



Caverswall Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2014
AT CAVERSWALL VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. Paul Roberts, Malcolm Dean, Ross Ward, M Buttanshaw, S Cartwright

Apologies: Cllr Durose and C Cllr Day

Members of the Public: 17 members of the public

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APOLOGIES	Cllr Durose	
PUBLIC QUESTIONS	<p>All member of the public present attended with regards to the New Premises Licence Application at Caverswall Village Store. No one in attendance was in support of the application. Concerns raised were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to the School, directly opposite. • Parking problems that will ensue, there are double yellow lines and zigzags along the road and parking infringements will undoubtedly occur. The parking area in front of the store is small and vehicles would have to either stop on School Lane and reverse back onto the car park or conversely reverse back onto the road, both of which – especially in the dark – would pose a danger to both the reversing vehicle and any on coming traffic on School Lane. The pavements on both sides of School Lane are narrow in this area and there has been an incident when a child was hit by a vehicle when walking along the footpath. Should vehicles park on the road side and some will undoubtedly park partially on the pavement, blocking pedestrian access, will these pedestrians have to walk into the road to get around the vehicle, an obvious danger to their lives. • Residential properties immediately adjoin the premises on both sides. There is also a flat above the store, not connected to the store, any noise outside would adversely affect the residents living conditions. • Encourage the gathering of young people outside. There would be no other premises within Caverswall village open after 18.00 with the exception of the 2 public houses. Noise would be inevitable and would constitute Anti Social Behaviour to the nearby residential properties and their occupants and these gatherings would also be intimidating to anyone passing by. • There would be a need for additional Policing in the village which would put extra demands on the all ready overstretched local Police resources. • Recent criminal damage has occurred within the Millennium 	

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	<p>Gardens when fencing was broken and pulled out, this occurred in the early and late evening, damage which was repaired by local residents and paid for by the Parish Council. Also trees on The Dams have been damaged during the last 6 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 2 public houses in the village where alcohol can be purchased. • Caverswall is a quiet village, this would be jeopardised if the Village Store opened for the proposed hours. • The view of the majority of residents the Parish Council have had contact with regarding this application is that the people of Caverswall do not need to have a premises in the village where they can purchase alcohol, there are already plenty of premises in the vicinity where alcohol can be purchased. • There are currently 5 stores within a 2 mile radius/5 minute drive that have a Licence to sell alcohol :- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bargain Booze, Weston Coyney, ST3 6PZ – 1mile, 3 minutes. Open 2. Co-operative Store, Weston Coyney, ST3 6NA – 1.1mile, 4 minutes. Open 07.00-22.00 every day 3. Tesco, Meir Park, ST3 7WB – 1.3 mile, 4 minutes, open 24hr Mon- Sat/10.00-16.00 Sun 4. Aldi, Meir Park, ST3 7WB – 1.3 mile, 4 minutes 5. Spar, Forsbrook, ST11 8BX – 1.7 mile, 5 minutes. Open 06.00-23.00 Mon-Sat/07.00-22.30 Sun • Until the recent closure of the Village Store its opening times were no later than 17.30 Mon-Fri, only open half day on Saturday and closed on Sunday. This was considered to be sufficient by the local residents of the village. • Caverswall does need a Convenience Store in the village, but we can see no reason for opening times to be necessary in the evening. • There is likely to be an increase in traffic with the proposed licence. Local residents would be within walking distance but the selling of alcohol at the store would naturally have people from outside the village drive to the store or call when passing through the village. Caverswall is used as a “rat run” by many drivers especially if the A50 is blocked/closed (a fairly regular occurrence), when there is a constant flow of vehicles going along School Lane bumper to bumper. What will happen if people wanting stop at the store block the road, it will cause enormous problems, which will impact on all properties on School Lane, let alone the School. • The safety of the children is paramount and all possible measures must be considered to ensure their continued <p>Will encourage young people to gather in the area. Mark never been open so long, anti social behaviour, damage already happened at Mill Garden. Proximity of residential properties right next door. Size of opening on road. Lady who rents flat above will not relish door opening etc directly below her rooms. Two pubs in village and at least 5 places within 2.5 miles to purchase alcohol.</p>	

