being discussed at Playing Fields Committee at the next meeting so future agenda item.
- 174. PARKING ISSUES ON SOUTHLOWE ROAD, CELLARHEAD** - The Clerk reported that an email had been received about there being parking issues in this area around school start and end with vehicles parking on the pavements on either side of the road causing little room for pedestrians to walk and only single file traffic can get through. This has been reported to PCSO Paula Lowndes and the issues at Mill Lane in Wetley Rocks. She reported back that she has tried to advise drivers on Mill Lane and suggested bollards around the green. The issues on Southlowe she has seen parking but not causing an obstruction. Councillor Worthington advised that the zigzags on Mill Lane will be enforceable as Staffordshire County Council have agreed to get a license for this as most are not around schools this will give powers to fine anyone parking on them. He also added that he is looking at funding for bollards on the green if Councillors agree as this will be the only way to stop it. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt stated that on Southlowe there is plans to extend the double yellow lines which will move the parking issue away from the junction. Councillor Boden stated that no parking around schools just moves the problem. Cheddleton Head-Teacher has staggered start times to allow the spread of traffic over a longer period can this not be introduced at the other schools.
- 175. REQUEST TO PLANT CHERRY TREES ON THE OPEN SPACE CHEDDLETON PARK AVENUE** - The Clerk reported that Derek Mawby has asked for permission to plant some additional trees which he has previously done in this area but that some have become damaged. He planted these several years ago and will add further trees and provide them and plant them if the Council will give permission. Councillor Bowen suggested a small community orchard project led by Councillor Joe Porter from SMDC. It will allow residents to pick the fruit and would be led by District Council. All agreed to thank Mr. Mawby but that the area will become an orchard.
- 176. DAMAGE TO GRASSED AREA BY 6, CHEADLE ROAD, CHEDDLETON** – Councillor Tunna stated that there is a car parking on the area which is destroying the grass. The Clerk will report it to County Council and ask if a couple of boulders could be put on it.
- 177. POTHOLE MOORSIDE ROAD/ROWNALL ROAD, CELLARHEAD** - Councillor Tunna stated that this had been reported by a resident. The Clerk will investigate and report it.
- 178. UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS CRAFT CENTRE/BEAUTY ROOM** - Councillor Tunna stated what a good job has been made. Councillor Bowen reported the issue with the stone needing pointing and needs to be sealed to stop the ingress of water around the windows. The Clerk has checked with Walkers Windows that there is no issue with the installation of the windows, so it isn't an issue caused by them. There is a meeting with Jonathan Cornes set up for Monday to look at drawing up the specification of works for the Beauty Room and Walkers Windows attending to quote for the replacement windows. Anyone available to come along is welcome. The final bill has been received and the retention amount won't be paid until 3 months after the sign off. There are some outstanding issues with the fire doors, and they are working on a solution this can also be discussed on Monday. There was an issue with the heating in the meeting room, so a plumber was called out by Duncan to investigate, and he discovered that the two valves being controlled by the thermostats were not working. These have both been replaced and the system has been flushed and all seems to be working well now.

179. PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

- a. **SMD/2022/0047** - Land Adjacent Cellarhead Substation Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks - Erection and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System and associated infrastructure and equipment.
Objection on grounds of safety concerns which has been reported to the house of lord's science and technology committee and greenbelt land which requires exceptional circumstances for approval.
- b. **SMD/2022/0065** - 112, Heath Avenue, Cellarhead - Proposed two storey extension to side to form bedroom, study, WC and to enlarge existing kitchen.
No Objection.
- c. **SMD/2022/0088** - FIE Bones Lane, Cheddleton - Food processing facility/edible bone factory.
No Objection to the application if it is completely screened by tall bunding to alleviate noise, unobtrusive lighting, and minimal visual impact on the surrounding residential housing. Complete a program of tree planting to help with screening. Condition of a roundabout at the end of Bones Lane to reduce the speed of traffic and allow the flow of vehicles leaving the factory as the current infrastructure is failing as the roads are not being maintained to keep up with the amount of traffic.

180. FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS -

Pothole near the bus shelter A520 opposite to Folly Lane.

Chairman

1st. March 2022.