

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
at Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall
on Thursday 21 November 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:

N. Somani – Parish Clerk
PCSO Ms L Dale – Rugeley Police
Mrs A Green, Mr & Mrs K Salter. – (Village Residents)

Public Participation:

PCSO Dale gave a report of local crime for the current month and advised that speed checks had recently taken place on Cumberledge Hill. Members were also informed of the boxing club that was held in Rugeley for young people aged 9-13.

A fundraiser for Beaudesert Toddlers and Tumblers put forward a grant request of £500.00. It was said that the monies would go towards the setup costs of Toddlers and Tumblers a new playgroup in the village. The Chairman advised that the grant would be considered further in the meeting with the other applications. Any grant for this new group would also be conditional on any necessary further funding being obtained.

A further request for £150.00 for Beaudesert Guides was made. This would also be discussed with the other applications.

It was suggested that grants should be considered more than once a year however, Members agreed that an annual review of grants should be maintained.

Apologies:

There were no apologies of absence.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 19th September 2013 and 17th October 2013 were approved and adopted as a correct record.

Planning:

Cllr Bamford presented one planning application (CH/13/039) which was requesting continuation of the current application for storage of a container on the premises. There was no objection to the application.

Finance:

The latest Financial Report was presented. The report showed that there was a balance of £10,800.44 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
Grant Thornton – external audit 2012-13 £120.00
Village Hall rent - £75.00

Members discussed and reviewed grant applications that had been submitted. The following grants were awarded and cheques raised:

- (i) Seniors Football Club for additional playing equipment - £250.00
- (ii) Welfare Committee annual dinner - £500.00
- (iii) Cricket Club towards a replacement mower - £250.00
- (iv) Beaudesert Guides - £150.00
- (v) Beaudesert Toddler and Tumblers towards setup costs - £500.00

It was clarified that there was still £1000.00 ring fenced in the budget for the village hall. Members agreed that they would add another £1000.00 to the already allocated monies giving a total of £2000.00. It was agreed that the cheque would be made available on request.

Correspondence:

Correspondence had been received from:

- (i) Staffordshire Parish Councils Association regarding the AGM – Councillor Ansell to attend.
- (ii) An anonymous complaint concerning the washing of cars on the road. It was agreed that this would be forwarded on to Highways.

Road Safety and Maintenance in the Village:

It was noted as mentioned previously in the meeting that a speed check had been conducted on Cumberledge Hill.

It was request that the Clerk contact Highways and request statistical data for the speed signs that are regularly located in the village.

Parish Council Website:

A report on the activity on the web site was presented and discussed.

Forensic Marking:

It was reported that 32 people had signed up following the October public meeting. It was agreed, at this stage, 40 kits would be ordered. The council was required to make a log of serial numbers and forward them to the police. A cheque for the purchase of the kits would be given to the Chairman. The signs costing £88.00 where to be ordered and fitted.

Following a discussion it was agreed that people from outside the village could obtain smart water through the council however the discount would not be applicable and they would be required to purchase them at cost price.

Councillors Reports:

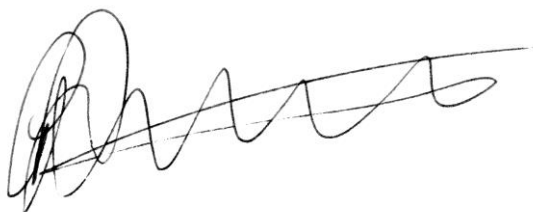
There was no report.

Items for discussion/Future Agendas:

None noted.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 16 January 2014.



Chairman

16 January 2014