

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 17th February 2011, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr's: Mr G. Powis, Mrs P. Chapman, Mrs P. Ansell, Mrs M. E. Allen,
Mrs S. Janes,

In Attendance:

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr J. Bernard
PC Luke Norman

Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed PC Luke Norman and Cllr Bernard to the meeting. PC Norman informed Cllr's about the reorganisation that would be happening within the Police Force in the local area. PC Norman would still be remaining as Beat Officer along with PCSO Nicholls; however PCSO Nicholls would have a larger area to cover. There will still be a Police Station at Rugeley but it may move to another building which could be shared with other Organisations and Agencies. Response Officers will be moving from Rugeley to Cannock but overall there shouldn't be any noticeable difference to Policing in the area. PC Norman was unable to give detail about the structure because of uncertainty over boundaries at present.

PC Norman told Cllr's that there had only been one reported incident in the area of late. Overall the Police are dealing with more Computer based crime and nuisance texts on mobiles.

Cllr Bernard told Cllr's about the boundary changes that were proposed and how areas would change. The proposed realigned areas would be based on 11K people. The County Council had shared the information with the District. The new areas will not come into effect until the 2016 elections. There will be an effect on some Parish Councils where they cover 2 or 3 areas but there may be a few minor amendments to the proposal.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllr's Bamford and Healey.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 20th January 2011.

The minutes of the meetings were read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Allen.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Bernard informed Cllr's that the street lighting in Cumberledge Hill had been fixed. Cllr's thanked Cllr Bernard for his help in this matter.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

No applications received.

4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.

There had been one approval received from Cannock Chase District Council.
CH/10/0433 – 24 Gilwell Road – Single storey side extension and front porch.
Permission Granted.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £4,626.46 in the current account and £2,446.60. in the 3 month Premium Account.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Salary.

Mr D. M. Arm – Clerks Expenses.

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Chapman

The Clerk informed Cllr's that he had received further email from the District Council who was still unable to give any predicted cost for the elections in May 2011. As the last election was uncontested, they had nothing to base figures on

6. Grant Applications.

A grant application had been received from the Beaudesert Sports Field Trust asking for support for the mowing of the field. Cllr's discussed the application and decided they could not support the application at this point in time due to the uncertainty of the Election costs in May. The Clerk was asked to inform them of the Council's decision.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

9. Dog Fouling.

No problems reported.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

The Clerk had received an email from Mark Keeling at Highways to say that the Road Narrows sign in Slang Lane would be re-sited to the Lamp column C7 which was before the section of the road where it narrowed. Cllr's agreed this would be an improvement and asked the Clerk to inform Mrs Brettle and Mrs Danks.

Cllr Chapman had spoken with a resident who had concerns about the footpath from Slang Lane to the top of Cumberledge Hill as the footpath had brambles growing over it from the hedgerow. Cllr Chapman had advised that the person should contact Mrs Boston who owned the hedgerow and see if she would cut it back. Cllr's agreed to monitor the situation.

12. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis reported that the site was getting many hits from around the world during January. Cllr Powis had spoken with Eric Roy about an extra web page. The cost would be £25. Cllr's discussed what the page would be used for agreeing that the extra page would be a good idea.

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Ansell.

13. Queen Elizabeth 2nd Field Challenge

The Clerk had received information about the project to mark and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The idea of the Project was to protect playing fields and recreational areas and they would be named Queen Elizabeth 2nd Fields. There would be funding available to help maintain and develop the fields. The Council discussed this and although they did not own the field in Buds Road they felt it may be a way of helping the field. Obviously the Council would need to discuss this with the Field Committee. It was agreed the Clerk would email the project leader and ask if the field could be nominated under these circumstances.

14. BKV 2011.

Cllr Allen stated that Cllr Powis was producing the map of the Village. The information had to be submitted before the end of March. The Brownies would be doing posters and Cllr Allen would need volunteers to pick litter and ensure the Village looked good.

15. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

Cllr Powis stated that he had received information about the replacement bus service for the Village which would be run by a private bus company. Cllr Powis was awaiting a timetable for the service and would report back when it was available. Cllr Powis asked that the Community Games be added to the next agenda so that the idea could be discussed and ideas put forward.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 17th March.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.