

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 15th July 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, Mrs S. Janes

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk
PCSO Sean Nicholls

The Chairman welcomed Cllr S. Janes to her first meeting as a Parish Councillor.

Public Participation

PCSO Sean Nicholls addressed Cllr's appraising them of crime in the area. The following incidents had occurred recently:

One Mobile Phone theft from Beaudesert Scout Camp.

One Public Order offence late at night.

One serious assault at the Rag Public House.

Seven vehicles causing a nuisance at Castle Ring car park.

The Police were continuing to respond to incidents but relied on support from the Public. The seven vehicles that were causing a nuisance at Castle Ring left the area minutes before a Police Car arrived. Unfortunately no registrations of the vehicles had been taken. Cllr's discussed the other issues raised recently and PCSO Nicholls agreed to look further in to them.

The issue with White Transit type vans in Hayfield Hill had been investigated. Cllr's were still concerned with how these vehicles were parked from a safety perspective.

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 17th June 2010.

Cllr Allen pointed out that under agenda item 16, the visit made to the Village was the final visit not the initial one. The Clerk amended this detail.

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

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Bamford.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

No matters arising.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

CH/10/0248 – 37 Holly Hill Road – Two storey side extension, single storey side and front extension, first floor front and rear extension.

Cllr's decided to object to this application on the grounds that the proposed extensions impacted dramatically on the character and appearance of the property. There could also be an effect on the light for other properties in the area. Cllr's also felt that it could set a precedence if it were allowed as it may encourage other people to make similar applications.

The Council objected 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/10/0178 – Viola Nook Chestall Road – Non material amendment to planning permission CH/07/0685.

Permission Granted.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £4,511.33 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 for July and August

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Expenses.

Proposed: Cllr Ansell, Seconded: Cllr Chapman

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk had received a reply from Beaudesert Guide Association giving the financial details.

Cllr's discussed the grant application but felt that they wanted to find out further information with regards to what the Association were requesting the money for and also to consider the application at the November meeting of the Council when other applications would be considered. The Clerk was asked to request further information.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.

The problem with the street lighting in Cumberledge Hill by Nunswell car park was still overgrown. The Clerk agreed to pursue this matter.

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

9. Dog Fouling.

No problems reported.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

Cllr Ansell asked if there had been any feedback on the road surface in Gilwell Road. The Clerk explained that he had received an email from Mark Keeling which stated that the road would be permanently patched between house numbers 28 to 32 but the state of the rest of the road did not warrant re-surfacing. The Clerk agreed to forward the email to Cllr Ansell.

Cllr Healy had reported potholes in the road surface on Commonside.
Cllr Bamford reported that a small grit bin had been sited in Holly Hill Road as was promised earlier in the year.
Cllr Powis had wondered if it may be possible to get additional sites for the proposed SID devices in the Village. The Clerk agreed to email Mark Keeling on this matter.

12. Quality Council Status.

Nothing further to report.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis informed Cllr's that he had got the relevant alterations made to the Web Page showing Cllr Janes details. The site also reflected additional meeting dates. The site was still getting several thousand hits per month.

14. Village Fayre – Ideas for Council stand.

Cllr Powis had spoken with Eric Roy about the possibility of a scrolling presentation about the Web Page. He advised this could be expensive to produce. Cllr Powis had managed to get prints from the pages which could be laminated.
Cllr Powis had also looked into the cost of Gazebo's and shared information with Cllr's. After discussion it was agreed to go ahead with a purchase from "Wilkinson"s.
Cllr Powis agreed to progress this issue.
Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Ansell.
Cllr Bamford stated that he may not be able to help with the setting up of the stall for the Fayre this year as he was unable to get the time off from work. Cllr Healy also stated that he would be unable to attend in the afternoon.

15. Best Kept Village 2010.

Cllr Allen stated that she had been advised about the date for the meeting when the results of this years BKV competition would be announced.

17. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

Cllr Allen had stepped down as representative for the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee. After discussion, Cllr Janes agreed to take on this role.
Proposed: Cllr Ansell, Seconded: Cllr Bamford

17. Date of Next Meeting.

Owing to there being no meeting in August, Cllr's agreed to hold the September meeting one week earlier on Thursday 9th September.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.