

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 16 February 2012, at 7.30 pm.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr. Mr G. Powis Cllr. Mr I Bamford chaired the meeting.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Ms Naazlin Somani - Parish Clerk
County Cllr J. Bernard
Councillor T Jones

Public Participation

There were no Parishioners comments or questions

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr G. Powis

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

The minutes of the meetings were read and accepted as a true record subject to the following amendment:

- (i) Councillor I Bamford was not present at the meeting and Councillor R Cowley was present.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Members discussed the car park fund and it was noted that the fund had not yet been set up and there was no additional account yet but this was something that was being progressed.

4. Mediation Presentation

Councillor T. Jones attended the meeting to give Members information on the Mediation Scheme that had been launched by a number of local Town and Parish Councils.

Members were informed of the purpose of the scheme, to help local residents with resolving civil issues through the presence of a mediator. It was made clear that the scheme did not include family issues.

It was noted that the point of contact for those who wanted to access the scheme would be clerk who would then forward the information the mediators. There would be no cost for users.

Members felt that the scheme was beneficial and following a discussion it was decided that the council would agree to provide the service. It was also agreed that the details would be advertised on the website and in the village notice boards.

5. Planning

There were no application for consideration.

6. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £5976.93 in the current account and £4209.05 in the 3 month Premium Account.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Ms N. Somani – Clerk Salary for January.

Ms N. Somani – Clerks expenses

The Chairman of the meeting advised Members that a letter had been received regarding a request for funding towards improvement at the village hall. The Chair advised that the village hall had received a grant from the Coalfields regeneration trust and it was match funding that was being sought. There were a number of other local groups that had also been contact.

The request to the Parish Council asked for a donation of £1000.00. The Clerk advised she would need to check whether the S.137 allowance still had funds available. This information would be presented at the next meeting for a decision to be made.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent in the meantime advising that the Council were considering the request and a decision would be made in due course.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

9. Dog Fouling.

No problems reported.

10. Correspondence.

The Clerk informed Members that subscription renewal for the Staffordshire Playing Fields Association had been received. It was agreed that the subscription would be renewed and a cheque would be raised for the next meeting. Other correspondence included: The Heath Hayes and Norton Canes community forum information and details on the Best Kept village competition.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

It was noted that there had been an accident near Cumberledge Hill due the ice however, there were no serious injuries.

12. Parish Council Web Page.

The Chair of the Council was not present to provide details however, it was noted that there had been not updates to the site.

Further to a discussion it was suggested that the Parish Clerk completes the updates for the website. It was agreed that there would be a further discussion at the next meeting.

13. Community Games.

There was no further information to update members.

13. Village Hall car park.

It was noted that £1000.00 of the 2012-13 precept was ring fenced for the car park improvements. It was agreed that there would need to be an agreement to ensure that the funds are only used for the purpose of car park improvements when issued to the relevant group.

14. Councillors Reports

Cllr Bernard informed Cllr's of the progress of the opening for Staffordshire A&E.

15. Police report

There were no details to update.

Items for discussion/Future agendas.

Members were informed that there would be a presentation at the 17 May meeting by the AONB.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was Thursday 15 March 2012.
The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Naazlin Somani
Clerk to the Council.