

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.
Commencing 7.30pm on Thursday 19th May 2016.
Village Hall, Buds Road, Cannock Wood.

Present:

S. Janes (Chair), I. Bamford, R. Poynton, A. Green, M. Allen, B. Hardman, P. Ansell

In Attendance:

Clerk to the Council, Ms. L. Sinnott.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Cllr Janes welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 7.30pm.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

2. Chairman's Report

The chairman's report was circulated and read, proposed and seconded for approval. It is set out in full below:

'This year has seen some changes to the Parish Council. Cllr Roger Cowling decided not to stand for election and we welcomed Cllr Bill Hardman following the election in May 2015

We were also very pleased to welcome Ms Laura Sinnott as our new Clerk. She has undertaken several training courses and is doing a great job.

The Parish Council has been pleased to be able to support Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall (£2000) and Beaudesert Playing Field Trust (£1500) with grants towards their Maintenance costs. These are the two main assets in our village and are used by very many of the people living here. Last year's grants helped both organisations to maintain these excellent facilities and the Parish Council feel that they should always be a priority when we are looking at the distribution of funds. The Parish Council has also made available £5000 to the Village hall to help with the much needed replacement of the very old boiler . It is hoped that this work will be carried out over this summer and the Parish Council will make a further grant available to cover this work.

Grants were also awarded to Monday Club (£60), Beaudesert Toddle and Tumble for equipment (£650), Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Welfare Committee for providing a Christmas lunch (£1000), Cannock Wood Cricket Club for equipment (£750), Beaudesert Rainbows and Brownies (£200 each) and the Whist Club (£500). These Grants total £3350 and we are always pleased to be able to support organisations in the village which we feel benefit people living in Cannock Wood.

We have welcomed Public participation on several occasions this year. It is good to hear the concerns of our residents and we will always bear these concerns in mind as we make our decisions or consider our course of action on any matter.

Cllrs Avril Green, Maureen Allen, Pat Ansell and I have attended training courses on Financial matters, Planning and Land Management provided by SPCA and found them very informative and beneficial.

I would like to thank all of the Councillors for their support this year. Cllr Pat Ansell as Vice Chair has kindly stepped in on a couple of occasions and Cllr Ian Bamford has had a busy year dealing with some tricky planning matters, ably assisted by Cllr Avril Green . I feel as a Council we work well together for our community and I thank you all for that.

Finally my thanks to our Clerk. After our difficult year last year it is wonderful to have everything running smoothly again.

Sue Janes, Chairman, Cannock Wood Parish Council. '

RESOLVED: NOTED

3. Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

The meeting was declared closed at 7:35pm and everyone was thanked for their attendance.

.....Chair

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