

The Draft Minutes of the Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Monday 1st November 2010 commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Present:

Mr. G Williams (Chairman)
Mr. B W Hardy
Major A H Coles MBE
Mrs. M M Clent MBE
Mr. A Stevens
Mr. C E Williams (Clerk)

Mrs. B Ashford
Mrs. H Jones
Mrs. D M Bromley
Mr. R Brown

Members of the Public were present

2. Apologies:

Mrs. S Fleetwood and Mrs. S Crouch

3. Members of the Public/Shropshire Councillor

- a) Mr. G Cummings referred to an item raised at the Clee Hill Forum relating to the number of 4 wheel events held on Titterstone Common which will be taken up by the Clerk.
- b) Shropshire Councillor Mr. R Huffer gave an update on Shropshire Council matters which related to the proposed cuts by Shropshire Council, the Local Joint Committee and the need to form a new village hall committee at Clee Hill.

4. Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

5. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th October 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

6. Chairman's Communications:

The Chairman reported on the recent meeting of the Ludlow and Clee Hill Local Joint Committee which had received a presentation on the Rural Broadband Project that should provide 100% coverage to Ludlow and surrounding parishes including Caynham Parish Council area. Details were also provided on Voluntary Opportunities, Crime Statistics and grant funding to local organisations.

Members of the Parish Council were concerned about the allocation of funding to various organisations and the lack of opportunity to discuss these at the Joint Committee Meeting.

7. Highways Items:

- a) The Clerk had obtained costs from Npower in providing appropriate time switch facilities for street lights this due to a request from a resident in Hope Bagot Lane to have the light switched off by Colleybrook junction at midnight.
Mrs. H Jones expressed the view that the light should be left on during all hours of darkness for Safety purposes. It was proposed by Mr. B Hard and seconded by Mr. R Brown that a part night Photo Electric Cell should be provided to the streetlight which will automatically switch off at midnight the cost of which would be approximately £160, this was agreed by the Parish Council, however Mrs. H Jones voted against the proposal.
- b) There was a discussion concerning the condition of Whiteway Head lane and the access for vehicles particularly with the overgrown hedges which are the responsibility of the landowners. Shropshire Council had confirmed that there is no planned works for Whiteway Head Lane but the owners could be asked to cut back the hedges if that was the requirement of local residents.

8. Planning Items:

Planning Application 10/04368/CPE – application for certificate of lawfulness to continue to use dwelling in breach of agricultural condition imposed on Planning Permission 72/1276 dated 01/11/72
– The Parish Council had No Objection

9. Reports from Outside Organizations:

- a) South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – Mrs. M M Clent reported at the recent meeting which had received a presentation on the Kick Start Home Improvement Scheme, and proposed cuts to the Shropshire Council Budget.
- b) Mr. B Hardy referred to the problem of obtaining volunteers to run Clee Hill Village Hall and urged interested persons to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall. The meeting praised the work that had been undertaken by Mrs. M Harris in the running of the village hall over many years.

10. Financial Items:

- a) The Parish Council approved the following payments:

N Power – Street lighting - £382.37

Royal British Legion – donation wreath - £35.00

Caynham PCC – Grass cutting materials - £51.31

- b) The Parish Council had bank balances of £9,039.59 at the 31st October 2010

- c) The Clerk referred to the Precept 2011/2012 details of which will be produced for the next meeting and will also include cost details of the Public Convenience should the service be undertaken by the Parish Council.

The Clerk is to meet Shropshire Council representatives to discuss the implications of devolving the public conveniences to the Parish Council which could otherwise be closed as part of the Shropshire Council budget cuts.

11. Amenity Items:

- a) Parish Council Field – It was reported that a new post had been installed for the gate however new hinges were still to be provided.
- b) The Clerk had obtained details from Shropshire Council on the provision of dog gates on parish footpaths, if requests are received by the Parish Council these would be forwarded to Shropshire Council Countryside Access Team.

12. Outstanding Items:

Notice Board – Knowbury

Grit Bin – Colleybrook Road, Knowbury

Honorary Titles and Offices of Dignity

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th December 2010 at Knowbury Memorial Hall

Chairman