

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 29 November 2012, at 7.30 pm.

The Vice-Chair, Councillor S. Janes chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Ms Naazlin Somani - Parish Clerk

Public Participation

No items were raised in the public open forum part of the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr G. Powis (Chair), Mr R Cowling and Councillor John Bernard – Staffordshire County Council .

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 18 October 2012

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

It was noted that the Chairman was taking the issue of the 4x4 vehicle parking in a place that seemed to be obstructing the junction. It was noted that there may be further details on this at the next meeting.

4. Planning

It was noted that there were no applications for consideration.

It was noted that the Village Hall committee had concerns regarding usage of the car park for which letters were being written.

5. Finance.

The Clerk circulated details on the bank accounts for 2012-13. It was noted that there was £10993.85 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 Nov/Dec.

Ms N. Somani – Clerks expenses

Staffordshire Parish Council Association – £20.00

Village Hall (Rent) – £75.00

Village Hall (remaining grant) – £1000.00

6. Electricity Supply.

It was highlighted that there had been some disruption since the last meeting. It was also noted that there were a number of street lights that were not working from Redmore Inn to Hayfields Hill.

7. Water Pressure.

It was noted there had been no issues to report.

8. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received informing the Parish Council that Matthew Ellis had been elected as the Police Commissioner for Staffordshire and had recently taken up appointment of the post.

The Clerk also informed the Members that the grant application form for the Staffordshire Community fund offered by Councillor J Bernard had been completed and submitted. The requested monies were to be used to take forward the smart water project in the village, further information was to be presented at the January meeting. It was hoped that confirmation of the grant would also be received for the January meeting.

9. Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village

It was noted that a grit bin had been knocked over on Holly Hill, it had been moved to prevent obstruction however, highways would need to have it correctly located again and refilled. A speed sign by the school had also been vandalised. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise these items with the Highways Officer.

10. Parish Council Web Page.

A brief review of the website activity since the last meeting was provided.

11. Village Hall car park.

The monies for the village hall roof had been given as agreed at a prior meeting.

Patching work on the car park was scheduled to take place in the near future which would cost £900.00. The Village Hall Committee were looking in to a possible grant of £10000.00 which would assist with re-surfacing works to the central part of the car park.

12. Grant Aid 2012-13

Following a discussion it was approved that the following grants would be awarded:

Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Welfare Committee £500.00

CRUSE Bereavement £100.00

12. Best Kept Village

It was advised that a presentation and guidance could be provided at a future meeting however, Members discussed the forthcoming application. It was felt that an application should not be made for the next few years and time should be taken to encourage people to get involved before a further application was made. Members agreed that this would be the best way forward. It was also agreed that Councillor Allen would inform Staffordshire Community Council of the Parish Councils decision.

12. Councillors Reports

There was no report from SCC.

15. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

2013-14 budget.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 17 January 2013.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Naazlin Somani
Clerk to the Council.