

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 21st October 2010, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk
Mrs B Brettle, Mrs J. Danks – Residents of Slang Lane.

Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Brettle and Mrs Danks to the meeting and asked if they would like to raise an issue to the Council.

Mrs Brettle stated that residents in Slang Lane were very concerned about the speed at which vehicles were entering Slang Lane from Hayfield Hill. The angle of the junction into Slang Lane from Hayfield Hill meant that cars hardly had to brake to turn so when cars were entering the narrower part of Slang Lane they were speeding and cars coming in the opposite direction had to take to the grass verge to avoid an accident. At times there were horses in Slang Lane from the local equestrian centre which would be unable to get out of the way of speeding cars.

Mrs Brettle pointed out that the road narrows and speed signs were in the wrong place as they were actually in the narrow part of Slang Lane and needed to be re-sited nearer to the junction with Hayfield Hill. Cllr's discussed the issues with Mrs Brettle and agreed the signage should be re-sited and the "slow" road marking repainted and asked the Clerk to raise the problem with Highways.

Mrs Brettle and Mrs Danks then left the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Cllr Healey apologised for not passing on his apologies for the last meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2010.

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

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Janes.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Chapman stated the street lights by Nunswell Park were still obscured by the trees. The Clerk stated he had reported the lights via the Clarence service but would chase it up again. Cllr Bamford also stated that the lights in Cumberledge Hill after Hayfield Hill were not working. The Clerk agreed to report these lights as well.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

CH/10/0354 – 16 Pineside Avenue – Replacement detached garage to front.

The Council had no objections to this application.

CH/10/0378 – 13 Bradwell Lane – Single storey rear and side extension.
The Council had no objections 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/10/0321 – 4 Chestall Cottages – Roof extension to enlarge bedroom in roof space.

Permission Granted.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. The second half yearly Precept payment had been received. There was £7,659.15 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.

Staffordshire Playing Fields Association £15 – Annual subscription.

Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Bamford

Cllr Powis informed Cllr's that he had attended the Burntwood Town Council Civic Service and had donated a bottle of Whisky as a raffle prize in aid of the County Air Ambulance. Cllr's agreed the cost should be refunded to Cllr Powis.

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Chapman.

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk gave details of the grant applications that he had received. A request for emergency grant support had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee to help repair the flat roof at the front of the building which was leaking. Cllr's discussed the application and felt that they should support the application as if the leaks weren't repaired it could lead to serious problems internally at the hall. The Clerk informed Cllr's that they could support the application under Section 19 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provision Act of 1976; the Council could support the application outside of S.137 funding, as "it provided facilities which the Council could not provide themselves". After discussion it was agreed that the Council would make a grant of £200.

Proposed: Cllr Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Healey.

Cllr Ansell informed Cllr's that she had heard that the Council Elections next year may be subject to a referendum which could mean the District Council and the Parish elections being held on separate dates. Cllr's expressed concerns about this as it could be very expensive for the Parish Council. If it proved to be correct, the Council would have to seriously consider what level of grant funding they could afford to support in November. The Clerk agreed to look in to what the potential costs could be for the Parish Council and report back at the next meeting.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported. The exercise at the Reservoir in September had been a success with minimal inconvenience.

9. Dog Fouling.

Cllr Allen stated that Holly Hill Road was still bad. Horse fouling was becoming bad in certain areas of the village.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

This item had been dealt with at the start of the meeting. No other issues were raised.

12. Quality Council Status.

Nothing further to report.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis reported that there had been 12,979 hits in September from around the world.

14. Review of Village Fayre from a Council perspective.

Cllr's reported that there had been good interest in the Council stand overall and also having the Police stand in the Gazebo had worked for both stands. There had been no major issues raised on the day. Cllr Powis stated that there would not be a Village Fayre in 2011 as the Committee had decided to have a break. In 2012 it was hoped to link an event in to the 2012 Olympic Games. At the recent Parish Council day at Stafford showground Cllr's were told about the Community Games Initiative. Cllr Powis was looking at this and would ask for it to be an agenda item early in 2011.

15. Best Kept Village 2010.

Cllr Allen reported that she had not received any feedback as yet but that should arrive by the end of October.

16. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

Cllr's had heard that E-mail addresses for Parish Cllr's with the .gov.uk address were being investigated.

Cllr Ansell would be arranging for the Village Xmas tree this year and Cllr Allen was hoping that the switching on of the lights could happen at the same time as the Mulled Wine evening in the Village Hall.

17. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 18th November.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.