

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 18th November 2010, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk

Public Participation

There were no Parishioners comments or questions.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllr's Bamford and Healey.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 21st October 2010.

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

Proposed: Cllr Ansell, Seconded: Cllr Chapman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

No matters arising.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

There were no applications for consideration.

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

There had been one approval received from Cannock Chase District Council.

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

Permission Granted.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £7,164.65 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 for November and December

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Expenses.

Proposed: Cllr Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Janes

The Clerk handed out a half yearly financial risk assessment to Cllr's and briefed them on what he had produced. He expressed concerns about the potential effect that the separate District and Parish elections could have on the Council as it could cost the Parish in excess of £6K. He made recommendations to the Cllr's and asked them to bear this in mind when deciding the Precept for 2011/12 and also grant applications. Cllr Allen informed Cllr's that she had recently attended a Standards Committee meeting and had spoken to the County Solicitor about this issue. He had

confirmed that the District and Parish elections in May 2011 would be run at the same time. Cllr's thanked Cllr Allen for this information as it made the situation a great deal clearer for them when looking at the Precept and grant applications.

Cllr's discussed the Precept for 2011/12. Cllr's felt that they should be continuing to support local organisations, also the Village Hall and Field as they were the only facilities that were available for the whole village to use. Cllr's also expressed concerns that they would have not been able to afford the costs of an election if it had come down to separate elections in 2011. Cllr's felt that although they had been told joint elections would be run in 2011, it was obviously something that was being thought about for the future and the Council should act accordingly for that situation. Cllr's felt they should be looking at trying to increase reserves gradually to account for this in future years. After discussion Cllr's agreed to increase the Precept to £9,000 for 2011/12.

Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Chapman.

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk gave details of all grant applications received. After discussion, it was agreed to award the following:

Beaundesert Guide Association - £200 Proposed Cllr Powis, Seconded Cllr Ansell

Christ Church Gentleshaw - £500 Proposed Cllr Janes, Seconded Cllr Ansell

Evergreens - £150 Proposed Cllr Ansell, Seconded Cllr Janes

Welfare - £360 Proposed Cllr Allen, Seconded Powis.

An award of £500 was to Beaundesert Sports Field Trust 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"

Proposed Cllr Powis, Seconded Cllr Chapman

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.

8. Water Pressure.

Cllr's reported that there had been a supply interruption in the Park Gate Road area without notification.

9. Dog Fouling.

Overall the Village seems to be getting better.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from Highways about the issues identified by residents in Slang Lane. The Clerk read this out to Cllr's. The Clerk agreed to write to Mrs Brettle passing on the information.

The lights in Cumberledge Hill had been reported by the Clerk again as the ones outside Nunswell car park had not been repaired.

12. Quality Council Status.

Cllr Ansell and Chapman reported that Quality Status had been discussed at the SPCA AGM with some Councils concerned that if Cllr's were co-opted they could not look at seeking quality status. Cllr's agreed this item should be removed from future agendas.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis reported that site was still getting hits from around the world. Cllr Powis said he had not spoken to Eric Roy as yet about an additional page.

14. Best Kept Village 2010.

Cllr Allen had received the report back on the Village which she shared with Cllr's. The Village had been "Highly Commended" and the report contained many good comments and advised on where improvements could be made for next year.

15. Standards Committee Update.

Cllr Allen gave an update on the role of the Standards Committee and the work that had been done. Under the new Government, the Standards Committee was being axed and it was hoped information would be available in the New Year as to what was replacing it and how things would be moved forward.

16. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

The Clerk handed out details of meetings of the Council for 2011. Cllr Powis agreed to put these dates on the Council web page. There would be no meeting in December.

17. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 20th January.
The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.