

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 19th March 2009, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr's: Mrs P. Chapman, Mrs P. Ansell, Mr G. Powis, Mr J. Healey, Mr I. Bamford.

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk

Public Participation

Cllr Ansell stated that she was pleased to announce the safe arrival of a baby daughter on the 17th March for Cllr Mawle and his wife. Cllr's wished to pass on their congratulations to the family.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllr's Allen and Mawle

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2009.

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

Proposed: Cllr Ansell, Seconded: Cllr Powis.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr's reported that there had been letters in the local paper about the proposal to site three additional dishes on the Radio Mast in the Village

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

One application had been received.

CH/09/0060 – Court Hayes Farm – Proposed Agricultural building

The Council had no objections to this application.

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

There had been one approval received from Cannock Chase District Council.

CH/09/0020 – Gentleshaw Radio Site – Installation of three additional dishes.

Permission Granted

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £3,847.00 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.

Village Hall £176.00 – Room Hire

Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Bamford

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk reported that two grant applications had been received. The first was from the Village Fayre committee who were appealing for funds to help in organising the Fayre in September 2009. Cllr's Powis, Bamford and Ansell declared an interest in this application.

The second appeal was from Ms Emma Beaman who had been working with the Scout Camp on a historical project, producing an audio trail around Castle Ring, Beaudesert, the walled gardens and the ruin of the old Hall.

Cllr's discussed both applications and decided to make a grant of £350 toward the Village Fayre and £100 toward the historical project on Beaudesert.

Proposed: Cllr Healey, Seconded: Cllr Chapman.

7. Electricity Supply.

Nothing to report.

8. Water Pressure.

Nothing to report.

9. Dog Fouling.

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

Cllr Healey reported that the Grit Bins had been refilled.

Cllr Healey reported that he had noticed that large potholes had appeared in some Village roads following the snow over winter. The carriageway in Cumberledge Hill, where the repair work to the Culvert had taken place was also subsiding. It was agreed the clerk should email Highways at Staffs C. C. about the issues.

Cllr's also expressed concerns about the level of street lighting in Holly Hill Road to the junction with Park Gate Road. They suggested they should ask for it to be assessed to see if it met current standards. The Clerk agreed to ask for an assessment of the lighting when emailing Highways at Staffs C. C.

Cllr Powis had received a complaint about an overgrown hedge in Hayfield Hill. The hedge, which completely obscured the bus stop, also encroached on to the footpath.

Cllr's discussed the problem and asked the Clerk to write to Arriva pointing out the problem with the bus stop being hidden.

12. Quality Council Status.

Nothing further to report.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr N. Denker about the possibility of transferring the Domain of the other Village Web site to the Council. Mr Denker had spoken with the Clerk and did not have a problem with the request and offered help if needed. Cllr Powis agreed to contact Mr Denker to move the situation forward.

Cllr Powis told Cllr's that he had spoken with Eric Roy about the web page and was still trying to source additional material for inclusion. He had some old photographs and was compiling history of the area. Cllr Powis suggested that Cllr's should think about a "Mission Statement" for the Council which could be included.

14. Community Speed Watch scheme.

Nothing to report.

15. Best Kept Village 2009.

Cllr's were aware that Cllr Allen wanted to advise everyone in the Village about the competition and was looking into how best to do this.

16. Village Newsletter.

Nothing further to report.

17. Public Footpaths and Rights of Way.

Cllr's discussed this issue and felt that at present they had could not take it any further. It was decided to remove this item from future agendas.

18. Items for discussion/Future agenda's.

Cllr Ansell advised Cllr's of the next Parish Council's AONB meeting.

21. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 16th April 2009.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.