

Cannock Wood Parish Council

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

Present:

Cllr's: Mr G. Powis, Mrs P. Chapman, Mrs S. Janes,

In Attendance:

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

Public Participation

There were no Parishioners comments or questions.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllr's Allen, Ansell and Healey.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 17th February 2011.

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

Proposed: Cllr Janes, Seconded: Cllr Chapman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr's reported that the hedges that had overgrown on to the footpath between Slang Lane and Cumberledge Hill had been cut back. A Road Narrows sign had been installed in Cumberledge Hill by the Old Post Office.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications for Consideration.

No applications received.

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. There was £4,366.33 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.

E. A Roy - £25 – Additional Web Page.

Proposed: Cllr Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Powis

6. Grant Applications.

No applications received.

7. Electricity Supply.

No problems reported.

8. Water Pressure.

No problems reported.

9. Dog Fouling.

The Clerk read out an email that he had received via the Council Web Page about the state of dog fouling on the Village field. The mail, from Mr S Sharrock of 10 Chestall Road stated that he felt fouling was really bad on the field and he and his children were frequently having to clean dog fouling off their shoes and bikes.

The Council discussed the email and felt it should be passed on to the Field Committee to investigate. Cllr's pointed out that previously posts with signs about dog fouling had been placed around the field but had been vandalised and pulled out of the ground. The Clerk was asked to pass information on to the Field Committee.

10. Correspondence.

See Appendix A.

All noted by Cllr's.

11. Road Safety within the Village.

The Road Narrows sign in Slang Lane still had not been relocated to lamppost C7. All Lampposts in the Village had been checked to confirm they were all working when the problem with the new lampposts in Cumberledge Hill had been sorted.

12. Parish Council Web Page.

Cllr Powis reported that the new page had been created but would only be visible when editors populated it. The Web Page was still getting hit from around the world with a total of 7915 hits in February.

13. Queen Elizabeth 2nd Field Challenge

The Clerk had received a reply from the Project co-ordinator who confirmed that the Field would have to be nominated by the Field Committee. It confirmed that there would be monies available to support the fields that took part but would be on a first come first served basis. Cllr's discussed the reply and felt that the information should be passed on to the Field Committee for them to investigate options and to see if they wanted to participate in the project.

14. BKV 2011.

Cllr Powis stated that he had nearly completed the map and Cllr Allen was compiling information for the application. It was suggested that Village organisations may be able to help with litter picking. Cllr Powis said he would talk with Cllr Allen about this.

15. Community Games.

Cllr Powis had information from the seminar he had attended about the Community Games project. Cllr's discussed ideas but felt that it would be a good idea to try and get involvement from the Field Committee. Cllr Powis agreed to approach the committee.

16. Bus Services.

The new service was now in operation and was running on an hourly basis. However, there was no Sunday service. The service would be in operation until September 2011. The operator could not guarantee Disabled Facilities but were not required by law until 2015. Staffs C. C. wanted Disabled Facilities on all bus routes by 2013. Cllr's had been made aware that the cost of fares had also risen. If people had any complaints they should contact the operator, Heartlands Bus of Tamworth on 01827 311313 and also their local Cllr.

17. 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.

18. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 21st April.
The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Derek Arm
Clerk to the Council.