

The Draft Minutes of the Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Monday 7th February 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Present:

Mr. G Williams (Chairman)
Mrs. D M Bromley Major A H Coles MBE
Mrs. H Jones Mrs. M M Clent MBE
Mrs. S Fleetwood
Mr. C E Williams (Clerk)

Twelve Members of the Public were present

2. Apologies:

Mr. B W Hardy, Mrs. B Ashford and Mr. R Brown

3. Members of the Public/Shropshire Councillor

Twelve members of the public were present who came to make representation about the closure of the Public Conveniences at Clee Hill with concern that this may have an impact on tourism and the local economy. The Council had also received several letters of correspondence and were handed a petition with over 250 names concerning the closure.

The Clerk explained that it was Shropshire Council who was closing the Public Toilets with effect from 1st April 2011 as part of their required budget costs, however they had offered the asset of the toilets and the taking over of the annual running costs to the Parish 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 and had agreed at the December Meeting that due to the cost and the substantial increase that would be required it will not 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.

It was explained to the Public that Shropshire Council were unlikely to change the decision about closure but public would have an opportunity to express their concerns at the next Local Joint Committee to be held at Ashford Carbonell on the 22nd February 2011 at 7.00pm.

Shropshire Council may now ask local businesses if they were interested in partaking in a Community Scheme to use their toilets for an annual payment of between £600 - £900.

It was suggested that the Parish Council ask for the toilets to be demolished and replaced with a new bus shelter.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their attendance and for expressing their dissatisfaction at the toilets closure.

Shropshire Councillor Richard Huffer expressed his concern at the closure of the toilets and also updated the Parish Council on Shropshire Council Issues and pending consultations.

4. Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

5. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

6. Chairman's Communications:

The Clerk reported that the following consultations and briefings were available for representatives to attend

a) Clee Hill Seminar – Thursday 17th February 2011 – Shropshire Wildlife Trust at the Ludlow Food Centre

- b) Emergency Planning Briefing – Monday 11th April 2011 Council Chamber Shirehall
- c) Consultation securing the future hospital services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin – Wednesday 9th February 2011 at Craven Arms Community Centre 7pm- there was concern expressed that no meeting had been arranged at Ludlow and that existing services should remain at each hospital.
- d) Bus Strategy Consultation Road Show – 15th February 2011 – The Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre 10am – 2.00pm – this is about proposed cuts to existing services.

7. Highways Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that a submission had been made to the Ludlow and Rural Local Joint Committee for a grant towards the initial running cost of vehicle activated signs which would be rotated at three different sites one to be sited in Clee Hill, Knowbury and Caynham, however this will be subject to the Parish Council meeting the one off installation costs being £500 per site. The running cost of each individual sign is £60 per week with the minimum commitment being two weeks per site on a quarterly basis. The Parish Council after the initial year will then need to consider if the scheme has been beneficial to the three areas and meet future ongoing running costs. It was proposed by Cllr G Williams and seconded by Cllr S Fleetwood and resolved that the Parish Council will meet the capital cost of £500 per site.
- b) The Clerk was seeking to reduce the street lighting energy costs by transferring the energy lighting contract from Npower to the contract operated by Shropshire Council.

8. Planning Items:

- a) The Clerk notified the meeting that a planning application will shortly be submitted for the proposed replacement of existing water mains.
- b) The Parish Council considered the following Planning Applications:
 - Planning Application 11/00166/Ful – 1 Clee Vantage Clee Hill – Erection of a storey extension to side to provide utility and study – No Objection
 - Planning Application 11/00139/Ful – Glebe Cottage Caynham – Erection of a conservatory to front – No Objection
 - Planning Application 10/05242/Ful – Pool Cottage Caynham Cottage Sheet Road Caynham – Change of use from holiday cottage to ancillary residential accommodation – No Objection
 - Planning Application 11/00156/Ful – The Pound Greete Road Caynham – Erection of a conservatory to rear and replacement shed – Object to the application on the grounds that the Storage Shed with a pitched roof appears to be built to Housing Standard and looks more like a small house rather than intended use as a storage shed.
 - Planning Application 10/05018/Ful – Caynham Hatchery Caynham – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling – Object to the application on the grounds that there is no proven need in respect of security and fire risks, the Economic Need and the development of a dwelling on a Greenfield site overlooking neighboring houses and does not appear to blend into the area.

9. Reports from Outside Organizations:

- a) Mrs. D Bromley reported that she had attended the recent flood forum meeting organised by Shropshire Council and had referred the flooding problems at Collybrook Park Knowbury
- b) Mrs. M M Clent MBE had attended the South Shropshire Association of Local Councils to which she had again been appointed Treasurer. The annual meeting had been attended by seven representatives and consideration was to be given as to whether it was beneficial to continue with the Association a letter was to be sent to all Parish and Town Councils in the South Shropshire Area to seek their views.
- c) The next meeting of the Ludlow and Rural Local Joint Committee will be held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on the 22nd February 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.
- d) Mrs. Fleetwood reported that she had attended several site meetings on the development of the new Bishop Hooper School at Ashford Carbonell with the opening now due October 2011.

10. Financial Items:

a) The Parish Council approved the following payments:

Npower – street lighting - £382.68

C E Williams – Expenses postage and travel - £226.87

b) The Parish Council approved a grant of £90 to the Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew

c) The Parish Council approved a payment of £300 from the Environmental Grant to the Clee Hill Recreational Hall Committee for the grass cutting and clearance of litter around the Play Area, Playing Fields and parts of Clee Hill Village.

11. Amenity Items:

The Chairman welcomed Peter van Duijvenvoorde the Parish Councils Footpaths Officer to the meeting who has during his walks been surveying the conditions of footpaths, stiles and gates in Caynham Parish Area. Peter's conclusion was that the footpaths were in pretty good shape although some stiles and gates needed replacing and better accessibility was required for the disabled, aged and families with young children.

Peter will produce a detailed report for discussion with the Parish Council and the Countryside Agency.

The Chairman thanked Peter for his presentation and the work undertaken.

12. Outstanding Items:

Vacancy for Parish Councillor – Mr. A Stevens had resigned as a Parish Councillor due to him leaving the area, the Parish Council recorded its appreciation for the work undertaken by Mr. Stevens on behalf of the local community. The Clerk will write a letter to Mr. Stevens expressing the Councils appreciation and issue the appropriate Notice of Vacancy.

Notice Board – Knowbury

Gate latch – Car park area Clee hill

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th April 2011 at Knowbury Memorial Hall commencing 7.00pm.