

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 2013

Thursday 16th May

Chairman's Report 2012-2013

Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

Following its usual pattern the Parish Council has held 10 meetings during the past year with no meetings in August or December although due to the Clerk's unavoidable absence no official business was conducted at the March meeting and no minutes were taken.

The Parish Council continues to implement a strict financial regime to enable its support of the Village Hall, Beaudesert Playing Fields Trust and other village organisations. The Council continues to put a sum of money aside annually to build up a reserve for future election costs.

Due to a misunderstanding of the information regarding a cash fall back amount available to Parish Councils from the District Council the precept was increased again this year. This caused comments from several people about the increase in Council Tax. Further discussion will take place before next year's precept is agreed.

Grant applications were dealt with as usual in November and a total of £2100 was allocated to several local organisations. Financial support was also given to the Village Hall and Beaudesert Playing Fields Trust. We continue to be members of the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, Staffs Playing Fields Association and corporate members of the Cannock Chase AONB.

All of the parish council meetings are open to the public with the first 15 minutes set aside for visitors to raise any matters of concern.

We were once again pleased to welcome to the majority of our meetings County Councillor John Bernard who has continued to give the council much useful information and advice. Councillor Bernard also arranged a grant of £800 towards the supply of forensic marking equipment to be made available to villagers. We shall hear more about this following this meeting.

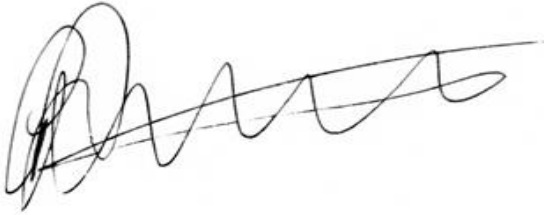
The regular council business has been the consideration of planning applications, financial reports on income and expenditure, reports and discussion on matters such as electricity supply, water pressure, dog fouling, road safety and correspondence and other sundry items affecting village life.

Also among the items discussed were the Best Kept Village competition, we were Highly Commended for the fourth year. Our thanks go to Cllr Maureen Allen for

her work in organising our entry to this competition. It has been agreed that we take a break from the competition this year

The Parish Council website continues to attract interest from around the world with hits from many diverse places. The annual maintenance cost for the website is £130.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary W Powis', written in a cursive style.

Gary W Powis
Chairman
Cannock Wood Parish Council.

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