

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 18th June 2009, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr's: Mrs P. Chapman, Mrs P. Ansell, Mr J. Healey, Mrs M. Allen
Mr I. Bamford.

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk
Four local residents.

Public Participation

Mrs Y. Nicholls of 6 Hayfield Hill expressed concerns about the bus stops in the Village especially the one located outside her property. The 6.40 a.m. bus parks at the bus stop and leaves the engine running for many minutes which wakes them up as their bedroom is on the front of their property. Also when buses are parked at the stop during the day, it makes getting out of their driveway very dangerous as the bus stop is close to the junction of Hayfield Hill/Cumberledge Hill. Mrs Nicholls had contacted Arriva about the problems but nothing had happened. Cllr's agreed this was not satisfactory and informed Mrs Nicholls that concerns had been raised at the last meeting and Cllr Healey had undertaken a survey of all stops. This was discussed with Mrs Nicholls and Cllr's agreed that the way forward should be to ask a representative from Arriva to attend a meeting of the Council in the future to discuss the many issues that had been identified. Cllr Healey agreed to pass on the survey to the Clerk and also contact details of someone at Arriva.

Mr & Mrs D. Brown of 17 Pineside Avenue informed Cllr's that new street lighting was being installed in Pineside Avenue and a lamppost had been sited right outside their property. This was a great concern to them as their young child's bedroom is on the front of the house and they feel the light will keep the child awake. They have been told that the new lights are four time stronger than the old ones. A worker involved in the installation of the new lights told a neighbour they needed to get thicker curtains. Cllr's discussed the problem and agreed that there ought to be a satisfactory solution to the problem. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Principal Lighting engineer and ask that the situation be looked in to and the lamppost moved to a new position. Mr & Mrs Brown agreed to keep in contact with the Clerk updating him on the situation.

Mrs R. Taylor of 28 Cumberledge Hill told Cllr's she was very concerned about the speed of cars using Village roads, especially Cumberledge Hill where she lived. She felt that sooner or later there would be a serious accident due to the problem. Cllr's told Mrs Taylor that they had been asking for various measures to be introduced to deter speeding on Village roads but nothing had happened. It was felt that the Police should look at undertaking more speed checks in the Village and also ask the County Council to look at the possibility of getting deterrents installed on the roads, like chicanes. The Clerk agreed to contact the Village bobby about the problem and also write to highways asking what could be done.

All residents then left the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllr's Powis and Mawle.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 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 Ansell informed Cllr's that she had spoken with Cllr Mawle who had informed her that the Oak Tree that had been reported by Mr Potts at the APM would hopefully be cut back within the next few days.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

No applications had been received.

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

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

CH/09/0109 – 10 Cumberledge Hill – Dormer window to front.

Permission Granted.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £5,403.78 in the current account and there was £2,443.91 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.

Eric Roy Consulting £640.00 – Council Web Page

SPCA £20 – Cllr Training

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Ansell.

6. Grant Applications.

No grant applications had been received.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems had been reported.

8. Water Pressure.

One leak had been reported in Cumberledge Hill and there had also been one close to the Rag Public House. Cllr's agreed to monitor the situation.

9. Dog Fouling.

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

Cllr Allen agreed to attend an SPCA seminar on Parish Plans and Quality status.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

Cllr Bamford stated that some issues had been mentioned to him and he agreed to forward details via an email to the Clerk.

Cllr Healey went through the report on the bus stops in the Village that he had undertaken. There were issues with several stops and Cllr Healey reported that a friend had reported the stop in Hayfield Hill, opposite the Redmoor Public House because he felt it was very dangerous. Arriva had not given any satisfactory replies. Cllr's felt that the whole issue of bus stops should be discussed with Arriva and the best way forward was to try to get a representative to attend a meeting in the future. Cllr Healey agreed to pass on contact details for Arriva to the Clerk so that he could contact them and invite them to attend a meeting in the future.

12. Quality Council Status.

Nothing further to report.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

The Clerk informed Cllr's that the Web Pages were up and running and had spoken with Cllr Powis who was keen that people look at the site and see if any updates needed to be made. Cllr's to give feedback at the next meeting.

14. Community Speed Watch scheme.

Nothing to report.

15. Best Kept Village 2009.

Cllr Allen told Cllr's that she felt the Village was looking good at present and hoped that could be maintained. Results of the first round of judging would not be available until July. Cllr Allen informed Cllr's that she had also entered the Village in the Calor Village of the Year competition.

16. Items for discussion/Future agenda's.

The Clerk handed out draft copies of Health and Safety and Equality and Diversity Policies that he had drawn up for the Council. He asked everyone to look at the Policies so that they could be discussed at the next meeting of the Council with a view to adoption if acceptable.

21. Date of Next Meeting.

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

The Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.