

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 18 October 2012, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

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

Public Participation

Two items were raised in the public forum:

1. It was noted that a white 4x4 was parking on Cumberledge Road blocking the view at a junction. The vehicle was parked in a layby. Members were unsure whether this could be dealt with through highways as it seemed that the layby was a designated space. It was agreed that Councillor Powis would contact the owners.
2. It was suggested that speed enforcements were required on Slang Lane at the Hayfield Hill Junction. It was noted that the point of call for this would be Highways. Councillor Bernard advised that he would look into this.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr I Bamford.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 20 September 2012

The minutes of the meetings were read and accepted as a true record.

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

It was noted that there had not yet been any further information on the Beaudesert planning application CH/12/0143.

5. Finance.

The Clerk circulated details on the bank accounts for 2012-13. It was noted that there was £10102.51 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 September.

Ms N. Somani – Clerks expenses

Audit Commission – £174.00

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.

8. Correspondence

It was noted that the Clerk had not received any correspondence to present to the meeting.

9. Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village

It was noted that work to improve the Highways had been taking place throughout the village. Concerns were raised of speeding around the school area and parking of vehicles around the school and church which was making it difficult for other road users.

10. 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.

The Code of Conduct had not yet been published on the website but would be done in the coming days.

11. Village Hall car park.

It was noted that this was on-going. The cost of patching the car park which was in urgent need of attention was £900 and there was currently approximately £1900.00 in the account. It was noted that grants were being looked into.

12. Smart Water

Following on from the discussion at the previous meeting further details on smart water and the costs were given. It was noted that the cost of each unit was £15.00. It was suggested that this could be a Parish Council project to provide all the vulnerable people in the village with one unit and give others the opportunity to purchase the smart water at the reduced price through the Parish Council. It was agreed that Councillor Bernard would give the Parish Council a grant towards this project and it was further suggested that the County Council officer be invited to give further information. This would be discussed in the public forum of the January meeting and advertised to allow local resident to come and express their views on the project.

14. Councillors Reports

Councillor Bamford updated Members on the Mid-Staff A&E. It was noted that a pilot scheme was being launched for which further details were expected in December.

Details of the crime figures were circulated to Members. The crime reduction was improved by partnership working between various organisations which now have weekly meetings to review, discuss and share information.

It was also noted that the police commissioner's election was taking place on 15 November 2012.

15. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

It was noted that Grants 2012-13 and Best Kept Village be added to the next agenda.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 29 November at 7.30pm instead of the 15 November due to the Crime Commissioners Election. .

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Naazlin Somani
Clerk to the Council.