

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 15th October, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr's: Mr J. Healey, Mr I. Bamford, Mr G. Powis

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk

Mr Trevor Stokes, Chairman of Sustainable Staffordshire

Cllr Powis chaired the meeting.

Public Participation

Mr Stokes was welcomed to the meeting and was invited to talk to the Council. Mr Stokes explained that he was part of an initiative that was encouraging communities to become low Carbon Communities. This could be achieved in many ways from simply using low energy light bulbs to ensuring houses were properly insulated in order to save energy. Mr Stokes handed around leaflets that had been produced and explained that there may well be funding available to help with this project. Cannock Wood had been chosen as the first Village to approach and Mr Stokes explained that it was hoped that a public meeting could be organised where residents in the village could come along and learn what could be achieved in order to reduce energy costs and the Carbon footprint of the Village. Mr Stokes would provide a team of people with experience on this matter to speak at the meeting. Cllr's told Mr Stokes that they would like to discuss this more with other Cllr's who could not attend this evening's meeting so would put it as an agenda item for the November meeting of the Council. Cllr Powis explained that realistically, if Cllr's agreed it was a worthwhile initiative, it would probably be early in the New Year before a meeting could be arranged. Cllr's agreed to inform Mr Stokes of what had been discussed at the November meeting of the Council and what decision had been taken.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllr's Chapman, Mawle, Ansell and Allen.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2009.

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

Proposed: Cllr Bamford, Seconded: Cllr Healey.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr's stated that illuminating speed signs, informing motorists of their speed had been placed by the Village School.

Cllr Powis informed Cllr's that with the Village having won the Staffordshire Calor Village of the Year title; Cllr Allen and himself had met with judges of the competition as the Village was now in the regional competition. It appeared to have

gone well and when a decision had been reached the Village would be informed. It was also hoped that feedback on both the BKV and Calor competitions would be received.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

CH/09/0300 – Pine View, Ivy Lane – Two storey side and single storey rear extension to the front elevation and a Juliette balcony to the first floor side elevation.

The Council had no objections to this proposal.

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

There had been one approval received from Cannock Chase District Council.
CH/09/0218 – 31 Pineside Avenue – Conservatory to rear

Permission Granted.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £7,539.43 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.

Proposed: Cllr Healey, Seconded: Cllr Bamford.

The Clerk reported that the second Precept payment had been received.

The Clerk informed Cllr's that he had intended to give a financial update at the meeting but due to severe PC problems he had not been able to produce the information. Cllr's discussed the problems with the Clerk and said the Clerk should look for a new PC and the Council would support him financially. The Clerk thanked Cllr's for this and said he would need to look at options available.

The Clerk reported that he had received the Notice of Audit completion from the Audit Commission.

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk updated Cllr's on the grant applications that had been received and told Cllr's that he would need to contact the Evergreens as they needed to supply further information.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems had been reported.

8. Water Pressure.

Water pressure in the Village was good and recent work at the reservoir had been completed.

9. Dog Fouling.

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

Cllr Bamford informed the meeting that a vehicle had recently ended up in the front garden of “The Croft” in Holly Hill Road. The car had been travelling too fast and had not made the bend and had taken off landing in the garden. The Police had attended and arrested a person. The issue of grit bins was discussed in Holly Hill Road, the re-siting of the one in Chapel Lane and the replacement of the one sited at Ivy Lane/Cumberledge Hill.

Cllr’s were also concerned that the road surface outside Nunswell car park where the culvert had been repaired was also showing signs of subsiding. The Clerk agreed to email Staffs CC about the various problems.

12. Quality Council Status.

Nothing further to report.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis informed Cllr’s that he had spoken to Eric Roy and there was now a link to the site from Wikipedia. The site was still getting many hits from all round the world.

14. Community Speed Watch scheme.

There had been no update from local residents on any further progress.

15. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

No issues were raised.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 19th November 2009.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.