

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
at Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall
on Thursday 24th April 2014

Present:

Cllrs: Mrs P. Ansell, Mr I Bamford, Mr R Cowling and Mr G Powis (Chair)

In Attendance:

Naazlin Somani – Parish Clerk

Apologies:

Cllrs: Mrs P. Chapman, Mrs S Janes, and Mrs M Allen.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March were approved subject to an amendment under community speed watch. It was noted that Councillor P. Ansell would contact Daryl Moore not Hazel Slade Parish.

Matters Arising:

Members were advised that the noticeboard had been ordered and would be replaced in due course.

Planning:

Cllr Bamford presented a planning application for consideration:-

CH/14/0117 Agricultural prior notification:- Erection of storage barn with external floor space of 465m., Court Bank Farm, Slang Lane, Rugeley.

Members looked at the plans and discussed that application in detail. It was agreed that the Council would object to the application for the following reasons:

1. Detrimental visual impact – can be seen from a public road/footpath and bridleway even though the application states that it cannot.
2. Limited access on narrow roads and increased traffic.
3. Letters of objection received from local residents
4. The application states that there has been no changes or amendments to the property however, an application was submitted in 2013 – CH/13/0354.

It is requested that a site visit is conducted and that the application is considered by the planning committee.

If approving the planning application it is requested that the following conditions be attached to the application:

1. It remains an equestrian facility only
2. No future change of use application can be made on the development.

Finance:

The Clerk gave Members a verbal report. The report showed a balance of £7518.92 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

Eric Roy, website - £130.00

Staffordshire Community Council Sub - £20.00

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Community Speed watch scheme information.

Members discussed whether the Parish Council should take forward the project. It was thought that the information could be circulated to local community groups. It was agreed that this would be placed on the next agenda for a further discussion.

Village Road Safety & Maintenance:

It was noted that there was a lamppost down at Parkgate – Bradwell lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact highways.

Arriva Bus Service:

There had not yet been a response from Arriva.

Parish Council Web Site:

The Chairman gave a report on the web site and pointed out that the number of “hits” for January was the highest recorded since the inception of the site.

Forensic Marking:

It was noted that the project was now complete. The kits had been distributed and registration forms completed and returned.

Items for Discussion:

It was noted that next month would be the annual parish meeting at 7 pm and the annual meeting of the parish council at 7.30 pm.

Councillor P. Ansell gave her apologies. Councillor G. Powis advised Members that he was no longer able to continue and would be submitting his resignation at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 15th May 2014

_____ Chairman

_____ Date