

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall Buds Road,
Cannock Wood on Thursday 19 July 2012, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr's: Mrs P. Chapman, Cllr Mr G. Powis (Chair), Mrs S. Janes, Mr I Bamford, Mrs P. Ansell and Mrs M. Allen and Mr R Cowling.

In Attendance:

Ms Naazlin Somani - Parish Clerk
Councillor John Bernard – Staffordshire County Council

Public Participation

There were no items raised in the public forum part of the meeting

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies for absence

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 21 June 2012

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no items discussed under matters arising from the previous minutes. It was noted that there were a number of items that would be discussed during the course of the meeting.

4. Planning

There were no planning applications for consideration however, it was noted that there was an outstanding application regarding Beaudesert Park.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts for 2012-13. It was noted that there was £8120.73 in the current account and £4209.05 in the 3 month Premium Account.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Ms N. Somani – Clerk Salary for July and August.

Ms N. Somani – Clerks expenses

Internal Audit fee – £50.00

It was noted that a letter had been received from the village hall committee regarding damage that had been caused due to the recent bad weather and storms.

Members discussed in detail giving a grant to the village hall towards the roof repairs. It was noted that the true balance of the account taking into consideration un-presented cheques was £5993.85 plus the funds in the reserve account. The Parish

Council would also receive the second half of the precept in October, a sum of £5000.00.

The Clerk advised the Council of the expected spend remaining for the financial year and Members considered the amount that they were able to agree for use on the repairs.

Following a detailed discussion Councillor P. Ansell proposed that a sum of £3000.00 be granted to the Village Hall towards the repairs. The motion was seconded by Councillor P. Chapman. The motion was carried and it was further agreed that the Parish Council would make available an additional £1000.00 if required.

It was agreed that the cheque for £3000.00 would be made available to the village hall committee on request and funds would be kept aside until required.

It was noted that a letter had been sent to change the address that Council bank statements were sent to however, the bank had advised the Chairman that a further letter was required with the signatures of two authorised signatories to the account. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring another letter to the next meeting for signing.

6. Electricity Supply.

It was noted there had been no issues to report. It was noted that new notices had been placed on poles for liability purposes.

7. Water Pressure.

It was noted there had been no issues to report.

8. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

9. Code of Conduct

Members were provided with an update and notified the Cannock Chase amended version would be presented at the next meeting for consideration and approval.

10. Quality Parish Status

It was agreed that this would be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

11. Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village

It was noted that there were still a number of issues outstanding with the drains. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Highways Officer.

12. Parish Council Web Page.

The Chair of the Council gave Members an update on the number of people that had visited and accessed information from the site.

Members were informed that an extra page had been inserted for the Beaudesert article however, there was currently a technical problem with the link.

It was further noted that requested amendments to the various logos and icons had been completed.

13. Community Games.

It was noted that this had now taken place and the item was no longer required on the agenda.

14. Best Kept Village

The judged had been completed and the presentation evening was taking place on 6 August at Western Village Hall. Members were asked to contact the Chairman if they wished to attend.

16. Village Hall car park.

It was noted that the committee was looking into possible grants and further information would be forwarded as received.

17. Councillors Reports

Councillor Bamford updated Members on the Mid-Staff A&E, It was noted that the expected opening date was now the 3 October. This had been moved due to lack of staff.

An overview of crime statistics in the area were given.

18. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

There were no items

19. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was Thursday 20 September at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Naazlin Somani
Clerk to the Council.