

Cheddleton Parish Council

**MINUTES OF FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
HOLLOW LANE, CHEDDLETON, ON TUESDAY 13th. MAY 2025.**

ATTENDANCE Chairman - M.P. Worthington
Vice-Chairman - Mrs. L. Shaw.

Councillors - M. Ahmad, Mrs. C.A. Lovatt, and Miss. S.J. Rogers.
Members - Mr. R. Beresford, & Mrs. G. Higginson.
Clerk - Mrs. L.J. Green.

54. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councillor M.F. Cunningham, K. Harvey, and Miss. V.L. Salt.
Member Mr. P. Green and it was resolved to accept these.
Councillor Worthington expressed his best wishes to Councillor Worthington on behalf of the Council.
55. **MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH & COUNTRYSIDE/CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING OF 11th. MARCH 2025** - It was resolved to accept these as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
56. **MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM** - No items were raised.
57. **CORRESPONDENCE:** - No Correspondence.
58. **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE FUNDING PROJECT** - The Clerk reported that there has been some progress but that two of the footpaths in the leaflet are currently closed due to landslip near Consall.
59. **UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION OF THE BUTTERCROSS** - The Clerk reported that the Butter Cross restoration is now completed, and the Dry-Stone wall has been completed with the help of volunteers and Derbyshire Dry-stone walling association. Photos were circulated to members. Our volunteers are completing the fencing across the back of the wall. Next step is to turf the top of the wall and put a border on the other side in front of the holly bush. The interpretation board wording needs to be finalized and made highlighting everyone involved and then we can organize an official opening. Historic England will release the last of the funding. One of our volunteers has started to catalogue the different stages to present to people, showing the restoration.
60. **UPDATE SURVEY OF PATHS IN THE PARISH/WORKS - VOLUNTEERS** - The updated spreadsheet has been circulated. Councillor Miss. Rogers stated she has a few things that have not yet been logged onto the survey and will update the volunteers. She shared photos of the Canal entrance from Park Lane where the rail has collapsed. She was unsure who would be responsible for it if it were C&RT or formed part of the footpath. The Clerk was asked to report it to Rights of Way by Councillor Worthington. The Clerk reported that the volunteers are struggling without the help of Ian as he is currently recovering from an operation and he forms the main transport for the volunteers.

61. **HIMALAYAN BALSAM/JAPANESE KNOTWEED** - The Clerk stated that C&RT can help with a Himalayan Balsam Pull Event, but the date has been amended to 4th. June to allow time to advertise and our volunteers to help.

62. **UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FOOTPATH MODIFICATIONS/ APPEALS/ DISCREPENCIES** - The Clerk reported that there is no May Meeting of the Staffordshire County CROW because of the Elections, Aprils was cancelled, so the next meeting is June.

63. **ANY NOTED FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS/REPORTS WITH ROW** - The Clerk reported footpath 38 some of the posts at Basford Bridge Terrace end have started to rot and need replacing which the volunteers will be replacing. Footpath 55 a ROW Officer has been to check the reported obstruction and stated that it was clear. Mrs. Higginson stated she will walk it and take a look again. It was reported that it was significantly wet so she will check. Footpath 42 bull sign reported to the landowner to cover it by Staffs County Council. Bagnall Parish Council have asked for help with the installation of a stile on Bagnall 20 which our volunteers will help to install but are busy on the butter cross currently. Footpath 26 which is the corn in the field. Can we send photos and details of the owner of the field. Mrs. Higginson will keep an eye on it and find out who owns the field. Footpath 12 was mentioned at Full Council. Today Footpath 80 has been reported to the Clerk and sent to the volunteers. The Longsdon unadopted path has been reported to Longsdon Parish Council for them to pursue it with ROW but no response.
The Clerk reported that we had stated that we would like to promote the walks so it might be good to have a separate meeting to discuss some of the good walks and start by looking at the old leaflets previously produced.

64. **WAYMARKING** - All Waymarkers are constantly being checked and put up to help with directing walkers.

65. **DEEP HAYES/COUNTRYSIDE/CANALS** - Mrs. Higginson reported that deep hayes are silting up and will never be cleared. Lots of compliments from visitors about other works carried out. Rare birds sighted.

66. **UPDATE PROJECTS/WORK PARTY/DEED OF DEDICATION - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that the documents have been signed and once they have officially had the seal done on the deed of dedication, we will receive it in the next couple of weeks.

67. **INSPECTION REPORT/GENERAL CONDITION/WORKS REQUIRED - CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD** - The Clerk reported that Fields in Trust normally arrange and pay for the Annual Inspection so going forward we will have to arrange our own and pay for it. They will continue to perform it but charge us. Councillor Ahmad proposed that we instruct our inspector to carry it out alongside the other two play areas. Seconded by Councillor Miss. Rogers and agreed.
The Clerk reported that she has received the first application for memorial benches from Mr. Beresford. She read out his letter for members to discuss. Councillor Worthington proposed donating two of the seats currently in stock to replace his son's bench and his dad's seat that was removed because it was damaged because of all the work he has carried out over the years unpaid for the Council. All agreed. Plaques will be replaced and Councillor Ahmad stated he will pay for them. These will be installed as soon as possible.

68. **GRANGE POND** - Councillor Mrs. Shaw reported that it looks good and all the bird boxes are being used. No further fly tipping reported since the camera has been installed.

69. **BRIDGE EYE** - Councillor Worthington reported that St. Edward's church in Cheddleton is struggling for funding, so Cautionary Lands Charity have agreed to sell Bridge Eye to Bateman's and the proceeds to be donated to the churches in the Parish. The Clerk asked about the Well and Councillor Worthington reported it will be a condition of the sale for them to maintain it. It depends on planning permission to turn it into a car park for staff and possibly the community.
70. **FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS** - Zip Wire quote to replace the cable.
Footpath Deep Haye to Crown Point update.

Chairman