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	<p>Loose what Caverswall is all about – quiet village. Gathering place for young people could cause anti social behaviour. Trees on The Dams have been damaged in past due to problems with young people attending events in the village. It is expected that this will go before Licensing panel. Caverswall people don't need it however Caverswall does need a convenience store. Consideration to vehicles reversing out onto road. School safety issue, pavements narrow.</p> <p>Playing fields not secure gates being left open</p> <p>Winterfield lane flooding reported to C Cllr Day, incident number given.</p> <p>Sign gone up at end of lane by Salt Farm no entry horses etc – it's a footpath/bridleway, Cllr Roberts to speak to Planning to see who's responsible.</p>	PR
MINUTES	It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting were to be signed as a true and correct record.	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Cllr Roberts re planning application SMD/2014/0516	
REPORTS COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS	<p>107/14 County Councillor Not present</p> <p>108/14 District Councillor Nothing to report</p>	
HANDYMAN/ LENGTHSMAN REPORT	<p>109/14 Streetlights on The Dams need looking at – see Ross's sheet. Also wire being caught – Clerk to contact Western Power. Hedges on The Dams – had been reported that this is not very tidy. Ensure next cut is tidier/straight. Pathway behind Millennium Garden that comes from pub car park needs tidying and cutting back.</p>	Clerk
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	<p>HIGHWAYS ISSUES – None</p> <p>110/14 Car Park Use (93/14, 80/14, 68/14, 54/14, 39/14, 19/14, 05/14, 163/13,150/13, 135/13, 120/13, 103/13, 085/13, 065/13, 050/13, 037/13, 023/13) Gates being left open by Village Hall, making access on to the field open. Letter to Village Hall re ensuring their road gate is locked as on several occasions recently been left open.</p> <p>111/14 St Peters School – Extra Land (94/14, 81/14, 69/14, 55/14, 41/14, 21/14, 07/14, 164/13,152/13, 137/13, 125/13, 107/13, 096/13) Mike Lomax (School Governor) been in touch with Cllr Ward and has also met with Cllr Roberts who showed Mr Lomax what PC would be prepared to let School use. Mr Lomax happy with what PC were offering, ok to first line of trees and is going to speak to Head. All Cllrs agreed to this.</p> <p>112/14 Playing Fields</p>	Clerk

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<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS continued...</p>	<p>(95/14, 82/14, 70/14, 56/14, 42/14, 22/14, 08/14, 165/13, 153/13, 138/13, 126/13, 084/13, 064/13, 049/13, 036/13, 025/13, 010/13, 093/12)</p> <p>No updated info received.</p> <p>113/14 Footpaths: Nothing to report.</p> <p>114/14 Defibrillator: (97/14, 84/14, 73/14, 59/14, 46/14, 27/14) British Heart Foundation advised it's a good location and will donate £500.00 towards the £2500.00 it will take to fund it. Andy at Red House happy to do fundraising event. Got to email Ambulance Service for their approval on location and they will do training.</p> <p>115/14 Football Clubs: Senior Club - No letter received yet. Asked about who owns the changing rooms - think done thru lottery grant, Andy from Red House thinks the brewery (Bass) donated them to football club. Football Club want to tidy it up put in new boiler etc. Clerk to look back though minute (about 1999ish) to see if anything was minutes on this. Junior Club - Caverswall Sharks changing their name to Caverswall Dams, reason being that they are being chased for money which they know nothing about.</p> <p>116/14 Gates on The Quarry entrance -Tickhill Lane Cllr Ward had emailed Dave Smith at SMDC who then got contact Hazel in Enforcement who is looking into it Cllr Roberts to chase Dave later this week.</p> <p>Unresolved Items : None</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>PR</p>						
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>117/14</p> <p>SCC St Peter's CE(VA) Primary School – Local Authority Governor Re Amey Infrastructure new partnership Supporting People Review</p> <p>SMDC Licensing Application – Caverswall Village Store Register of Electors Updates</p> <p>Post Office Re Caverswall Branch Temporary Closure</p> <p>TSB Bank Statements</p>							
<p>FINANCE</p>	<p>118/14 Payments: The following accounts were approved for payment:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mrs L Cantlay – Clerk Salary and Expenses – Aug/Sept</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£425.48 *</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town and Country Services (July/Aug)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1062.00 *</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr R Durose – Materials to repair Mill Garden Fencing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 47.62</td> </tr> </table>	Mrs L Cantlay – Clerk Salary and Expenses – Aug/Sept	£425.48 *	Town and Country Services (July/Aug)	£1062.00 *	Mr R Durose – Materials to repair Mill Garden Fencing	£ 47.62	
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 6 th October 2014 Start at 7.30pm	
MEETING CLOSED	9.00pm	

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