

# Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,  
Cannock Wood on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30 pm.

## **Present:**

Cllr's: Mr G. Powis, Mrs M. Allen, Mr I Bamford, Mrs S. Janes

## **In Attendance:**

Mr D. M. Arm - Parish Clerk  
PC Luke Norman

## **Public Participation**

PC Norman stated that there were no major problems around the Village at present. There had been no further problems with horses being ridden on the playing field. PC Norman stated the re-organisation was still ongoing at present and will evolve over the next six months or so.

There had been one vehicle incident recently where a car had gone off the road at the junction of New Hayes Road close to the Windmill Garage.

PC Norman left the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

## **1. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from Cllr's Chapman and Ansell.

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by both County Councillor, Mr J. Bernard and District Councillor Ms Jodie Jones stating they would not be able to make the meeting.

## **2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.**

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

Proposed: Cllr Allen, Seconded: Cllr Bamford.

## **3. Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Planning**

As Cllr Chapman was not at the meeting, there were no applications to consider

### **4.1 Applications for Consideration.**

### **4.2 Applications approved/rejected by Cannock Chase District Council.**

The Clerk reported that he had received notification that the following application had been approved.

CH/11/0105 – Crawford House, Beaudesert Park – Erection of timber stables with a store and tack room.

## **5. Finance.**

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts. There was £7,232.31 in the current account and £2,449.05 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.

Cllr M Allen - £18.70 - Entry for BKV 2011.

Proposed: Cllr Powis, Seconded: Cllr Janes.

The Clerk handed out financial information to Cllr's which showed the current financial position of the Council and a Risk Assessment for 2011. The Clerk told Cllr's that they should be looking to build up a financial reserve over the next four year's of the Council. This would then enable the Council to be in a sound financial position to meet the cost of an election, if it were contested. If this had happened in 2011, the Council would have been faced with a bill they could not meet. Cllr's discussed what the Clerk had said and looked at the information produced. They agreed that the Council should build up a financial reserve over the next four years and discussed options available to them. After lengthy discussion the following was agreed:

- The increase difference in Precept from 2010/11 - £760 would be transferred in to the 3 Month Premium account. This would also be done over the next four years.
- £1K from the end of year balance for 2010/11 would be transferred in to the 3 Month Premium account.
- S. 137 spending for 2011/12 would be limited to £2K.
- At 31/03/2012, the Council would look to transfer money from the current account in to the 3 Month premium account.
- Grant applications that were put on hold in 2010/11 would now be considered in the 2011/12 Grant applications at the November meeting of the Council.

Cllr's were all in agreement that these measures should be implemented to ensure the Council were financially secure moving forward.

Proposed: Cllr Bamford, Seconded: Cllr Allen.

## **6. Grant Applications.**

There had been one application received from Cannock Chase Community Fund steering committee. After discussion the Council decided not to support the application.

## **7. Electricity Supply.**

There had been a minor interruption in some areas of the Village on the previous Sunday.

## **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 informed Cllr's that he had again requested the grit bin be removed but it was still currently in place.

**12. Parish Council Web Page.**

Cllr Powis gave an update on the Web Page. There had been 7695 hits over the last month.

**13. Co-option of Parish Councillor**

Two people had applied for co-option to the Council, Mr R. Cowling and Mr S. Dobric. The Clerk read out both letters of application which Cllr's discussed at length. After debate it was decided to co-opt Mr R. Cowling to the Council. Cllr's asked the Clerk to write to Mr Dobric thanking him for his interest in becoming a Cllr.

**14. Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Challenge**

Nothing further to report.

**15. BKV 2011.**

Cllr Allen stated that the Village was looking good and she had notified BKV about the broken grit bin and that the Council had asked for it to be removed. Overall the Village was looking good and the posters created by the Brownies were being sent in.

**16. Community Games.**

Cllr's discussed the options for the games in 2012. Cllr Powis said it was hoped to have a series of events over a week starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> July with an "Open Gardens" event. There would be events organised over the week and on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, there would be Games on the field followed in the evening by a Party in the Park event. Cllr's Powis and Allen would be on the steering committee being set up.

**17. Bus Services.**

Nothing further to report.

**18. Digital Switchover.**

Cllr Allen informed Cllr's that she had spoken to local groups in the Village about the switchover. She was hoping to get an item in the Mercury advising people about the situation.

**19. Items for discussion/Future agendas.**

No items raised.

**20. Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.  
The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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Derek Arm  
Clerk to the Council.