



# Caverswall Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2015 AT CAVERSWALL VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Paul Roberts, E. Durose, M. Dean and R. Ward  
C. Cllr W. Day

**Apologies:** Cllr Clayton

**Members of the Public:** Gary Finney and Gerald Finney

Subject	Description	Action
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllr Clayton	
<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b>	<p><b>Vicarage Farm Footpath(no 31) / Access to fields :</b> The Finney's solicitor, Matthew Stoll DWF Solicitors in Liverpool, has asked who owns the lane print off from Land Registry given to C Cllr Day. Land Registry advised that they do not have details of owners The Finney's think lane is owned by the Church as they owned the land prior to sale for the tandem houses built along School Lane was sold about 1930 and covenant on deeds that said the owner whoever that was couldn't sell property for 30 years. Not on his deeds to have vehicular access. JDW Technology own the land behind to Lansbury Grove. Hoping parish council would make enquiries to try and find out if church still retain ownership of lane - Clerk to contact Lichfield Diocese to see if they have records of this. Church owned all the land Cllr Roberts thought that lane was put in by Kath Heaths father to get to ponds. Clerk to speak to Kath Heath to see if this is correct and if so to ask for a letter stating her knowledge, if obtain letter this to be givn to Bill Butler and Ben Salts Daughter Penny to ask if they know anything. Cllr Day will also speak to Paul Rochford at SCC Rights of Way.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>WD</p>
<b>MINUTES</b>	It was resolved that the minutes of the previous month's meeting were to be signed as a true and correct record.	
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	Cllr Roberts – re planning matters as member of Planning Committee. He took no part in any discussion re Caverswall Castle application.	
<b>REPORTS COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b>	<p><b>148/15 County Councillor</b> – nothing to report. Has been to seminar today where government financing of Councils was discussed – the next few years going to the touch as government funding is going to stop. Government want Councils to be self-funding which can only come from its residents.</p> <p><b>149/15 District Councillor</b> – local steering group Wed night for local plan's second consultation which has been pushed back until March.</p>	

Signed .....

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

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<b>HANDYMAN/ LENGTHSMAN REPORT</b>	<b>150/15</b> Benches and noticeboard should be done at some point this week.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES –</b></p> <p><b>151/15 School Parking Problems</b> (135/15, 120/15, 104/15, 87/15, 72/15) Meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, next meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016</p> <p><b>152/15 Grids and Drains</b> No report</p> <p><b>153/15 Issues at Roughcote Lane and The Quarry</b> (136/15, 122/15, 106/15, 89/15,74/15) Cllr Roberts has now received copy of planning application SM900067 and agreement from Hazel Walker, these given to Clerk.</p> <p><b>154/15 Playing Fields</b> (137/15,123/15, 107/15, 90/15, 75/15, 21/15, 06/15, 139/14, 126/14, 112/14, 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, 093/13) On going</p> <p><b>155/15 Footpaths:</b> (138/15. 124/15, 108/15, 91/15, 76/15) Vicarage Farm – In addition to Public Questions above - Clerk has spoken to Paul Rochfort at SCC Rights of Way and they have advised that they can find no authorisation for the gate but that it does have maintained pedestrian access, there is a lock on the gate but this is able to be opened for access on foot. Regarding other access i.e. to fields then this is a civil matter. The case officer has been on long term sick leave but is due to return this month and further update may then be available.</p> <p><b>156/15 Defibrillator:</b> (139/15, 125/15, 109/15. 92/15, 77/15, 62/15, 23/15, 08/15,142/14. 128/14, 114/14, 97/14, 84/14, 73/14, 59/14, 46/14, 27/14) Training sessions organised for 14<sup>th</sup> November. Email schools with details.</p> <p><b>157/15 Natural Spring in Caverswall:</b> (154/15) Clerk has spoken to Severn Trent Water although they have several bore holes in the Caverswall area they do not know of one on Sycamore Farm, which would be a privately owned bore hole. Suggested only way to find out more would be to speak to land owners or their land agent. There is problem generally with water drying up from springs etc because of the fall in the water table and therefore this could be the reason, could possibly be going into draught conditions. Clerk also spoken to Environmental Agency and been advised that that up to 200 cubic metre (4400 gallons) of water is allowable any more then permission has to be sought from them. Clerk to contact land owners to enquire if they have put in a bore hole as general enquiry into what is the cause of the steam drying up.</p>	

