

Caverswall Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2014 At Caverswall Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Paul Roberts, Edna Durose, Ross Ward, Malcolm Dean, Mary Buttanshaw,

Shirley Cartwright. C. Cllr Bill Day

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: Pauline Swann, Lisa Martin

Subject	Description	Action
APOLOGIES	None	
PUBLIC	Pauline Swann attended re concern with flooding on School Lane it will	
QUESTIONS	become very dangerous if freezes. Cllr Roberts advised water coming off pond at Caverswall Castle email received by Clerks from Robin MacDonald email read out saying problem not from his land as did not block drain when road on his land resurfaced in 2006 but was caused by others problem and problem caused now by just volume of water. Clerk will get back on to Highways to chase up and request flood signs are put out. C. Cllr Day reported that last week he and Rob Steele went to see problem and the flooding is Robin MacDonald's problem and he must sort it out. However the problem further down the other side of Castle entrance towards bridge the Highways team should be digging out a gully back from road as it will then run off onto natural wetland anyway. Pothole by house at railway crossing at Catchums right by his gate needs	
	reporting.	
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 – Planning matters – SMDC Planning Committee Chair.	
REPORTS		
COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS	16/14 County Councillor – water from pond Castle – see Public Questions 17/14 District Councillor – nothing to report	
HANDYMAN/ LENGTHSMAN REPORT	18/14 Discussed jobs which Lengthsman could do. On playing fields the nearest tree to hall has lots of suckers which need cutting back/off. Clerk to speak to Lengthsman	Clerk
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	HIGHWAYS ISSUES – see public questions 19/14 Car Park Use (05/14, 163/13,150/13, 135/13, 120/13, 103/13, 085/13, 065/13, 050/13, 037/13, 023/13) Under confidential matters – Councillors only.	

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MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS continued	20/14 Access to Village Hall (06/14) Under confidential matters – Councillors only. 21/14 St Peters School – Extra Land (07/14, 164/13,152/13, 137/13, 125/13, 107/13, 096/13) Cllr Ward had emailed Chris Burton, the Head, and when weather brightens up Chris will take photos and do a sketch to show what they are proposing. 22/14 Playing Fields	Head at St Peters
	(08/14, 165/13, 153/13, 138/13, 126/13, 084/13, 064/13, 049/13, 036/13, 025/13, 010/13, 093/12) On going. – Under Confidential matters – Councillors only. 23/14 Footpaths No report	
	24/14 Dog signs (10/14) Cllr Roberts has put some up through village. Contact Vicky Ellis at SMDC to get more.	Clerk
	25/14 Flower Boxes (11/14) Clerk received email from Dave Simcock re plants and compost should be here in next few days with approx cost. Go ahead given for Clerk to confirm order and to ask that they are kept in Mr Simcock green house for a few weeks until hopefully weather improves.	Clerk
	26/14 Millennium Garden Email sent to D. Cllr Mark Deaville asking what help he is willing to provide, no response as yet received. Cllr Durose advised there are 2 big mounds of cutting (thorny) which need removing now and suggested asking D. Cllr Deaville what support he would be able to provide. A letter had been received from Caverswall/Cookshill WI saying that as part of the 100 th anniversary of the First World War they are planning to hold scarecrow competition in August and asked permission for Scarecrows to be displayed in the Millennium Garden if the need arises. All Cllrs were in agreement that this request should be granted, Clerk to send letter to WI confirming they can use Millennium Garden.	Clerk
	27/14 Defibrillator Cllr Ward had done some research and it can be put into phone box or if not happy he had spoken to the Landlord of the Red House and he said it could go onto the wall at the back of pub. Cost would be approx £2500.00 this could be raised by fundraising and Red House prepared to I help with this. He also suggested contacting the British Heart Foundation for funding support. Cost covers defibrillator machine and the necessary training. North Staffs Heart Committee could also be contacted to see if any support/financial help is available. To be discussed further at next meeting when more information is available.	RW

