

# Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,  
Cannock Wood on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011, at 7.30 pm.

## **Present:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr J. Bernard

## **Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Bernard to the meeting and asked him if he would like to address the Council. Cllr Bernard explained that he would like to talk about the proposed Electoral Boundary changes that were currently being discussed. The thinking behind the proposed changes was to try to ensure that Cllr's had roughly the same number of voters and to do that would mean re-organising current areas. Various ideas had been discussed and there would be Public consultation next month. Cllr Bernard explained that any changes that were made would not happen immediately but would probably be in place for Elections in 2014. Cllr's discussed the situation with Cllr Bernard and would see what additional information becomes available over the ensuing months.

## **1. Apologies.**

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

## **2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 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 Bamford stated that there was a street light, C.17 not working in Cumberledge Hill and the new street lights in the same road were still not working. The Clerk agreed to look in to this problem.

## **4. Planning**

### **4.1 Applications for Consideration.**

CH/11/0014 – 3 Hayfield Hill – Change of use of outbuilding to Cattery with associated single storey extension comprising 10 cat pens. Cllr's discussed this application and expressed concerns over access to the proposed Cattery with it being so close to the junction of Hayfield Hill/Cumberledge Hill which was further exacerbated by vans being parked close to the junction. The Council did not wish to object to the application but asked the Clerk to pass on their concerns about the problems with access to the proposed Cattery.

#### 4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

There had been three approvals received from Cannock Chase District Council.

CH/10/0378 – 13 Bradwell Lane – Single storey extension to side and rear.

*Permission Granted.*

CH/10/0414 – 40 Hayfield Hill – Detached double garage.

*Permission Granted.*

CH/10/0418 – 84 Hayfield Hill – Amendment to CH/09/0393

*Permission Granted.*

### 5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £4,972.59 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.

Proposed: Cllr Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Ansell

### 6. Grant Applications.

Two grant applications had been received from the Cricket and Football Clubs. The Clerk informed Cllr's that he felt extreme caution should be exercised in respect of these applications as he had received correspondence from Mr Steve Partridge, Democratic Services Manager at Cannock Council stating that many Parish Councils had been enquiring about the elections in May and wanted to get an idea of expected costs. Mr Partridge explained that as yet Cannock Council did not know to what extent the Government would provide financial support in respect of the UK Parliamentary Voting Referendum and therefore, the potential level of subsidy for elections taking place on the same day. Mr Partridge was not even able to give a "ball park" estimate so was advising Councils to err on the side of caution and assume all seats would be contested. Unfortunately, Cannock Wood had not had contested elections so could not even produce a rough cost.

Cllr's were very concerned about this information which was the exact opposite of the information that Cllr Allen had been told and on which grants applications was based in November 2010. The Council decided that, with this new information, they could not support any grant applications at present but they would leave them until after the Elections in May and see what the financial situation of the Council is like then. The Clerk was asked to inform both the Cricket and Football clubs.

Proposed Cllr Powis, Seconded Cllr Chapman

### 7. Electricity Supply.

There had been a cut in supply on Christmas Day evening with forty houses being off until 1.00 p.m. on Boxing Day. The transformer in Cumberledge Hill had caught fire for the second time which resulted in the cuts. The Clerk was asked to contact E-on about the problem.

### 8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

### 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 had received correspondence from Mrs Brettle and Mrs Danks about the information that Highways had supplied about the issues in Slang Lane. Cllr's discussed the issues and agreed that the Road Narrows signage was, in their opinion, sited in the wrong place as it was actually in the narrow part of the road. They felt it should be sited before the narrowing to enable drivers to react accordingly. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways again asking them review this decision. Cllr Bernard told Cllr's that he would be at a meeting with Highways over the next few days and would speak to Mark Keeling on the matter.

Cllr's reported that following the snow and ice in December, a number of roads in the Village now had deep potholes. The Clerk was asked to report the issue to Highways.

**12. Parish Council Web Page.**

Cllr Powis reported that the site was getting many hits from around the world during November and December. As yet he had not contacted Eric Roy about an additional page.

**13. Items for discussion/Future agendas.**

Cllr Ansell stated that Staffordshire Playing Fields Association was trying to promote the Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Challenge and the Council would receive more information on this. Cllr Powis asked that this be included on the next agenda.

Cllr Allen asked that BKV 2011 be included on the agenda for February.

The Clerk was asked to contact PC Luke Norman to see if he could give any update on front line Policing.

**14. Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

The Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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Derek Arm  
Clerk to the Council.