

# Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,  
Cannock Wood on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009, at 7.30 pm.

## **Present:**

Cllr's: Mrs P. Chapman, Mrs M. Allen, Mrs P. Ansell, Mr G. Powis, Mr J. Healey,  
Mr D. Mawle

## **In Attendance:**

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk

## **Public Participation**

There were no Parishioners comments or questions.

### **1. Apologies.**

No apologies had been received.

### **2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009.**

The minutes of the meeting were read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Ansell.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes.**

Cllr Healey reported that the Grit Bin located at the junction of Slang Lane and  
Cumberledge Hill had been refilled during the recent adverse weather but within a  
few days all the grit had been stolen.

Cllr Powis reported that he had noticed that the noise from Cannock Wood Industrial  
Estate, where metal was being scrapped had seemed to have started again.

Cllr Ansell reported that she had been at an SPCA meeting where Area Committee's  
were again discussed and this will be taken to the County as there were positive  
feelings about the idea. Cllr Ansell will keep Cllr's informed when more information  
becomes available.

### **4. Planning**

#### **4.1 Applications for Consideration.**

One application had been received.

CH/09/0020 – Gentleshaw Radio Mast – Installation of 3 additional dishes

The Council had no objections to this application.

#### **4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.**

There had been no approvals or rejections received from Cannock Chase  
District Council.

### **5. Finance.**

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £4,454.75 in the current  
account and there was £2,416.76 in the 3 Month Premium Account.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Salary

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Expenses.

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Powis

Cllr Ansell asked the Council if they would consider donating a raffle prize for the Chairman's Charity Ball. In previous years the Council had always supported the event. It was proposed and agreed that a bottle of Whisky could be purchased.

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Healey

#### **6. Grant Applications.**

The Clerk informed Cllr's that he had received information from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chase Terrace Scout Group explaining their financial situation following their application for a grant in November 2008. After discussion, Cllr's agreed to a grant of £100.

Proposed: Cllr Healey, Seconded: Cllr Powis.

St Giles Hospice had also sent in an appeal for grant funding in November but Cllr's agreed that it should be decided at the February meeting. After discussion it was proposed and agreed to make a grant of £250.

Proposed: Cllr Mawle, Seconded: Cllr Healey.

#### **7. Electricity Supply.**

Nothing to report.

#### **8. Water Pressure.**

Nothing to report.

#### **9. Dog Fouling.**

Cllr's reported that Castle Ring appeared to be bad again. It was also reported that when the Caravan Club had hired the field at Christmas, they had reported dog fouling was bad in the area they used.

Cllr Allen reported that people appeared to be ignoring signs and she had noticed fouling at the base of a lamppost upon which there was a dog fouling sign. Cllr Allen agreed to get some publicity about the problem in the local newspaper and Cllr Mawle agreed to speak with the District Council about the problem.

#### **10. Correspondence.**

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

#### **11. Road Safety within the Village.**

Cllr Chapman reported that a car had gone through the hedge opposite the Rag Public House in the recent bad weather. Also there had been a road accident early one morning outside the school where a car had lost control and hit the Caretakers parked car causing extensive damage.

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Staffs C. C. about Grit Bins. They would look into moving the grit bin in Chapel Lane to the junction with Cumberledge Hill and would look at the other suggestions for new locations that the Council had asked about. However, due to the bad weather they had been very busy and had not actually been out to inspect the area.

#### **12. Quality Council Status.**

Nothing further to report.

**13. Parish Council Web Page.**

Cllr Powis reported that as yet the site was still not live. He suggested that the Council should think about having a “Mission Statement” on the page. Cllr Powis was looking into collecting historical information and photographs of the Village. As yet he was not aware of what the Web Page would be called. The other web page had Village information on it but had not progressed significantly and Cllr’s wondered if that site would consider closing in which case that address could possibly be used. Cllr Powis would look into this matter and also speak to Eric Roy about the situation and hopefully at the next meeting may be able to advise the Council of a go live date.

**14. Community Speed Watch scheme.**

Hazel Slade was commencing training for their scheme soon and was borrowing the equipment from Prospect Village. Cllr’s agreed to leave this ongoing.

**15. Best Kept Village 2009.**

Cllr Allen informed Cllr’s that she had met with Mr John Perry from the Community Council of Staffordshire to discuss things and get advice on the competition. Cllr Powis had helped to draw the map of the Village which would account for 20% of the overall marks. A duplicate of the map was shown to Cllr’s who agreed it was really good. The entry had been submitted and now the competition needed to be advertised locally to get people on board. It was felt some sort of Children’s competition would be good to advertise the competition. Judging starts in May but nobody is aware of when their Village is being judged.

**16. Village Newsletter.**

Nothing further to report.

**17. Public Footpaths and Rights of Way.**

The Clerk informed Cllr’s that he had received the map from Staffs C.C. Cllr’s looked at the map and thought it worth looking at in conjunction with the Community Paths initiative. This will be an ongoing item.

**18. Items for discussion/Future agenda’s.**

Nothing to report.

**21. Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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Derek Arm  
Clerk to the Council.