

The Draft Minutes of the Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Monday 4th July 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Present:

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

Members of the Public were present
Shropshire Councillor Mr. R Huffer

2. Apologies:

Mrs. M M Clent MBE

3. Members of the Public/Shropshire Councillor:

a) Mrs. H Jones spoke of her concerns about the co-option of Parish Councillors at the last meeting which resulted in no representatives from Clee Hill being appointed to the Parish Council particularly that there were two applicants.

Although all procedures were correctly followed there was concern about the number of parish councillors from Knowbury and on the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that when a vacancy occurred a Notice of Vacancy was advertised on the Notice Board from which any person can obtain the signature of ten electors requesting an election take place however no request was made in respect of the two vacancies and therefore the Parish Council can co-opt to the vacancies.

The next election for all Parish Councillors take place in May 2013 and notices will be published by Shropshire Council when interested persons will be able to apply and will give an opportunity for persons from Clee Hill.

b) Members of the public attended the meeting to thank the Parish Council for opening the toilets on the 1st July 2011.

c) Mr. R Huffer talked about the road safety problems by Clee Hill Community School and would shortly arrange a site meeting with appropriate representatives to discuss.

Reference was made to the problems with litter and fly-tipping in the Clee Hill area, an officer from Shropshire Council will attend a meeting at Clee Hill Village Hall on the 12th July 2011 at 7.30pm at which a request was made for representatives of the Parish Council to attend.

4. Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Mrs. D M Bromley – personal/prejudicial interest planning application 11/01991/Full

5. Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on the 6th June 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The Clerk reported that Clee Hill Public Conveniences were re-opened on the 1st July 2011 and the Parish Council streetlights transferred to Shropshire Council.

The Toilets will be cleaned by Mrs. P Edwards who will be appointed on the same terms and conditions as previously with Shropshire Council and would open approximately between 8.00am - 8.00pm each day.

7. Chairman's Communications:

The Chairman reported on the recent Ludlow and Clee Local joint Committee which had received a presentation from the local police and the Southern Area Director Shropshire Council Mr. C Edwards on the new Management Structure of Shropshire Council.

The Chairman of Ashford Carbonell Parish Council expressed his concern about the safety of the Ashford Carbonell/A49 road Junction where the visibility of the junction was poor due to the need to adequately cut the grass verges so that on-coming traffic can be seen.

Funding was still available for local organisations and applications should be submitted by the 12th September 2011.

The next meeting will be held at Richards Castle Village Hall on the 20th October 2011 commencing 7.00pm.

8. Highways Items/Amenities

a) Parish Council Field Knowbury – The Parish Council had received an offer for the grass to be cut free of charge. The Clerk will enquire about the eligible single farm payment scheme.

Mr. M Shakespeare was thanked for the work he had undertaken on the Parish Field.

b) Information Signs – There were a few signs in Clee Hill referring to an Information Centre. As this was no longer available the clerk asks Shropshire Council to remove the signs.

c) Mr. B Hardy reported the overgrown hedges from the junction of Tenbury Road with the Ludlow Road Clee Hill which were overgrowing the footpath the Clerk to refer this matter to Shropshire Council

d) Speed Activated signs- It was agreed that there should be two speed activated signs in Clee Hill one near the entrance to the Junction of The Crescent and the other by the Three Crosses Housing Site.

A speed activated sign will also be sited near the Village Hall at Knowbury and Mrs. Fleetwood and Mrs. Ashford would consult with local residents to see if they wished one placed at Caynham in the vicinity of the telephone box.

The signs which will be positioned for a six week period on three occasions per year will be initially funded for two years by a grant from the Local Joint Committee.

e) The Parish Council had no objection to Clee Hill Village Hall erecting a Notice Board on the side of the Bus Shelter.

9. Planning Items:

The Parish Council had No Objection to the following Planning Application:

Application 11/01991/Full – Erection or rear two storey extension – 11 New buildings Dhustone Lane Clee Hill

10. Financial Items:

a) The Parish Council approved the following accounts for Payment;

J Radnor – Grass Cutting - £90

Knowbury Memorial Hall – Hire of Hall June 2010 – May 2011 - £200

b) The Parish Council approved a payment of £400 from the Environmental Grant to the Clee Hill Recreational Hall Committee for the clearance of trees along the recreational field.

11. Outstanding Items:

Notice Board – Knowbury

12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th August 2011 at Knowbury Memorial Hall commencing 7.00pm

Chairman