

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
at Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall
on Thursday 17th October 2013

Present:

Cllrs: Mrs M Allen, Mrs P Ansell, Mrs P Chapman, Mrs S Janes, Mr I Bamford,
Mr R Cowling , Mr G Powis (Chair)

In Attendance:

Cllr Miss J Jones – Cannock Chase District Councillor – Rawnsley Ward
PCSO Ms L Dale – Rugeley Police

Public Participation:

PCSO Dale gave a report of local crime for the current month. The majority of incidents concerned the Rawnsley/Hazel Slade area but a report of shots being fired near to the Park Gate Inn turned out to be fireworks. PCSO Dale would pay a visit to a resident in Cumberledge Hill concerning reports of an intruder in their garden. PCSO Dale also reported that a Radar Speed Detection operation had been carried out on Hayfield Hill with several motorists being warned about their speed and some actually booked. It was requested that similar operations be carried out around the village. PCSO Dale also said that she would attend the “Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree” on November 29th.

Apologies:

Apologies had been received from MS N Somani – Parish Clerk. (Illness)

Approval of Minutes for Meeting held on 19th September 2013:

In the absence of the Clerk there were no minutes presented – these will be discussed at the November meeting.

Planning:

Cllr Bamford presented one planning application (CH/13/0354) concerning retention of permission for Stable B lock and Barn at Court Bank Farm, Slang Lane. Councillors had no objection to this. No details of previous applications had been received. Cllr Jones to follow up. No reply has yet been received regarding a visit from someone from CCDC Planning Department to explain recent changes in planning submissions and reporting.

Finance:

The latest Financial Report was presented and it was noted that the cheque paid to the Cricket Club in June 2013 was still shown as un-presented. This had been banked on 12 August 2013 and this raised the query as to how up to date the reports we are given are.

The report showed that there was a balance of £6,454.78 in the Current Account and £4,209.05 in the Three Month Premium Account. The following accounts were approved to be paid:-

Ms N Somani – Clerk’s Salary

Ms N Somani – Clerk’s expenses

Christ Church Gentleshaw £25.00 towards Christmas Tree.

Grant applications had been received from Cannock Wood Welfare Committee and Cannock Wood Football Club. These will be discussed at the November Meeting.

Correspondence:

In the absence of the Clerk the only correspondence received was the two grant applications.

Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village:

There are still several potholes in the village roads, some of which have been marked up for repair. One particularly bad one is sited on the lower part of Cumberledge Hill. It was also mentioned that the road out of the village along School Lane and Dollymakers Hill is getting extremely bad in two areas. Contact will be made with Longdon Parish Council to ask if they will approach the appropriate authorities. Temporary traffic lights had been erected by Nunswell Park but were only there for a morning.

As was mentioned in PCSO Dale's report Radar Speed operations had and will take place in the village.

Parish Council Website:

A report on the activity on the web site was presented and discussed.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Jones reported that Mrs A Green had given her a list of suitable areas for sowing with wild flower seeds to brighten up the village. Cllr Jones is visiting the area with a Highways Liaison Officer to look at the sites. Cllr Jones will visit residents in the area to canvass their views and will then report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. Cllr Jones also said that she would make enquiries regarding the provision of a village Christmas Tree.

Items for discussion/Future Agendas:

The provision of a Christmas Tree was carried forward to the next meeting and also the Grant Applications.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 21st November 2013.

The Meeting closed at 8.05pm to be followed by an Open Meeting with villagers to discuss Forensic Marking. This meeting was attended by approximately 40 villagers and the benefits of Smart Water Forensic Marking was explained to those present. The meeting was told that the Parish Council had been given a grant towards the supply of Smart Water at a much discounted price of £10.00. After some discussion 30 people signed up to receive a Smart Water pack. Suitable signs will be erected at strategic places on the entry roads into the village to warn criminals that they are entering a Smart Water area. The packs will also be made available on further application by residents of Cannock Wood. PCSO Dale also took names of people interested in receiving Neighbour Hood Watch information. This meeting closed at 9.05pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date