



# Caverswall Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016 AT CAVERSWALL VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs P. Roberts, E. Durose, M. Dean, A. Marshall, R. Ward, M Clayton

**Apologies:** None

**Members of the Public:** Fred Eggington, Robin MacDonald, Jeff Lake

Subject	Description	Action
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	None	
<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b>	<p>Fred Eggington - people have been surveying in fields next to The Cloisters (approx. 14 acres) and road and is concerned about possible housing. Land owner is Jason Bloor.</p> <p>Cllr Ward there are concerns about local plan and developers trying to get land allocated before the date going to Government (next April) one thing in our favour is that Caverswall is currently oversubscribed and all sites proposed have been discarded.</p> <p><b><i>Councillor Roberts was not in the meeting whilst the following was discussed.</i></b></p> <p>Robin MacDonald from Caverswall Castle came to update the Parish Council on the current situation re the approved planning application. He stated that in his opinion the Planning Officers were tripping up on technicality, he is scheduled to go back to Planning Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> July to see what they think on how thing should progress. The Section 106 agreement that has been attached to the planning approval requires both Mr MacDonald's banks to sign, one has but the other will not saying that they have not had anything to do with it, which is causing the problem, Mr MacDonald advised that he had already sign the 106. He said that he was getting no help from the Planning Officer and had also contacted Rob Weaver Head of Planning inviting him to visit the Castle but the invitation had been refused, he hopes that the Planning Committee see their way to help him move forward with the approve application.</p> <p>Whilst all this is going on the Castle is deteriorating, the Conservatory roof has collapsed, various other areas need attention, gardens becoming very overgrown. Costing him about £5000.00 a month just to keep going, not sure how long he can continue going like this.</p>	

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	<p>Even if permission gets granted next week without 106 or one that is amended he does not anticipate work would now commence until next year.</p> <p>Cllr Ward asked if it was just 106 that was the stumbling block – Mr MacDonald indicated that it was and that in his opinion it was not normally used in these situations, it includes ploughing back some of profits into the Castle upkeep etc SMDC proposed 10% but he offered 20%. The restrained use imposed in the approval has very very tight guidelines and if he deviates from this he will be open to prosecution. Many people interested in staying at the Castle just want to stay 1 night therefore it makes things difficult as approval stated no 1 night stays.</p> <p>Mr MacDonald said it looks like the Castle will just rot away and fall down unless things are resolved.</p> <p>Cllr Ward offered to email the Planning Officer to see what their perspective is and will copy in Mr MacDonald.</p> <p>Letter also to be done by PC to ask for an update on situation.</p> <p>Hasn't forgotten about hedge told can't do now until September.</p> <p>Also Enforcement Notice is still in place so stops him for arranging visits SMDC not interested in removing, changing it at moment.</p> <p>Cllr Clayton asked is all the fine had been paid and was told that £45,000 is still outstanding on the enforcement Notice and that he's got to sell some properties to raise this before it can be paid.</p> <p><b><i>Cllr Roberts joined the meeting</i></b></p> <p>Jeff Lake came to thank the Parish Council for allowing use of our playing field for CarsaFest which raised over £5000.00 for Bloodwise and Cancer Research. It was a fantastic day the weather kind and was well attended.</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.	
<b>REPORTS COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b>	<p><b>114/16 County Councillor</b> – not present.</p> <p><b>115/16 District Councillor</b> – no report.</p>	
<b>HANDYMAN/ LENGTHSMAN REPORT</b>	<p>Purchase Order received from SMDC for 2016-17 Scheme - value £400.00</p> <p>Clerk to speak to C Cllr Day re the culvert behind the Bungalow on the junction of The Green and Caverswall Road as there has been several flooding problems here recently. These problems seem to have been exasperated since a pipe was put in behind the bungalow when it was being renovated.</p>	Clerk/ WD
<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b>	<p><b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES –</b></p> <p><b>116/16 Grids and Drains</b> Grids by St Peters School all blocked by their hedge.</p> <p><b>117/16 Traffic in the village</b> (100/16) On going</p> <p><b>118/16 Pavement from The Green to bridge on Caverswall Road</b></p>	Clerk

