

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 16th April 2009, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr's: Mrs P. Chapman, Mrs P. Ansell, Mr G. Powis, Mr J. Healey, Mrs M. Allen
Mr D. Mawle. Mr I. Bamford.

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk

Public Participation

There were no Parishioners comments or questions.

1. Apologies.

No apologies had been received.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2009.

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

Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Healey.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

One application had been received.

CH/09/0090 – 74 Hayfield Hill– Certificate of lawful use to incorporate into domestic cartilage.

The Council had no objections to this application.

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

There had been no approvals or rejections received from Cannock Chase District Council.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. At year end there was £2,942.54 in the current account and there was £2,443.91 in the 3 Month Premium Account. The first half of the Precept for 2009/10 had been received making a total of £7,062.54 in the current account.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Salary

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Expenses.

SPCA £296.00 – Annual Subscriptions.

Proposed: Cllr Ansell, Seconded: Cllr Bamford.

6. Grant Applications.

The Clerk reported that two grant applications had been received. The first was from the CPRE and the second was from the Village Hall committee.

The CPRE application was discussed and after debate, it was agreed that Cllr Powis would look into CPRE and report back at the next meeting before any decision was made.

The Village Hall application was read out by the Clerk. The Committee were appealing for support as the hall had recently undergone a Fire and Security inspection and it was identified that several areas needed upgrading in order to meet current regulations and Insurance requirements. Cllr Powis gave Cllr's some background on this application which was debated at length. At this point Cllr's Powis, Ansell and Allen declared an interest and left the room whilst a decision was reached.

After debate, it was proposed and agreed that an amount of £500 be made available to the Village Hall under the Local Government MP Act 1976, Section 19. The Council agreed to wait for feedback from the Village Hall Committee through Cllr Powis at the next meeting before making any further decisions.

Proposed: Cllr Mawle, Seconded: Cllr Healey.

7. Electricity Supply.

There had been minor interruptions during recent thunder storms.

8. Water Pressure.

Nothing to report.

9. Dog Fouling.

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

The Clerk informed Cllr's of the various emails that had been sent following the last meeting but to date no replies had been received.

12. Quality Council Status.

Nothing further to report.

13. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis informed Cllr's that he had spoken with Eric Roy and they were still waiting to get the domain name transferred from the other village web page. Cllr Powis stated that he felt there still needed to be a mission statement from the Council. If everything goes to plan, it was hoped the Website may go live by May.

Cllr Allen formally thanked Cllr Powis for the work he had done in progressing the web page thus far.

14. Community Speed Watch scheme.

Nothing to report.

15. Best Kept Village 2009.

Cllr Allen informed Cllr's that leaflets were being distributed to all properties within the Village informing them about the BKV competition.

16. Village Newsletter.

Nothing further to report. It was agreed to take this item off future agendas.

17. Items for discussion/Future agenda's.

Cllr's had been made aware that someone had been cutting wire fences which had recently been erected after a vehicle demolished the old fence opposite the Rag Public House. Police had apprehended someone who they believed was responsible. The Clerk informed Cllr's that the next meeting was the AGM/APM.

21. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 21st May 2009.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.