

Cannock Wood Parish Council

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

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Ms Naazlin Somani - Parish Clerk
County Cllr J. Bernard

Public Participation

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

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies of absence

2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday 15 March 2012

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

- (i) amendment made to attendees at the meeting.
- (ii) amendment to the date of the minutes that were approved at the meeting.

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.

5. Finance.

The Clerk handed out details of the bank accounts which included the end of year accounts for 2011-12 and the accounts for 2012-13. It was noted that there was £10161.54 in the current account and £4209.05 in the 3 month Premium Account.

Members were informed that the first half of the 2012-13 precept of £5000.00 had been received.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Ms N. Somani – Clerk Salary for April.

Ms N. Somani – Clerks expenses

Staffordshire Parish Council Association Subscription £304.51

Reimbursement Cllr M. Allen (Best Kept Village) £19.20

Village Hall grant toward ceiling works £1000.00

It was noted that confirmation had been received that an account had been set up for the village car park fund. Members had agreed at a previous meeting that they would donate £1000.00 towards the improvements. Before the grant was issued it was agreed that a letter should be presented to the next meeting highlighting the terms of the grant to ensure that the funds were solely for the car park.

A request for match funding had been received from Beaudesert Sports Field and Recreation Ground Trust. Member discussed the request and following a detailed discussion it was agreed that £500.00 would be donated subject to the submission of the accounts to the Parish Council.

6. Electricity Supply.

It was noted that there had been a slight problem the week before the meeting. It was noted that the matter would be monitored and if it became a regular occurrence action would be taken.

7. Water Pressure.

It was noted that there had been a problem a number of weeks ago which left the village without water for a short period of time.

8. Correspondence

Members were informed of the scheduled work at Castle Ring Car Park. It was noted that the works were being widely advertised to the local resident to avoid disruption. It was also highlighted that the car park would be closed when the works were being done.

9. Road Safety within the Village.

There was no update to provide. It was suggested that Luke Newman be invited to a future meeting regarding this item.

10. 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.

It was noted that the minutes were now up to date on the website. At a previous meeting a request had been made to change a map symbol, Members were informed that there would be a £40.00 charge for this. Following a discussion it was felt that it was a necessary amendment and it was agreed to go ahead.

11. Community Games.

Members were given an update on the arrangements for the event. It was noted that there would be an arts festival on the Saturday and Sunday, Gardening club on the Tuesday and Wednesday along with a variety of other activities through the week.

12. Village Hall car park.

It was noted that this had been discussed previous in the meeting and that an letter of agreement would be drafted by the clerk and presented to the next meeting.

13. Councillors Reports

Members were given detail of the crime figures for the area. It was noted that there had been a reduction in the number of domestic burglaries, motor theft, violent crimes and domestic violence. It was also noted that there had been an increase in robbery at business premises, however, there had only been one incident due to poor security.

Members were informed that police presence would be slightly reduced during the Olympic period however, the impact would not be noticeable to the public.

An update on Staffordshire Hospital was given. It was thought that the A&E unit would open 24 hours from 11 June 2012.

14. Police report

There were no details to update.

15. Items for discussion/Future agendas.

It was noted that the Best Kept Village competition had been entered. In order to keep Members updated it was felt that this should be an item on future agendas.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was Thursday 17 May 2012 AGM at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35p.m.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

Naazlin Somani
Clerk to the Council.