

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
at Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall
on Thursday 16 January 2014

Present:

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

In Attendance:

N. Somani – Parish Clerk
2 public

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Janes.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 21st November 2013 were approved and adopted as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- (i) There were four public present at the meeting
- (ii) The grant to Beaudesert Toddle and Tumble was conditional to the rest of the funds for set up being collected.

Matters Arising from the minutes

Councillor P. Ansell noted that the cheque had been given to Avril however, the cheque had not yet been signed.

The SPCA AGM had been attended by Councillor P. Ansell. The format had been different to usual and it was the 75th Anniversary conference.

Planning:

Cllr Bamford presented one planning application (CH/13/0427) which was requesting a single storey rear extension to numbers 20 and 22 Hayfield Hill. There was no objection to the application.

Finance:

The latest Financial Report was presented. The report showed that there was a balance of £9502.43 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
- SPCA Annual Sub – £303.00
- 50% of ringfenced village hall grant – £1000.00

It was noted that letters of thank you had been received from the Welfare Committee and the Football Club.

Members discussed the budget for the forthcoming financial year and the precept for 2014-15. Following a detailed discussion it was proposed by Councillor G. Powis and seconded by M. Allen that the precept remain the same. This was unanimously agreed.

Correspondence:

Correspondence had been received from:

- (i) Welfare Committee and Football club thanking the Parish Council for grants given
- (ii) A letter was received from the Community Council of Staffordshire regarding village events for the diary they publish. It was noted that the dates would be needed by March.

Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village:

It was asked that potholes are reported by the Clerk, the locations were Redmore Road at the cross roads and Chester Road and Parkgate Road. It was not known whether the grit bins had been filled however, it was requested that this be checked.

A leaflet was circulated on the Safer Roads Partnership and the Community Speed Watch Scheme. The Parish Council had looked into the project in the past however, felt that they were now in a position to put some funding towards the scheme. It was agreed that further details including costs for equipment would be obtained and a discussion would take place at the next meeting.

Parish Council Website:

A report on the activity on the web site was presented and discussed. The planning link had not yet been placed on the website however it would be looked into and hopefully put on the site soon.

Forensic Marking:

The forensic kits had arrived. The Chairman gave Councillors an overview of the kit and the leaflets that were enclosed. There were 40 packs and 38 people had registered to receive a pack. The packs were distributed between Councillors to circulate to those that had registered.

The signs had also arrived and permission had been given by eon to place them on the lampposts.

Councillors Reports:

There was no report.

Items for discussion/Future Agendas:

The bus routes had recently been changed and there had been a number of comments. It was felt, before the Council took any action to request a change a survey needed to be conducted to see if the route would be used if it was changed back to the original route.

It was also suggested that Arriva should be contacted to request information on the process of changing or altering a route.

Members agreed before any action was taken Councillor P. Chapman would gather information on whether an altered route would be used and if there were any preferred days.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 20 February 2014.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date