

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 17th June 2010, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk

Public Participation

There were no Parishioners comments or questions.

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2010.

The minutes of the meetings were read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr Ansell, Seconded: Cllr Allen.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Ansell stated that the road surface in Gilwell Road between Uplands Close and Holly Hill Road had not been repaired. The Clerk agreed to report this to Mark Keeling.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

CH/10/0192 – Orchard Cottage, Chestall Park – Porch and three front dormers
The Council had no objections to this application.

CH/10/0197 – 15 Park Gate Road – Two storey front extension, front dormer,
rear dormer extension and a conservatory.

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 £5,330.65 in the current account and £2,446.60. 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.

Mrs M. E. Allen – £27.69 - BKV entry fee and laminates.

Village Hall - £176.00 – Room Hire for Council meetings

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Bamford
Cllr Powis reported that the Yorkshire Bank now had the new mandate. Cllr Healey agreed to take i.d. to the bank and sign the mandate.

6. Grant Applications.

There had been no reply from Beaudesert Guide Association.
Cllr's discussed the grant application from the Village Fayre Committee. After debate it was decided to award a grant of £350.
Proposed: Cllr Healey, Seconded: Cllr Chapman.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.
Cllr's expressed concerns about the new street lights outside Nunswell Park becoming obscured by the trees. This matter would be reported to Street Lighting at the Highways department.

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

9. Dog Fouling.

No problems reported.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.
All noted by Cllr's.
Cllr's expressed concerns about the closure of the waste disposal facility at Burntwood being closed by the County Council. Cllr's felt that this would increase fly tipping in the area due to the distances people would have to travel to either Lichfield or Cannock. In the long term this may work out more costly to the Council with having to clear up the rubbish and it would also increase the carbon footprint. Cllr's felt that the Council should write to Environmental Health at the County Council to register their concerns about the decision.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

Cllr's reported that there had been a convoy of speeding vehicles racing around the Village on Tuesday. This had been reported to the Police.
Complaints had been received about a white van parked in Hayfield Hill close to the junction with Cumberledge Hill. The vehicle was parked half on the footpath which caused an obstruction to pedestrians and cars turning in to Hayfield Hill. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Police.
One resident had also reported cars racing around the Village on a Friday evening. This would also be reported to the Police.

12. Quality Council Status.

Nothing further to report.

13. Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Clerk confirmed to Cllr's that there had been no request from Parishioners for an election to be held. As a result Cllr's could co-opt a person on to the Council. Cllr's had spoken to various people who had expressed an interest in becoming a Cllr but

only one person had submitted a written application, Mrs S. Janes of Park Gate Barn Park Gate Road. Cllr's discussed Mrs Janes letter of application and after discussion felt that Mrs Janes would make an excellent Cllr so they decided to co-opt her on to the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Healey, Seconded: Cllr Allen

The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Janes to inform her of the Councils' decision and to invite her to the next meeting of the Council.

14. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis informed Cllr's that the Web Page was continuing to get "hits" from around the world. Cllr Powis also informed Cllr's that he had been asked if the Council were going to allow advertising on the Web Page. Cllr's decided to discuss this at some point in the future.

15. Village Fayre – Ideas for Council stand.

The Clerk informed Cllr's that he had contacted Mark Keeling about posters who had replied saying he would try and get posters and information that the Council could use on the day.

Cllr Bamford had been making investigations about how the Council Web Page could be displayed at the Fayre. It may be possible to download screen shots of the Web Page which could be displayed on the day. It was suggested that Eric Roy may be able to produce a PowerPoint presentation of the Web Page which could be continually cycled on the day. Cllr Powis agreed to contact Eric Roy to see if this could be done. Cllr Allen suggested the Council purchase a Gazebo that the stand could be set up in and if it rained it would offer protection to the displays. It would also be an investment for future years. Cllr's thought this would be a good idea and would investigate the best option.

16. Best Kept Village 2010.

Cllr Allen felt the Village was currently looking good. As yet she was not aware if judges had made their initial visit to the Village.

17. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

No items were raised.

17. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 15th July.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.