

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting.
Commencing 7.30pm on Thursday 15th September 2016.
Village Hall, Buds Road, Cannock Wood.

Present:

S. Janes (Chair), A. Green, P. Ansell, I. Bamford, B. Hardman.

In Attendance:

Clerk to the Council, Ms. L. Sinnott.

Public Participation

Several members of the public were present. They wanted to highlight concerns over speeding on Hayfield Hill and had already contacted Highways. One of the residents concerned had spoken to MP Amanda Milling in order to raise the issue. Subsequently, police officers had spent some time with a mobile speed device on the stretch of road concerned.

The Council had been informed prior to the meeting by residents of this particular issue and therefore had already spoken to Highways also. The same information was given to both parties regarding the reasoning behind why Highways won't consider using speed humps, which had been one suggestion by residents. The Council reassured residents that it had contacted Highways to voice concerns, and it was suggested that the Council could suggest the potential of 'rumble strips' as a viable alternative.

A concern was also made about hedge cutting and path clearing on Hayfield Hill as a number of residents felt as though they were being forced to walk in the road, or very close to it. Clerk to contact Highways and ask for this to be addressed.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Cllr Janes welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 7.30pm. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Allen and Cllr Poynton.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting on Thursday 21st July 2016.

Approval of the minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

3. Matters arising from minutes.

No matters arose that were not covered by the minutes.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

4. Planning.

CLlr Bamford briefly notes that after a conversation with the Planning Team, the Parish Council are only supposed to discuss applications that a paper copy is received for.

4.1 Applications for consideration.

CH/16/297 – ‘FERNROYD, BUDS ROAD’ – Single storey extension to front with Garage. **APPROVED**

CH/16/310 – PARKSIDE FARM – Erection of Agricultural buildings to replace previous ones after fire. **APPROVED**

CH/16/318 – 38 PARKGATE ROAD – Erection of two houses and two bungalows. **APPROVED**

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council and Amendments.

No applications approved/rejected.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

5. Finance.

5.1 Latest details and bank balance.

At the present time, the accounts totalled £6,684.79, with outstanding cheques from a previous month.

5.2 Accounts to be paid.

- Monthly Clerk's salary - £75. Monthly Clerk's expenses - £20.

RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS.

6. Correspondence.

6.1 Incoming.

- Email from Chairman of the Officers Working Group regarding future AONB conference dates and how Parish Councils can be involved in the new structure.
- Parking query on High Meadow responded to from Highways – Forwarded to Cllr Green
- Several emails regarding the financial position of the District Council – Cllr Janes attended a meeting, which is for discussion on item number 12.
- Email from Duncan Rollo asking for the September meeting date as he may attend – Put on Councillors reports and Mr Rollo was advised on the meeting date and time/place.
- Email from Cllr Janes regarding a number of complaints of speeding on Hayfield Hill – Forwarded to highways and a response has been received. Will circulate to Councillors at meeting, as some residents will also be attending.
- Emails from Gary Powis and Eric Roy regarding Clerk taking over daily management of website – to be discussed as part of item 9.
- Email inviting Clerk to Peer Challenge meeting from Louise Onions - Clerk was unfortunately unable to attend and sent apologies.
- Email from Came and Co to advise of office move – New address noted for future correspondence.

- Email from Matthew Davenhill regarding the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan – Will be circulated to Councillors as deadline for consultation has been extended to October.

6.2 Outgoing

- Email to Highways regarding speeding issue on Hayfield Hill.
- Emails to Eric Roy and Gary Powis regarding Clerk taking over website updates.
- Email to Louise Onions sending apologies for the Clerk as unable to attend Peer Challenge meeting.
- Email to Peter Davies - clerk to Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council to confirm the attendance of Cllr Janes to the meeting.
- Email to Duncan Rollo advising of the future meeting date as requested.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

7. Councillors Reports.

The Council was expecting Duncan Rollo to attend, Clerk to chase this.

8. Grant applications email.

Last year an email was sent out inviting potential Grant applications. It was discussed and decided that this year Cllr Janes will bring this up as an item at the Village Hall meeting. Clerk to also arrange for a notice to put on notice board and in the Parish Magazine.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

9. Updating of website with Eric Roy/clerks training.

It was decided that the Clerk will attend training with Eric Roy at a time and date to be arranged. Any informal training or help can then be given by Gary Powis , as and when needed.

RESOLVED: NOTED

10. Daffodils on verges.

Following the recent information from the District Council around funding cuts, the Parish Council has decided that it will not be feasible to fund Daffodils for the Village verges this year.

RESOLVED: NOTED

11. Winter Inclement weather preparations.

Cllr Bamford confirmed that he had checked most of the bins and lights in preparation for inclement weather. He did however; note that one of the lights has gone out on Chapel Lane outside the Methodist Chapel. Clerk to contact Highways to ensure this is fixed.

RESOLVED: NOTED

12. Financial Position of District Council and funding cuts.

Cllr Janes attended a meeting regarding this issue and reported back to the Council on the outcome of this. It was explained that funding cuts will take place from the next financial year and will affect a proportion of the Precept and Christmas light funding. A decision was made to put this as an Agenda item for next month. Clerk to attempt to obtain information on Christmas lights and tree and where it is currently supplied. It was suggested by the Council that raising the precept will potentially cover the grant-aided loss due to funding cuts. This will need further discussion.

RESOLVED: NOTED

13. Neighbourhood Watch – People Power Fund.

The email was circulated to Councillors, however, the Council were unsure as to whether they had an issues that would be covered under the People Power Fund in order to obtain funding. The Council will remain aware that it is available if needed.

RESOLVED: NOTED

14. Items for discussion/Future Agenda Items

- District Council funding cuts
- Website updates
- Duncan Rollo

15. Date of next meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:15pm and everyone was thanked for their attendance. The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 20th October 2016.

RESOLVED: TO NEXT MEET ON 20th October 2016.

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