

CAVERSWALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair of the Council: Cllr Paul Roberts

Parish Clerk: Mrs Lynn Cantlay

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2017 AT CAVERSWALL VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: C Cllr Day

Members of the Public: S Pratheesh [Post Office/Caverswall Stores]

Subject	Description	Action
APOLOGIES	C. Cllr Day	
PUBLIC QUESTIONS	Mr Pratheesh advised that he needs to make decision by end of this month on what to do as business has not improved and is financially suffering. The lease is due to end in August but could be renewed. People saying don't close it but not getting support from village no increase in use/turnover. PC shared his concerns but understands that thing can't go on as they are with losing money and any decision made should be what is best for him. Needs to give six months' notice to Post Office if re closure. Clerk to put out notices for support on fb and website in a final effort to get more people using the shop and post office.	Clerk
MINUTES	It was resolved that the minutes of the previous month's meeting were to be signed as a true and correct record.	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Cllr Roberts – Planning Issues	
REPORTS COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS	01/17 County Councillor – not present 02/17 District Councillor – nothing to report.	
HANDYMAN/ LENGTHSMAN	Ross Nicholls reported that he had been told that the footpath by gas station on Caverswall Road towards Weston Coyney was covered with soil making it difficult to walk on. He also reported that speeding vehicles are going up The Green and that several vehicles had been damaged by a local farmer's tractor wheels he was told that this was a civil issue and that they should contact the Police themselves.	
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Cllr Clayton ask if we could get more signs on the approach to the village re weight restrictions etc, the current ones are by the roundabout at Blythe Bridge and are not very visible. Clerk to contact C Cllr Day and Highways on this issue, also to enquire about condition of the 2 bridges leading to the village to see if they are strong enough to support the HGV which use the road, even though there is a weight restriction.	Clerk

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	<p>Clerk to also contact C. Cllr Mark Deaville in his capacity as Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to come to one of our meetings to discuss our Highways issues.</p> <p>03/17 – Grids and Drains School Lane drains still blocked.</p> <p>04/17 – Footpaths Cllr Clayton had been contacted re possible unauthorised access from field on the left at the top of Handley Banks Clerk to contact Julie Howard at Enforcement</p> <p>05/17 – Bus Shelter by Scout Hut (151/16, 138/16, 120/16, 103/16) Still waiting on response from SMDC on ownership.</p> <p>06/17 – Fencing along The Dams (152/16, 139/16, 104/16, 67/16, 41/16, 26/16, 15/16) Cllr Roberts to ask Wards Fencing for a quote and Cllr Marshall also to ask another contractor to quote.</p> <p>07/17 – Information on cost of playground equipment/insurance (152/16, 140/16, 121/16, 113/16) No further action as not financially viable.</p> <p>08/17 – Car Park Access Barriers (153/16, 141/16, 126/16, 113/16) Should be installed soon.</p> <p>09/17 – St Peters Church – Condition of the church yard (154/16) Cllr Durose reported that she had spoken to Alex Mizan who will come and look at it as soon as he has time.</p> <p>10/17 – Trees along The Dams Email received from Rob Steele of SCC as trees were funded by C Cllr Day for the Queens Diamond Jubilee and as this was over 12 months ago, he would presume that these are now under the care of the Parish Council he asked for the PCs comments and will then discuss with C Cllr Day to see what the next step will be. Clerk has subsequently spoken to C Cllr Day who advised her that the trees are indeed the responsibility of the Parish Council and that it was the two trees at the other end of The Dams (nearest to the Red House) that he had provided funding for, all the other trees were purchased through the Jubilee Committee and the Parish Council. He advised contacting N & J Trees about this as they were the company who supplied the trees. Email has been sent today.</p> <p>Unresolved Items: None</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>SMDC</p> <p>PR/AM</p>
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>TSB Bank Statement</p> <p>SMDC Re ceasing of Lenghtsman Agreement Precept requirement for 2017/18</p>	
FINANCE AND 2017-18 PRECEPT	<p>11/17 - Accounts Payments: The following accounts were approved for payment: - Mrs L Cantlay – Clerk Salary and Expenses - January £215.00 * Mr R Nicholls – Handyman - November & December £97.28 TOTAL PAYMENTS THIS MONTH - £312.28 * - indicates payments to be made via Internet Banking Faster Payment, approved at meeting.</p>	

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	Transfer: £350.00 Receipts: Bank Interest – both accounts - £0.99 Accounts (after any payment or receipts made): Current Account - £188.99 Instant Access Account - £13,258.62 Contingency Account - £10,108.09 12/17 - 2017/18 PRECEPT Precept requirements discussed and figure set at £9410.79, this is a reduction of -3.05% on 2016-17. Clerk to send form to SMDC. Article to be put on website and in local press regarding this.	Clerk Clerk
PLANNING MATTERS	13/17 Applications: SMD/2016/0800 – 1 Renfield Nathan Close – Side Lounge Extension – No objection subject to neighbours approval – roofing tiles to match existing materials Decisions: SMD/2016/0600 – Land off Blythe Bridge Road – Proposed erection of 12 dwellings and associated garages and car parking with new access road off Blythe Bridge Road - REFUSED SMD/2016/0677 – Vicarage Farm, School Lane – Retrospective permission for replacement of the defective flat roof to a domestic garage and stable building, with a pitched profiled metal sheet roof – APPROVED SMD/2016/0540 – Stables at Caverswall Park Farm – Proposed residential development comprising 2no.3 bedroom dwellings (Unit 6 provided through conversion of exiting barns and unit 7 being a new-build replacing the existing stable buildings) and extension of an existing barn (unit 5 which was granted prior approval to be converted to a residential dwelling under DET/2016/0022) to form a 5-bedroom dwelling – APPROVED DET/2016/0048 – Moorville Hall Farm, Leek Road – Proposed portal framed building - APPROVED S-o-T 60526/OUT - Nursery site adjacent 34 Caverswall Lane, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent – 21 'custom build' plots plus associated highway and drainage infrastructure (outline) – Application withdrawn by Applicant Appeals: SMD/2016/0478 – 2 Church Terrace – Creation of new vehicular access and hardstanding Enforcement Matters: none	Clerk
NEW BUSINESS	Cllr Roberts reported that it seemed some of the posts on The Dams had disappeared, this to be investigated.	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 30 th January 2017 at 7.30pm PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS IN REPLACEMENT OF THE MEETING WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON 6 TH FEBRUARY 2017	
MEETING CLOSED	8.50pm	

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