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	<p>(101/16) On going</p> <p><b>119/16 Footpaths:</b> (102/16, 102/16, 66/16, 40/16, 24/16, 08/16, 155/15, 138/15, 124/15, 108/15, 91/15, 76/15) Vicarage Farm (no 31) Cllr Roberts advised that the gate should have been taken down last Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July but this needs to be checked.</p> <p><b>120/16 Bus Shelter by Scout Hut</b> (103/16) On going Cllr Roberts still to speak to SMDC as no one was available last time he was in Leek</p> <p><b>121/16 Fencing along The Dams:</b> (104/16, 67/16, 41/16, 26/16, 15/16) Quotes still to be obtained</p> <p><b>122/16 Information on cost of playground equipment/insurance costs etc</b> (112/16) Cllr Marshall had looked into this and considered that if large equipment was used it would encourage older children/teenagers to use it, so was leaning towards younger children. Possible swings and a play tower. On a rough estimate this would cost about £10,000.00 to put in with wetpore rubber £40.00 per sq metre (approx. size 7.5 x7.5 metres) costing £2000.00. in addition to this there would be insurance costs. Area would need fencing which again would be an additional cost. The Parish Council need to look further into funding/grants and also any ongoing costs. Clerk to speak to Dilhorne Recreation Centre re where they got funding from. Cllr Roberts also to speak to Brian Johnson at SMDC re where to obtain grants etc.</p> <p><b>123/16 Post Box in The Square</b> Clerk has emailed Post Office awaiting response.</p> <p><b>124/16 Millennium Gardens Items</b> Cllr Roberts has spoken to Bob Finney re brown bin, one has subsequently been made available from the village for use at the Millennium Gardens.</p> <p><b>125/16 Trees at St Peters School</b> (111/16) Clerk has emailed Weston Power, no response, chase up</p> <p><b>126/16 Car Park Access barriers</b> (113/16) Cllr Marshall had obtained a quote for these of between £1500.00-15,500.00 plus vat for both barriers including fixing. This was given the go ahead with height being 7m, Cllr Marshall to sort. It was also agreed to purchase bollards to be placed at the side of the Village Hall as previously agreed this them to prevent vehicle access to the playing field.</p> <p><b>Unresolved Items:</b> none</p>	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<p><b>127/16</b></p> <p>TSB                    Bank Statement</p> <p>Staffs Police      Details of Space programme for 11-17 year olds plus Poster/leaflets</p>	

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<b>FINANCE</b>	<p><b>128/16 Accounts</b>            Payments:            The following accounts were approved for payment: -            Mrs L Cantlay – Clerk Salary and Expenses – July      £215.00 *            Town &amp; Country Services – June invoice                      £348.00 *            Caroline Hulse – Internal Audit Fee                              £120.00 *            Ross Nicholls – May/June    £97.28            TOTAL PAYMENTS THIS MONTH - £780.28            * - indicates payments to be made via Internet Banking Faster Payment, approved at meeting.</p> <p>Transfer: none required            Receipts:            Bank interest – both accounts - £0.39 &amp; £0.57 = £0.96            Total Receipts - £0.96  <b>Accounts (after any payment or receipts made):</b>            Current Account - £605.86            Instant Access Account - £12,281.94            Contingency Account - £10,105.55</p>	
<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>	<p><b>129/16 Applications:</b>            SMD/2016/0314 – K Holding, Caverswall Common Lane – Proposed change of use of existing agricultural land into a pond – No objection subject to neighbours approval            SMD/2016/0367 Highfield, Caverswall Common – Proposed two storey side extension and rear terrace – No objection subject to neighbours approval            SMD/2016/0332 – The Firs, The Hollow – Double storey extension to two storey house – no objection subject to neighbours approval.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall advised about an application for 15 properties on the site of the Central Civil Supplies Ltd site on Caverswall Lane - Stoke-on-Trent Planning Application ref 59826/OUT – although this is just outside our Parish boundary the Parish Council wish to make objection comments – highways issue, loss of employment, site has flooding problems, need to keep Spatial land space between City and villages.</p> <p><b>Decisions:</b>            DET/2016/0019 – Homelea Cottage, Leek Road, Cellarhead – Proposed steel portal framed agricultural building – Approved  <b>Appeals:</b> none  <b>Enforcement Matters:</b>            Enforcement on stone gates by the Cloisters to chase up.            Hearing for Enforcement issue at Churchcroft has taken place but no outcome has been received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>130/16 Flower Planter in Caverswall Road</b>            Email received from Jen Jones who lives in The Green read out.            This had been noticed by several Councillors and replacement is to be obtained.</p>	

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	<p>Jen Jones also mentioned problems with brambles on the footpath along Caverswall Road, Clerk to advise that land owner to be contacted to get cut back as it is their responsibility. Also advise the hedges cannot be cut back until September because of birds nesting.</p> <p><b>130/16 Flower Boxes on Blythe Bridge Road</b> These have been now done by the Eco Group from St Peters Clerk to send letter of thanks. Also to check if St Filumenas participated in this and if so letter to be sent to them too.</p> <p><b>131/16 Damage to post on entrance way to The Quarry at Tickhill</b> Cllr Dean reported that posts had been pulled out on entrance to Tickhill Quarry. Clerk to contact both C Cllr Day and also Rob Weaver at SMDC as they had initialled the gating order.</p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm NOTE: There is no meeting held in August	
<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>	9.20pm	

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