

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE WETLEY ROCKS/TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, WETLEY  
ROCKS ON TUESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman - Councillor H.J. Tunna

Vice-Chair - Councillor Mrs. C.A. Lovatt

Councillors - M. Ahmad, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, R.J. Hartley, H.R. Jennings & D. Kari.

Member M.M. Bagnall.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Eyre.

13. **APOLOGIES** - 100% Attendance.

14. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14<sup>th</sup>. JUNE 2022** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Re. Min. 5. Annual Inspection of Wetley Rocks/Toll Bar Playing Fields** - Councillor Mrs.

Lovatt asked about the missing rope and its replacement. The Clerk reported that Steve advised that the actual rope would need to be fit for purpose and the Clerk added that the whole of the apparatus is showing wear and as it is wooden it is deteriorating beyond repair so it would be better to look at replacing the whole of the trim trail sooner rather than later.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**: - No Correspondence.

17. **ANNUAL INSPECTION OF WETLEY ROCKS/TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELDS** - The Clerk reported that the inspection is due again in February 2023.

18. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - RENT REVIEW** - The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Balfour's the managing agents for Lichfield Diocese as Justin has left and Michael Watney has taken over, he suggested meeting to discuss the matter further. The Clerk explained that she is waiting for Ed Lawley to complete the valuation from Bagshaw's, and he has promised to get it written up now without further delay. The Clerk had responded to Balfour's explaining the position and that monies would be paid on account for the current year. Michael from Balfour's suggested 16<sup>th</sup>. November as a date to meet. Councillor Ahmad suggested appointing a negotiator. The Clerk stated that as, yet we have no starting point, so we need to get the information and then start negotiations. Balfour's had stated £916 per acre per annum meaning £1832 as it is a 2-acre site, and we currently pay £420. Once Bagshaw's provide the valuation it can be discussed at the next meeting.

19. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - HEDGES** - Councillor Tunna stated that the hedges need cutting so the Clerk will instruct Jim Gibson. Also, an application for a hedging pack has been made to Woodlands Trust for next year to fill in the hedges.

20. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - Councillor Mrs. Hartley asked about the grass cutting and if the last cut has been done yet the clerk will speak to Jim.

21. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT** - The Clerk reported that the wall has been rebuilt but not the flags yet. Purchase of Combination locks for all Playing Fields has been agreed for access by the Fire Brigade. M. Bagnall reported that the sign is still up with the nearest telephone box on it, but he will check and let the Clerk know. Councillor Tunna noted that the bottom of the hedgerow all down the vicarage side needs strimming as the nettles are encroaching. On the bottom end the ivy is growing over the wall and going onto the pavement. M. Bagnall mentioned the removal of the cuttings from around the trees which has been reported to Steve to remove.
22. **TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD - GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - Councillor Mrs. Lovatt stated that it was being used when she visited but the playing field is in good order.
23. **TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT** - The Clerk reported that the wooden trim trail needs replacing soon as it is coming to the end of its lifespan. A quote for a similar trail is £12,000 but do we investigate another type which would last longer. Councillor Kari mentioned composite, so we need to get quotes for several types of equipment. It was suggested another meeting early next year. The Clerk suggested 14<sup>th</sup>. February 2023 to come back with quotes. Councillor Mrs. Lovatt suggested getting a few suggestions to consult with schools.
24. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - No forward agenda items.
25. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2023/24** - Members were provided with Budget information to discuss future requirements for the next years precept.

Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup>. February 2023.