

# Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,  
Cannock Wood on Thursday 20 September 2012, at 7.30 pm.

## **Present:**

Cllr's: Mr G. Powis (Chair), Mrs S. Janes, Mrs P. Ansell and Mrs M. Allen.

## **In Attendance:**

Ms Naazlin Somani - Parish Clerk  
Councillor John Bernard – Staffordshire County Council

## **Public Participation**

There were no items raised in the public forum part of the meeting

### **1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs P. Chapman, Mr R Cowling and Mr I Bamford.

### **2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 19 July 2012**

The minutes of the meetings were read and accepted as a true record subject to the amendment of Councillor J. Bernard's name to read correctly.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no items discussed under matters arising from the previous minutes. It was noted there were a number of items that would be discussed during the course of the meeting.

### **4. Planning**

Members discussed application:

CH/12/0312

Proposed development: Erection of 2 teaching shelters

Location: Beaudesert Park, Cannock Wood, Rugeley.

### **5. Finance.**

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the bank accounts for 2012-13. It was noted that there was in the 3 month Premium Account.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Ms N. Somani – Clerk Salary for September.

Ms N. Somani – Clerks expenses

Village Hall rental fee – £208.00

E.A Roy website update – £25.00

The Clerk informed Members that the external audit had been returned by the Audit Commission with no recommendations for improvement.

The Clerk also gave Members a copy of a letter to sign for alter the address that the Parish Council bank statements were sent too. The letter was approved and signed by Councillor G. Powis and Councillor P. Ansell.

#### **6. Electricity Supply.**

It was noted there had been no issues to report

#### **7. Water Pressure.**

It was noted there had been no issues to report however, it was agreed that a letter should be forwarded to South Staffs Water raising concerns of length of time the traffic restrictions remained in place after works had been completed in Cannock Wood. It was also noted that better notification should be received in future.

#### **8. Correspondence**

Members were informed of the incoming correspondence which included:

Letter from Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall regarding completed works on the ceiling to which the Parish Council had awarded a grant;  
Letter from Richard and Dorothy Poynton regarding the proposed works to the Village Hall roof and the progress of grant funding; and  
Correspondence from the Community Council of Staffordshire regarding a forthcoming event which Councillor P. Ansell would attend

#### **9. Code of Conduct**

Members were provided with a copy of the Cannock Chase District Council newly adopted Code of Conduct which had been amended to suit the Parish Council. Members were informed, on adoption of the revised Code of Conduct a pecuniary interests form would need to be completed and submitted. Following a discussion Councillor G. Powis proposed that the Code be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Allen and unanimously agreed.

#### **10. Quality Parish Status**

There was no update to provide on this item.

#### **11. Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village**

It was noted that work to improve the Highways would be taking place in the village in the coming weeks. It was felt that speeding on Cumberledge Hill was particularly bad and following a discussion it was agreed that the County Highways Officer should be contacted regarding possible traffic calming measures.

#### **12. Parish Council Web Page.**

The Chair of the Council gave Members an update on the number of people that had visited and accessed information from the site.

It was agreed that the newly adopted Code of Conduct should be published on the website.

#### **13. Village Hall car park.**

It was noted that this was on-going and should remain a standing item on the agenda.

#### **14. Councillors Reports**

Councillor Bernard updated Members on the Mid-Staff A&E, It was noted that the expected opening date was no longer October.

It was noted that a pilot scheme would be launched in December to review whether the hospital could sustain a 24 hour A&E department.

Details of the crime figures were circulated to Members including details of the new Smart Water Scheme which was being developed in various areas of the County however, there was currently no funds for the Council to introduce the system County wide.

It was agreed that smart water should be an item on the next Parish Council meeting agenda,

It was also noted that the police commissioners election was taking place on 15 November 2012.

#### **15.Items for discussion/Future agendas.**

There were no items

#### **19. Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was Thursday 18 October at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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Naazlin Somani  
Clerk to the Council.