

Cannock Wood Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
at Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall
on Thursday 20th February 2014

Present:

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

In Attendance:

PCSO Ms L Dale – Rugeley Police

Public Participation:

PCSO Dale gave a report on local crime for the preceding month. Fortunately this did not involve the village of Cannock Wood this time.

Apologies:

Cllrs: Mrs P Ansell, Mr I Bamford.

Ms N Somani - Parish Clerk. NB: In the absence of the Parish Clerk the minutes were taken by the Chair.

Approval of Minutes:

No minutes from the January meeting had been forwarded by the clerk. These, together with the Minutes from the February meeting will be approved at the March meeting.

Matters Arising:

None.

Planning:

Cllr Janes presented three planning applications for consideration. These were as follows:-

CH/14/0040 Two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension with balcony above at Wood View, Holly Hill Road, Cannock Wood.

CH/14/0029 Single storey front extension comprising of porch and utility room at The Old Smith, Chestall Park, Cannock Wood.

CH/14/0031 Installation of 2x 0.3m transmission dishes onto existing telecommunications mast at Sub Station, Chestall Road, Cannock Wood.

After discussion Cllrs had no objections to any of these applications. There were no completed planning applications returned from Cannock Chase Council.

A copy of the Final Draft of the Cannock Chase AONB Management Plan was discussed and comments on a reply drafted by Mr T Jones of Kingsley Wood Road, Rugeley were endorsed.

Finance:

The latest Financial Report had been forwarded by the Clerk. The report showed a balance of £6,640.09 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

Village Hall Rent - £75.00

An email had been received by the Clerk confirming receipt of notification that the Parish Council Precept would remain the same as last year.

Finance cont:-

A request had been received from Beaudesert Sports Field Trust for funding towards an “Open Air Day” on Saturday 7th June 2014. It was agreed to donate £50.00 towards the cost of hiring a bouncy castle for the day.

An email had been received from Mrs A Johnson regarding a grant towards some Carpet Bowls to be used by the newly formed Monday Club. It was agreed to give the sum of £60.00 towards this cost.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Notification of next AONB Parish Council meeting 23.06.2014
2. Notification of Freedom March for Mercian Regiment organised by Cannock Chase Council to be held on Friday 27 June 2014.
3. Neighbourhood Highway Team available for work on roads and hedges etc in area.
4. SPCA Planning Training Course info.
5. Cannock Community Forum date.
6. Staffordshire County Council Transport – details of new roadworks info site www.roadworks.org
7. Burntwood Town Council – Notification of Chairman’s Charity Evening
8. Request for confirmation of grant to Beaudesert Toddle & Tumble group.
9. Beaudesert Sports Field Trust Open Air Day – request for funding. (See Finance).
10. Cannock Wood Monday Club – request for funding. (see Finance).

Outgoing:

1. Staffs Safer Roads Partnership re Community Speed Watch Scheme
2. Mrs A Green re Beaudesert Toddle & Tumble grant

Village Road Safety & Maintenance:

Further to the letter from the Neighbourhood Highway Team it was agreed that a request for work to be carried out clearing the ditches and verges together with cutting of hedges along Holly Hill Road from its junction with Park Gate Road along to its junction with Cumberledge Hill.

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:

The Chairman reported that all of the applicants for a Smart Water kit had now been supplied and the registration forms completed. These will be forwarded to the South Staffordshire Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator who supplied the kits. It was noted that the package which was supposed to contain 40 kits only contained 38. The Chairman would speak to the person who compiled the package. It was also noted that one applicant had changed their mind but had mislaid the kit. Signs will be position on lampposts at strategic positions around the village telling people that Cannock Wood is a Smart Water protected area. The Chairman thanked Cllrs for their help in distributing the kits.

Items for Discussion:

1. Parish Council Notice Board. The existing notice board is in a state of disrepair being subject to condensation in any form of inclement weather. It is also prone to being invaded by slugs and snails through holes in the woodwork. Although the “Sundeala” boarding has been renewed 3 years ago it is still not fit for purpose. The Chairman has contacted the company which supplied the Village

Hall Notice Board and has obtained prices for a replacement. After discussion it was decided to go ahead and order a new noticeboard to be erected in the same position. The new board will be constructed in oak and will be mounted on two 90mm posts. The size of the board, able to display 6 A4 sheets will be 800mm x 800mm with a single polycarbonate glazed door with double locks. The total cost will be £1054.80 including VAT.

2. Arriva Bus Route around Cannock Wood: Following requests from some elderly residents of Cannock Wood the Clerk is asked to write to Arriva regarding the possibility of re-routing the N0. 62 bus around the village. Instead of turning from Cumberledge Hill into Hayfield Hill (as at present) it is asked that the bus turn left into Bradwell Lane, continue along Gilwell Road turning right into Holly Hill Road, then into Chestall Road, along sycamore Hill and then turning left into Hayfield Hill back to its current route. The Clerk is also asked to send a letter to Mrs Maureen Farley, 45 Holly Hill Road, Cannock Wood, WS15 4RF explaining what the Parish Council is doing regarding the bus route.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 20th March 2014

_____ Chairman

_____ Date