

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 20th October, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk

The Clerk told Cllr's that he had been contacted by County Cllr J. Bernard who had informed him that he could not attend this evening due to him having to attend another meeting.

Public Participation

There were no Parishioners comments or questions

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2011 and Thursday 15th September.

The approval of both sets of minutes was proposed and agreed.

21st July – Proposed: Cllr Ansell, Seconded: Cllr Janes

15th September – Proposed: Cllr Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Powis.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were 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 no approvals or rejections received from Cannock Chase District Council

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £10,754.69 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 Clerk pointed out that due to the last meeting of the Council not being quorate, there were outstanding cheques from that meeting.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Salary

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerk Expenses for September and October
Audit Commission £144 – Audit Fee 2010/11
Cannock Chase Council £45 – Uncontested Election fee
SPCA £20 – Meals for Cllr's at AGM.
Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Allen.

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk gave Cllr's details of all grant applications that had been received and also those that had been held in abeyance from earlier in the year. All applications would be considered at the November meeting.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

9. Dog Fouling.

Cllr Bamford stated that he had been speaking with Mr Richard Poynton who felt that dog fouling on the field was getting worse. Signage had been erected some years ago but had been ripped down by vandals. Cllr Ansell stated that she would take this issue to the next meeting of the Field Committee.

Cllr Ansell stated that the entrance to Castle Ring, just before the steps was also bad at present.

Cllr Bamford felt that the stencilled signage on the footpaths was fading and the Council should request that it be repainted. The Clerk agreed to email the District Council requesting the stencilled signs be repainted.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

No problems reported.

12. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis reported that there had been 8,152 hits in September. He stated that he needed to make a few changes to the Web Page over the next few weeks.

13. Queen Elizabeth 2nd Field Challenge

Cllr Ansell reported that the Field Trust Committee was meeting at the end of October to decide a way forward.

14. BKV 2011.

Cllr Allen had received the report on the village for this year which she presented to Cllr's. Good points had been identified and also area's for development in the future. Cllr Powis thanked Cllr Allen for all her hard work with the BKV competition.

15. Community Games.

Cllr Powis confirmed that the events would be held between 7th to 14th July 2012 with an Art festival starting the week and the final weekend would see a concert in Beaudesert Park at which CWAGM's would be performing.

16. Bus Services.

Cllr's reported that services to the village were being well supported.

17. AONB Membership.

Cllr's discussed AONB membership and felt that, as the only Parish that was completely in the AONB area, they should look to support it. The Clerk was asked to email the AONB for details on the membership schemes for Councils.

18. Clerk Vacancy

The Clerk showed Cllr's the three applications for the role of Clerk. Cllr's discussed each application. Cllr Powis expressed an interest in the application from Mrs E. Powis. It was decided that Cllr's Ansell, Janes and Chapman would conduct the interviews and the Clerk would invite applicants for interview on the 3rd November. If anyone could not make that date, another one would be offered. Questions for the interviews would be decided upon before the interviews.

19. Beaudesert Trust Representative

As John Healey had resigned at the May elections, the Council had no representative on the Beaudesert Trust. Cllr Ansell agreed to take on this role.
Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Chapman.

20. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

Cllr Chapman said she would like to discuss the car park at the village hall to ascertain if the Parish Council could help in any way. Cllr's agreed to have this on the next agenda.

21. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was Thursday 21st November.
The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.