

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE WETLEY ROCKS/TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON ON TUESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup>. OCTOBER 2024.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman - M.F. Cunningham.

Councillors - M. Ahmad, K. Harvey, and T.G. Williamson.

Member - M.M. Bagnall.

Clerk - Ms. L.J. Green.

13. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor Miss. V.L. Salt and it was resolved to accept these.
14. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 11<sup>th</sup>. JUNE 2024** - 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** - The Clerk stated that the minute should read 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and not 2023.  
**Re. Min. 11. Toll Bar Playing Field - Any Works to be carried out** - Councillor Cunningham asked what the bike stands were. Councillor Harvey explained that they are slots in the tarmac to stand your bike wheel in and the slots fill up with debris.
16. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
17. **ANNUAL INSPECTION OF WETLEY ROCKS/TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELDS** - The Clerk reported that the inspection was carried out 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 by Wicksteed. Our handyman Steve has dealt with the reported items on a swing seat and goal posts on Toll Bar which had been fixed but have moved again. Small Activity Trail and a swing seat have been fixed as previously reported.
18. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - RENT REVIEW** - The Clerk reported that since our last meeting we have received the bi-annual invoice for £210 which has been paid but no update on the lease.
19. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - Councillor Ahmad stated that the drainage issue on the field we have we need a dry spell to look at the drains via the inspection cover. The Clerk reported that the gulleys on the roads have been jetted so not sure if this will have helped with the water lying on the playing field. Councillor Harvey stated it has been an issue for many years as they only remove the water and not the blockages when they jet the gulleys. Councillor Cunningham stated he visited today and there is still a puddle by the trees and very wet close to the main road.
20. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT** - The Clerk reported that Councillor Williamson is going to look at the tender for Grounds Maintenance to include removing the grass when mown at both Playing Fields. Councillor Cunningham reported that at Pointon's Park they have a robotic mower and will speak to the company to see if it might work on Wetley Rocks as a trial. It constantly cuts as it is solar powered. It is alarmed and works very well but it is a flat area, but he will make enquiries.

20. **WETLEY ROCKS PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT (Cont'd...)** - The Clerk reported that the handyman has fixed the gate and stones in the wall where a hole had been reported at the last meeting.
21. **TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD - COMPLETION OF REPLACEMENT OF TRIM TRAIL** - Councillor Harvey asked what the charge for £630 for the handyman is before they installed the new equipment. The Clerk explained that this was the cost of removing the old equipment which our handyman did rather than pay the additional cost to Playdale. Councillor Harvey then stated so the grant was not for the total costs. The Clerk explained that the grant was applied for before we had the quotes for the drainage works so the play equipment plus installation was over £15,000 so when we applied for the grant the costs were estimated. Therefore, we received £17,000 for everything. I have costed all expenses to the Playing Fields to highlight the shortfall. Councillor Ahmad mentioned that without the handyman it would of cost more. Councillor Harvey raised his concerns as to the rising maintenance costs across all Committees of the Council. It is not just for today we need to budget better and everywhere needs additional maintenance to stop all areas deteriorating. We need to create revenue to meet the shortfall by fundraising or making charges.
22. **TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD - GENERAL CONDITION OF THE FIELD** - Councillor Cunningham stated that where the land drains have been installed the grass needs to be seeded. The Clerk reported that this has been done.
23. **TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD - ANY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT** - In the spring there are additional works to edge the grass and paint the wall. Maybe a volunteer's day as we did on Cheddleton Playing Fields. A few hours to tidy it up.
24. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - Robotic Mower free trial.  
Toll Bar works mentioned. Fund Raising Events.
25. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 2025/26** - After considering the figures produced the committee made their recommendations.

Chairman