

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 21st April 2011, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk
County Councillor - Mr J. Bernard
PCSO Sean Nicholls
One Parishioner.

Public Participation

PCSO Sean Nicholls stated that the Police had been quite busy recently in the Cannock Wood and surrounding area. There had been one vehicle accident at the junction of Sevens Road/Ironstone Road. One instance of Criminal Damage at the Park Gate Inn car park. There had been three Police Surgeries over the last few months with good attendance at each meeting. PCSO Nicholls also discussed the new structure for the area.

A Parishioner who lived in Buds Road reported that there had been 5 Horses being ridden on the Village Field on a couple of occasions lately. A Lady was riding with four children. When his wife tried to tell the Lady that Horses were not allowed on the field, the Lady was very rude to her and told the children to carry on and ignore what was being said. Cllr's confirmed Horse riding was not allowed on the field and Cllr Ansell said she would raise this with the Field Committee. PCSO Nicholls said that if names could be provided they could warn the Lady involved.

1. Apologies.

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

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2011.

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.

There were no matters arising.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

CH/11/0105 – Crawford House, Beaudesert Park – Erection of timber stables with a store and tack room.

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. The end of year balance was £4,070.80 in the current account and £2,449.05 in the 3 month Premium Account.

The half yearly precept of £4,500 had been received.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Salary.

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Expenses.

SPCA £303 – Annual Subscription

Came & Company £334.52 – Annual Insurance

Proposed: Cllr Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Bamford

The Clerk informed Cllr's that he had spoken with the Elections Office at CCDC and the Parish Council Elections would be uncontested. As a result the cost of the Elections would be substantially less than if it had been contested. No invoice had been received thus far.

6. Grant Applications.

No applications received.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

9. Dog Fouling.

The Clerk reported that he had passed on information to Mr J. Tonks and had replied to Mr S. Sharrock but had not received any further correspondence.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

Cllr's pointed out that the Grit Bin at the junction of Ivy Lane/Hayfield Hill had been smashed and needed to be replaced. Cllr's also expressed concerns as to the state of the Road Signs around the Village. It was agreed that the Council would look at options available to sort this issue out at the June meeting.

12. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis reported that Web Page was still getting hits from around the world. No news had been put on the new page as yet.

13. Queen Elizabeth 2nd Field Challenge

As requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had forwarded information to Mr John Tonks. Cllr Ansell stated that the Fields Committee were investigating this and she would give feedback at future meetings.

14. BKV 2011.

Cllr Allen stated that the Brownies had completed the posters and there were many extra things being done this year that had been picked up from the previous year's entries. Cllr Allen stated that one gentleman was picking litter up regularly in the village but the District Council had found out about this and insisted upon a Risk Assessment being completed. Cllr Allen wished to thank him for what he was doing.

15. Community Games.

Cllr Powis informed the meeting that he would be attending a Presentation on funding in the coming week at Cheslyn Hay High School and was hopeful of bringing back further information that he could pass on at the next meeting.

16. Bus Services.

The new Bus Service was for a 6 month period to September and it was hoped the service would continue past that date. Concerns had been expressed that the last service to the Village left Cannock at 4.50 p.m. which was no good for people who worked till 5.00 p.m. or later. If people could not use the service due to the time of the buses it would not be continued. Cllr's agreed to monitor the situation.

17. Digital Switchover.

Cllr Allen informed Cllr's that she had attended an awareness event for the Digital Switchover. Despite all the publicity, 5% of the population will miss what has to be done resulting in no television coverage after changeover. Cllr Allen was hoping to get along to the Evergreens and Welfare meetings to inform them about what she had found out. There is a Government scheme which people can use where by paying £40 they get their Aerial strength checked and a Digi Box supplied with a 12 month guarantee. Some people, who could be classed as vulnerable would get this service free of charge.

18. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

The Clerk pointed out that as the Parish Election was uncontested and only six Cllr's had applied for re-election, there was an opportunity to co-opt a seventh Cllr. He had spoken with the Elections Officer at CCDC about the situation and was awaiting confirmation that as there had been an advertised Parish Election; the Council would not need to follow the usual process for co-option. When confirmed by CCDC he would advertise the co-option in the notice board seeking local interest.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting, which would also be the APM/AGM should be on Thursday 19th May. Due to Cllr's having difficulty in making that date it was agreed to move the APM/AGM to Thursday 2nd June with the meeting commencing at 7.00 p.m. Cllr Powis agreed to put this information on the Council Web page and the Clerk would also put details in the Notice board. Cllr Allen also agreed to try to get the details of the meeting date change in the local newspaper.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.