

The Draft Minutes of the Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Monday 6th December 2010 commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Present:

Mr. G Williams (Chairman)
Mr. B W Hardy Mrs. B Ashford
Major A H Coles MBE Mrs. H Jones
Mrs. M M Clent MBE Mrs. S Fleetwood
Mr. R Brown
Mr. C E Williams (Clerk)

No Members of the Public were present

2. Apologies:

Mr. A Stephens and Mrs. D M Bromley

3. Members of the Public/Shropshire Councillor

No members of the public present

4. Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

5. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

6. Chairman's Communications:

The Chairman had attended the Remembrance Day Service and had laid a wreath on behalf of the local community.

A card had been received from the British Legion Poppy Appeal Local Organiser thanking the Parish Council for the donation of £35.

7. Highways Items:

a) The Parish Council had received notification from Shropshire Council of proposed additional site works at Caynham in respect of the speed limit this following consultation with the police.

It is proposed that:

1. Yellow backed gateway signs and gateway roundels be installed.
2. Additional repeater signs and roundels.

The work was necessary after the twelve month monitoring of the implementation of the 30mph speed limit through the village shows that average speeds are above the posted speed limit.

Due to the concern of the additional signs that may appear the Clerk was asked to obtain a detailed plan of the works.

b) The Clerk to enquire when the monitoring of speed was due to take place through Clee Hill Village it was suggested that this should be done early spring.

c) Mrs. H Jones pointed out that the roadway in Whiteway Head Lane where there was concern about the condition of the road and access for vehicles particularly with the overgrown hedges was in Whitton Parish Meeting area and not Caynham Parish Council area and it was for Whitton to raise the appropriate concerns with the highway authority.

8. Planning Items:

Planning Application 10/02859/Ful – Erection of an agricultural storage building – Ravenhurst Hope Bagot Lane Knowbury – No objection subject to there being no change to the current access

9. Reports from Outside Organizations:

Mr. B Hardy reported that a new committee had been formed for Clee Hill Village whose chairman will be Mr. P Dunkley.

The Group is hoping to encourage more volunteers and to produce a schedule of proposed improvement works.

10. Public Conveniences Clee Hill:

The Parish Council considered the request from Shropshire Council for the Parish Council to take responsibility for the Public Conveniences in Clee Hill which may face closure under their proposed budget cuts.

Mr. Hardy reported that there was a petition in Clee Hill against the possible closure by Shropshire Council.

The annual running costs for the toilets was approximately £5,000 to which Insurance and management costs would need to be added plus an annual contingency for modernisation of the toilets and building which would increase the cost to a minimum of £8,000 per year.

The Parish Council was of the opinion that the toilets should remain open and be funded by Shropshire Council.

Due to the cost and the substantial increase that would be required to the Parish Council Tax Rate the Parish Council agreed not to take over responsibility for the toilets in Clee Hill and to ask Shropshire Council to keep them open for the benefit of visitors and vehicle users passing through the village who support local tourism and businesses in the area.

11. Financial Items:

a) The Parish Council approved the following payments:

Eon – Street lighting Repair - £378.80

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Clee Hill Village Hall Hire of Room - £20.00

b) The Clerk had produced details of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2011/2012 which showed anticipated bank balance of £7000 at the 31st March 2011.

It was noted the main item of expenditure was the cost of running and maintaining the streetlights which was now estimated at £3,000.

After considering the detail the Parish Council agreed that the precept should remain at £9,465 for the financial year 2011/12.

12. Amenity Items:

a) Caynham Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for the purchase of the new flag.

b) Mrs. S Fleetwood reported that two local people in Caynham were prepared to become Footpath Wardens for the Parish Council in that area as they regularly walked the local footpaths.

13. Honorary Titles and Offices of Dignity Scheme

The Clerk had issued details of the scheme which had been provided by the Association of Local Councils.

The Council already had a scheme by which it honors local individuals who have undertaken work on behalf of the local community which it considers annually.

The Council agreed not to partake in the scheme at the current time but would review in twelve months. Mrs. M M Clent abstained from the vote.

14. Outstanding Items:

Notice Board – Knowbury

Grit Bin – Colleybrook Road, Knowbury

Gate latch – Car park area Clee hill

15. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th February 2011 at Knowbury Memorial Hall