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	28/14 Post box in the Square Clerk had spoken to Royal Mail and was told we can do it but to speak to our local sorting depot (Normacot) and to just advise them we are going to paint it. However they did say that if not done within last 3 years they can raise a job sheet to do it as they should be repainted every 3 years. To our knowledge it has not been painted since the Millennium, therefore Clerk to speak to Royal Mail again to ask that they paint it. 29/14 Football Clubs Cllr Roberts had heard that the Senior team had folded and were supposed to be attending. Representatives of Junior football side will be attending the next meeting to advise the Parish Council on their current situation. Unresolved Items None	Clerk
CORRESPONDENCE	30/14 TSB Bank Statement	
	Robin MacDonald Email re Water from Pond on School Lane	
	D. Cllr David Shaw Re Kidz2zbiK request for support	Clerk
	31/14	Clerk
PRECEPT 2014/15	Payments: The following accounts were approved for payment:- Mrs L Cantlay – Clerk Salary(at new rate) and Expenses – February £213.74 TOTAL PAYMENTS THIS MONTH - £213.74 Transfer – £800.00 to be transferred now to cover the payment to PWLB due on 3 rd March 2014 (this will be the final payment) Receipts: Interest re Instant Access Accounts - £0.49 & £0.17 TOTAL RECEIPTS RECEIVED - £0.66 Accounts (after any payments/transfers made):- Current Account –£1,284.11 Instant Access Account – £7,626.96 Contingency Account - £4,097.44 32/14 2014/15 PRECEPT: Councillors and Clerk had attended Precept Forum at SMDC in January to understand how tax base, council tax etc works. This was very informative. Meeting held whilst at SMDC and Cllrs decided to set precept requirement at £9250.00 this will show a decrease on Council Tax bills of 4.54% (£25.84), it was £27.07 in 2013-14. Form submitted to SMDC by Clerk.	
	33/14 CLERKS HOURS AND SALARY Under Confidential matters – Councillors only	

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PLANNING	33/14	
MATTERS	Applications:	
	The Keys – SMD/2013/1181 – Change of Use of part first floor from	
	storage to residential to form a separate dwelling	
	OBJECTION – Concerned with parking spaces and use of cars, adjoining	Clerk
	property has vehicular and pedestrian access on their deeds – how will	
	this impact on them, full length window on first floor obtrusive to	
	adjoining property, query angle of overlooking, concerns re sewage –	
	existing system (septic tank)can't cope now (gets flooded) Decisions:	
	SMD/2013/0872 – Derelict Builders Yard, Winterfield Lane –	
	Development of 40 affordable homes of mixed tenure – WITHDRAWN	
	Gandria – SMD/2013/1095 - Extension and alterations to dwelling and	
	conversion of out building to annex – APPROVED	
	Grove Garage – 13/01107/OUT Demolition of existing buildings and	
	erection of 5 detached dwellings – APPROVED	
	13/01059/FUL – Roughcote Hall Farm – Change of use of a dwelling	
	house to a residential care home for adults with learning disabilities –	
	APPROVED	
	13/01060/FUL – Meadow View, Caverswall Common Lane – demolition	
	of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement dwelling with	
	detached garage- APPROVED	
	Appeals: none	
	Enforcement: none	
NEW BUSINESS	34/14 Litter Bin on the Playing Field	
NEW BOSINESS	This has now been ordered and should be available for collection around	Clerk/
	24 th February 2014 at cost of £150.00 inc VAT.	PR
	24 Tebruary 2014 at cost of £150.00 life VAT.	
	35/14 Stocks	
	Cllr Durose reported that the seat by stocks has been rebuilt and	
	restored by Tate and Rich – Clerk to send letter of thanks.	Clerk
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DATE OF 1151/5	Advanta and Advanta 2014 at 7 20 an	
DATE OF NEXT	Monday 3 rd March 2014 at 7.30pm	
MEETING	Caverswall Village Hall	
MEETING CLOSED	9.10pm	

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