

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 16th July, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk
Residents from Cumberledge Hill.

Public Participation

Residents from Cumberledge Hill attended the meeting in order to raise further concerns about the speed of vehicles in Cumberledge Hill. Mrs S Samuels agreed to act as speaker for the residents.

Mrs Samuels stated that the speed of vehicles in Cumberledge Hill was causing great concern to local residents who experienced great difficulty in getting out of their driveways. There was also a problem when trying to cross the road on foot as you could never be sure if anything was coming around the bend by Chapel Lane and the speed at which any vehicle would be travelling at, thus making it very dangerous. The junction with Holly Hill Road was also a problem to get out of as vehicles travelling along Cumberledge Hill from the village came round the bend by Chapel Lane very quickly and you took your life into your own hands trying to get out of the junction. Cllr's agreed that there was a problem and following the last meeting the Clerk had contacted both the Police and the County Council about the problem but to date, had not received any replies. Cllr's explained that they were keen to get a Community Speed Watch scheme started in the Village but there had been very little response to move this idea forward. Mrs Samuels agreed that it may be good to get a scheme started as something had to be done to address the problem before a fatality occurred. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council and invite someone to talk at the September meeting of the Council about Community Speed watch schemes. Cllr Mawle advised that concerns should also be raised at the local Community Forum for the area and the next meeting was in September. People could contact CCDC and ask for forms to submit questions to the forum on.

Mrs Samuels said that she would talk to other residents about the problem and agreed to keep in touch with the Clerk on any further developments.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ansell.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2009.

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

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Bamford.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Mawle reported that the Oak tree at the junction of Bradwell Lane/Gilwell Road had been cut back.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

CH/09/0188 – Lodge Hill Farm, Sevens Road – Domestic Garage

The Council had no objections to this proposal.

CH/09/0189 – Parkside Farm, Chapel Lane – Construction of external brickwork facing, including elevational alterations.

The Council had no objections to this proposal.

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

There had been three approvals received from Cannock Chase District Council.

CH/09/0123 – 30 High Meadow – Retention of Dormer windows to rear.

Permission Granted.

CH/09/0128 – 6 Chestall Road – Single storey extension to rear

Permission Granted.

CH/09/0131 – 40 Hayfield Hill – Single storey extension to side incorporating existing store

Permission Granted.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £4,485.22 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 for July and August as no meeting

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Expenses.

Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Healey.

The Clerk handed out copies of the Accounts for audit for 2008/09 and worked through the accounts with Cllr's explaining how balances were arrived at. After discussion the Clerk recommended that the Council officially accept the accounts so that the required information could be submitted to the Audit Commission. Cllr's thanked the Clerk for the work he had done on preparing the accounts and it was proposed and seconded that the Accounts be accepted and submitted for Audit.

Proposed: Cllr Mawle, Seconded: Cllr Bamford.

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk informed Cllr's that the annual grant aid should be advertised. He had produced a notice to go in the Parish Council Notice board and asked that it should be advertised at the Council stall at the Village Fayre in September.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems had been reported.

8. Water Pressure.

Parts of the Village had suffered a supply interruption during the last week.

9. Dog Fouling.

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

Cllr Bamford stated that he was still trying to establish where grit bins would be best located in Holly Hill Road.

The Parish Council had been thanked by Mr V. Caine for the work they were undertaking in trying to sort out problems with bus stops in the Village.

12. Quality Council Status.

Cllr Allen gave an overview on the training event she had attended on Parish Plans. It was felt this was something that the Council should progress further.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis gave feedback on the number of hits on the new Web page. During June there had been 5698 hits averaging 190 a day and this was locations worldwide. Cllr's were surprised at this but were pleased that the site was being visited.

Cllr Powis stated that he felt that there needed to be a News Page where events could be advertised. Cllr's agreed that it would be a good idea and asked Cllr Powis to contact Eric Roy and ask him to move this idea forward if the cost was reasonable. Cllr's agreed that the council would be prepared to spend up to £75 for this additional page.

14. Community Speed Watch scheme.

This item had been dealt with under Public Participation at the beginning of the meeting.

15. Ideas for Village Fayre.

Cllr's discussed how the Council stand would be staffed on the day. Cllr's also felt that they should get a proper banner produced to advertise the Council's presence at the Fayre. It was also felt that the Council should look at promoting the Council and the new web page. After discussion it was agreed that the Council should look at getting some pens produced with the Council name and Web address printed on them so that they could be handed out on the day. Cllr's agreed to spend up to £100 on the banner and also to get pens produced with a cost target of £100.

16. Best Kept Village 2009.

Cllr Allen informed Cllr's that there would be a meeting on 15th September where feedback would be given and awards presented for the various categories for this year's competition. Cllr Allen would be going to the meeting and will give feedback afterwards.

17. Health & Safety Policy.

Cllr's had looked at the Health and Safety Policy produced by the Clerk and felt it met with the needs of the Council. It was proposed and agreed to accept the Policy with an annual review.

Proposed: Cllr Bamford, Seconded: Cllr Healey

18. Equality & Diversity Policy.

Cllr's had looked at the Equality and Diversity Policy produced by the Clerk and felt it met with the needs of the Council. It was proposed and agreed to accept the Policy with an annual review.

Proposed: Cllr Mawle, Seconded: Powis

19. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

The Council were aware that a recent Art Exhibition had been held in the Village Hall where 29 local exhibitors had displayed photographs and paintings. Cllr's wondered if the Council could look at a Village Festival in the future and support such an event.

20. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 17th September 2009.

The meeting will commence at 7.15 pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.