

CAYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Caynham Parish Council held at Caynham Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mrs B Ashford	
Mrs H Jones	Mr M Galbraith
Mr J Cartledge	Mr I Lowman Brown
Mr B Hardy	Mr A Jones
Miss S Lowe	Mrs J Bishop
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)	

Apologies:

Mr G Cummings and Mrs J King

Members of the Public:

No members of the public present.

1. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th July 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2. Matters arising from the minutes not included on the agenda:

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the Clee Hill Recreational Committee concerning the closure of the footpath running along the Recreational Field from the High Street to Springfield Park. The footpath had been reopened but may be subject to further closure dependent on the issues of Dog Fouling. The Recreational Hall Committee stated that this was a matter for the Committee and not the Parish Council and that any complaints about closure of the path should be referred to the committee to deal with.

3. Chairmans's Communications

Mrs J Bishop referred to the Broadband Facilities within the Parish which was discussed by the Parish Council with some areas of the Parish still receiving a low broadband speed rate.

Work was being undertaken in the area to replace the BT copper infrastructure which is due to be phased out in 2025 with Fibre Optic cabling.

4. Planning Items:

No Planning items.

5. Highway/Amenity Items:

The Clerk reported that he had made a request for the provision of a traffic survey and a reduction of the speed limit along Caynham Road to be included as a Place Plan Capital Project. A response was still awaited from Shropshire Council however the cost of undertaking a survey would be in the region of £600 - £1,000 the cost of which may have to be borne by the Parish Council.

It was noted that various potholes had now been filled within the Parish, the Clerk reiterated that any highway issues should be reported on the website Fix My Street.

6. Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced a schedule of payments that had been made since the last meeting.

C E Williams	115.20		Disbursement
C E Williams - Quarter Expenses	165.00		Electricity Toilets
Knowbury Village Hall	150.00		Hire of Hall
B J Loose	110.00		Repairs Toilets
Arrow County Supplies	707.51	117.92	Supplies Toilets
C E Williams	220.00		Disbursement

Pat Evans	300.00		Toilets
Water Plus	189.77		Water Rates Toilets
J Radnor	75.00		Grass Cutting
British Gas	18.94	0.90	Electricity Toilets
Mrs L Harris	150.00		Bus Shelter Clee Hill
PKF Littlejohn	252.00	42.00	External Audit
Pat Evans	20.00		Supplies Toilets
Pat Evans	300.00		Toilets
J Radnor	75.00		Grass Cutting
C E Williams	220.00		Disbursement

The Salary of the Clerk, Cleaner, Water Plus are paid by monthly standing order.

The Parish Council had balances of £55,996 at the 31st August 2023, the Clerk had applied to the bank for a Savings Account so that some interest could be obtained on the Councils Reserves.

The Clerk reported that the accounts for the Financial Year ended the 31st March 2023 had been certified by the external auditor.

7. Reports from Representatives of the Village Hall Committees:

Representatives of the village hall committees gave an update on bookings/activities being undertaken at each of the village halls. It was good to see each of the halls were being used by the local community although it was difficult to attract volunteers to help run the village halls.

A report was given on the Clee Hill Forum with the next meeting to be held on the 6th September 2023.

There was a poppy waterfall being organised by the Forum in conjunction with the Clee Hill Primary School to be placed along the boundary fence at Three Crosses Clee Hill.

8. Meeting of the Parish Council for 2023/24:

Tuesday 7th November 2023, Tuesday 9th January 2024, Tuesday 5th March 2024, Tuesday 7th May 2024

Chairman