

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT CAVERSWALL VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs P Roberts, A. Marshall, E Durose, M Dean, M Clayton, R. Ward (arrived later due to attendance at Werrington PC)

**Apologies:**

**Members of the Public:** Hattie Harrison, Times and Echo, Matthew Gibson

Subject	Description	Action
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	None	
<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b>	Matthew Gibson came to see about becoming a Parish Councillor told to write in about himself etc and then come to next meeting.	
<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>	None	
<b>REPORTS COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b>	<b>County Councillor</b> – gave a report on various matters. <b>District Councillor</b> – nothing to report. Got site specifics coming back in February to full council Reference the planning application for houses off Caverswall Road (S-o-T) recommended Planning Councillors to go out for site visit.	
<b>HANDYMAN/ LENGTHSMAN</b>	No report	
<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES:</b> <b>1/18– Grids and Drains</b> - no report <b>2/18– Footpaths</b> – no report <b>3/18 - Village Signs – Caverswall</b> (160/17, 141/17, 126/17, 114/17, 101/17, 83/17) Still pending <b>4/18- Millennium Garden –</b> (161/17, 142/17, 127/17, 115/17, 102/17, 84/17) Re sleepers decided to hold off until Spring when better weather comes. Still waiting brown bin but SMDC won't deliver until collections are restarted. <b>5/18 Defibrillator – Locations/Installation</b> (162/17, 143/17, 128/17, 116/17, 103/17, 87/17) Write/speak to the kennels at The Common see if they would have it on the wall.	Clerk

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	<p><b>6/18- Flag pole for the village</b> (162/17, 145/17, 130/17, 118/17, 105/17, 89/17) Got couple of quoted - deluxe 6m high £280.00 for 2 poles flags cost £49.00 each cost for 2 poles and flags £474.60 plus delivery. It was decided that 8m high flagpoles would be better £400.00 to come from C Cllr Ward funding.</p> <p><b>7/18 Railings on Blythe Bridge Road and wall around the tree in The Square</b> (163/17, 146/17, 131/17, 119/17, 106/17, 90/17) Reply from Highways wall under railings will be done but no safety issue identified around the tree.</p> <p><b>8/18 - Memorial Oak tree on Playing Field</b> (166/17, 156/17) No response received from Steve Massey therefore Clerk has sent a further email today. Cllr Roberts will also chase up.</p> <p><b>9/18 - Hedge along The Dams</b> Clerk has today sent a letter to Mr &amp; Mrs Bunn and email to Robin MacDonald asking them to cut back the hedges.</p> <p><b>10/18 – Auctioneers Arms</b> Purchase of the pub has now been completed and looking to open in March. As soon as the electricity has been checked and if their insurance company doesn't insist that electricity is turned off at night the Defibrillator can go back onto the wall.</p> <p><b>Unresolved Items:</b> none</p>	PR
CORRESPONDENCE	TSB Bank Statement	
FINANCE, 2017/18 AUDIT INFORMATION, 2018/19 PRECEPT	<p><b>11/18 - Accounts</b> <b>Payments:</b> The following accounts were approved for payment: - Mrs L Cantlay – Clerk Salary and Expenses – January £271.99 * N &amp; J Trees – 2 replacement trees on The Dams £360.00 * R. Nicholls – Handyman – Nov/Dec £ 97.28 TOTAL PAYMENTS THIS MONTH - £729.27 * - indicates payments to be made via Internet Banking Faster Payment, approved at meeting. Transfer: £500.00</p> <p><b>Receipts:</b> Bank Interest (both accounts – 11 Dec) – £1.02 SMDC – District Cllr Funding for Flag Pole - £250.00 Total Receipts - £251.02</p> <p><b>Bank Accounts</b> (after any payment or receipts made): Current Account - £216.60 Instant Access Account - £10,203.98 Contingency Account - £12,113.91</p> <p><b>CLERKS SALARY AND EXPENSES REVIEW:</b> Cllr Roberts had looked at the Clerks salary scale and expenses and prior to the meeting had discussed this with all Councillors and it was unanimously agreed by all Councillors that Clerks pay scale</p>	

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	<p>should be raised from SPC20 to SPC23 to reflect the work she does. The new hourly rate will be £11.05. In addition, Clerks general office expenses had remained the same for 5 years and was to be increased to £20.00 per month. These both to become effective from April. The additional 20 hours paid to Clerk at end of the year is to remain in place, this covers extra hours worked throughout the year, if not used prior to end of year.</p> <p><b>2018/19 PRECEPT:</b> After discussions the annual Parish Precept requirement for 2018-19 was set at £8,959.01 with the Council Tax Support Grant of £40.99 the actual amount the Parish Council will get from SMDC is £9,000.00 which is a reduction of 5.29% on the 2017-18 precept making it the 4<sup>th</sup> year in succession that we have reduced the precept requirement. The Band D property rate will be £23.21, it was £24.51 in 2017-18.</p> <p>Clerk to submit requirement to SMDC</p>	Clerk
<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>	<p><b>12/18</b> <b>Applications:</b> none <b>Decisions –</b> none <b>Appeals:</b> None <b>Enforcement Matters:</b> None</p>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>13/18 Speeding vehicles in Caverswall:</b> Clerk had received an email from a concerned resident form The Green about the junction by the Auctioneers Arms and the speed of traffic. The Parish Council is aware of the problems, but junction was altered several years ago to make The Green the right of way and putting a Give Way junction on Caverswall Road. Clerk to send email reply. Considering starting up a Community Speedwatch group, Clerk to find out current training procedures etc and to put post on Facebook asking if anyone would be interested in becoming part of this group. Access to a Dopler Speed gun is available via Dilhorne Parish Council.</p> <p><b>14/18 7.5-ton restriction or Not Suitable for HVG:</b> Cllr Marshall asked if we could again look into getting 7.5-ton signs putting up by the railway crossing at Catchums Corner as recently, even today, large articulated lorries have been coming up Caverswall Road into the village. The bridge on the entry to Caverswall is weak and therefore not suitable for heavy goods vehicles. Clerk to contact Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Ward sadly reported that Terry Dougherty had passed last week, and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would donate to which ever charity the family specifies.</p>	Clerk  Clerk       Clerk
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm	
<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>	8.40 pm	

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