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	<p><b>158/15 Caverswall Castle:</b> (145/15) See planning applications</p> <p><b>159/15 Village Hall :</b> (146/15) Clerk to sort date for meeting. Further details required on help with funding, to be discussed at meeting.</p> <p><b>Unresolved Items:</b> None</p>	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<p><b>160/15</b></p> <p>TSB                    Bank Statements</p> <p>SMDC                Outside Active &amp; Healthy leaflets</p> <p>Comm Councils      Best Kept Village Competition 2016</p>	
<b>FINANCE, AUDIT AND ANNUAL RETURN</b>	<p><b>161/15</b></p> <p>Payments: The following accounts were approved for payment:- Mrs L Cantlay – Clerk Salary and Expenses – November    £250.45 * Town &amp; Country Services – October work                        £348.00 * Mr R Nicholls – Handyman Work                                        £ 97.28 TOTAL PAYMENTS THIS MONTH - £695.73 * - indicates payments to be made via Internet Banking Faster Payment, approved at meeting.</p> <p>Transfer – £500.00</p> <p>Receipts: Bank Interest for October - £0.81p TOTAL RECEIPTS RECEIVED - £0.81p</p> <p><b>Accounts (after any payment or receipts made) :</b> Current Account - £347.50 Instant Access Account - £12,354.62 Contingency Account - £8,102.80</p>	
<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>	<p><b>162/15</b></p> <p><b>Applications:</b> <b>HNT/2015/0034 – The Hollies, Roughcote Lane</b> – Proposed single storey rear extension to form granny annexe, proposed extension to be 7.8 metres from the original dwelling, maximum height of 3.85 metres and the proposed height of the eaves to be 2.25 metres –NO OBJECTION subject to neighbour’s approval. <b>SMD/2015/0660 and 0661 – Dove Farm barns, Blythe Bridge Road</b> –Residential development comprising the erection of 4no. new build 3 bedroom dwellings, reorganisation of units 5-7 (approved under SMD/2011/0601 and SMD/2011/0601) to provide an additional 3-bedroom dwelling and associated works (enabling development – NO OBJECTION but comments that materials in keeping with existing barns.</p> <p><i>Due to being on the SMDC Planning Committee Councillor Roberts took no part in the following application for Caverswall Castle as it is likely to come before them.</i></p>	

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	<p><b>SMD/2015/0671 – Caverswall Castle</b> – Listed Building Consent for change of use of Grade 1 castle from residential to residential and well-being retreat centre with guest hotel accommodation and associated parking, demolition of existing summer pool enclosure and replacement with a covered parking area, including alteration and extension of the existing outbuilding to provide ancillary parking and garaging for the dwelling house – As plans only received on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October and there is a lot of material to digest the Councillors are to read through and then meeting to be arranged to submit comments.</p> <p><b>Decisions:</b>  <b>DET/2015/0033 – Caverswall Park Farm</b> –Change of use of existing offices (use Class B1) to 5 no. dwellings (use Class C3) – REFUSED  <b>SMD/2015/0482 – High View, Caverswall Common</b> – Part single part 2-storey rear extension single storey side extension replacement of front porch and erection of a new detached garage- APPROVED  <b>HNT/2015/0031 – 5 Trevor Drive</b> – Single storey rear extension - APPROVED  <b>Appeals:</b> none  <b>Enforcement:</b> None apart from those under Public Questions.</p>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	None	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	The next meeting is on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm	
<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>	9.20 pm	