

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
at Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall
on Thursday 19th September 2013

Present:

Cllrs: Mrs M Allen, Mrs P Ansell, Mrs P Chapman, Mrs S Janes, Mr I Bamford,
Mr R Cowling , Mr G Powis (Chair)

In Attendance:

MS N Somani – Parish Clerk

Apologies:

There were no apologies for absence.

Approval of Minutes for Meeting held on 18 July 2013:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July were approved and accepted as a correct record.

Planning:

Cllr Bamford presented one planning application (CH/13/0262) for the development of a rear and side extension at Pine View. There were no objections to the application. Councillors were then informed that application CH/13/0186 had been rejected.

Councillor Bamford advised Members on how applications could be viewed through the planning portal. It was agreed that a link to the planning portal should be placed on the Parish Council website for ease of use.

Finance:

The report showed that there was a balance of £6,696.95 in the Current Account and £4,209.05 in the Three Month Premium Account. The following accounts were approved to be paid:-

Ms N Somani – Clerk's Salary
Ms N Somani – Clerk's expenses
Christ Church – £25.00 printing costs
Village Hall rent – £150.00

Correspondence:

Correspondence had been received from Cannock Wood Football Club requesting a grant. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the November meeting.

Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village:

It was noted that there were several areas in the village that had been marked up, this suggested that there would be maintenance work in the area in the near future.

Parish Council Website:

A report on the activity on the web site was presented and discussed. As discussed earlier in the meeting there would be a link on the website to the Cannock Chase District Council Planning Portal.

Forensic Marking:

Cllr Powis showed Councillors the leaflet that had been produced for distribution advertising the forensic marking kits. It was initially suggested that the kits should be sold to residents at a cost of £20.00. The Clerk reminded Councillors that a grant had previously been received to use towards the purchase of kits. The Council was purchasing kits for £15.00 a unit, selling them at £20.00 would mean that the grant was not being used and Council was making a profit. A portion of the grant had already been allocated to the purchase of signs to advertise the use of smart water in the village. The Clerk after advising Councillors on the situation with the grant suggested that the units be made available at £10.00 each; this would mean that £5.00 per unit was being covered by the grant. Councillors noted that there was not enough grant to subsidise all units if every house in the village came forward for a kit. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Council would use its balances to cover the £5.00 subsidy on each unit once the grant had been spent. This would come to a maximum of £1500.00. The Clerk confirmed that the money was available in balances to do this. This was then voted on and agreed.

It was agreed that the October meeting would include a special public meeting dedicated to forensic marking. The purpose of the meeting was to advise people on the project, how they would benefit and how they were able to obtain a smart water kit. It was agreed that the Council meeting would take place first at 7.30pm with the public meeting commencing at 8.00pm. Councillor Powis agreed that he would contact Graham Hunt and the Police representatives to confirm their attendance at the meeting. He would also follow up on the signage for the smart water.

Councillors Reports:

No reports.

Items for discussion/Future Agendas:

It was thought that a car park fund should continue and this would be used to maintain the car park now that it had been resurfaced. It was agreed that an item to discuss this would be placed on a future agenda.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 17 October 2013.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date