

## **CAYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 commencing at 7.00pm

### **Present:**

Mrs B Ashford	Mr I Lowman- Brown	Mr G Williams
Mr G Cummings	Mr A Jones	
Ms S Lowe	Mrs H Jones	
Mr M Galbraith	Mr B Hardy	
Mrs J King	Mr S Boden	
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)		

### **Members of the Public:**

Special Constable Peter Barron attended the meeting and updated the Parish Council on local police activities in respect of Anti-Social Behaviour Issues, Speeding and the Parish and Town Councils Charter.

Ian Lowman-Brown gave an update on the meeting held with Inspector Nicola Roberts and her Local Police Team, Highways, Cllr R Huffer, and representatives from Bitterley Parish Council and Dhustone residents.

The meeting was very informative about police initiatives at Dhustone and Clee Hill, the priorities that they give to response calls due to limited resources and the use of the reporting facilities available on the West Mercia Police website ([www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)) and speeding checks undertaken throughout the region.

The Police had now produced a Parish Council Charter with the Council highlighting the three main areas of concern being Anti Social Behaviour, Speeding and Agricultural Theft.

### **1. Apologies:**

Cllr R Huffer.

### **2. Disclosure of Interest:**

No disclosures of interest.

### **3. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were approved.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes not included on the agenda:**

No matters arising from the minutes.

### **5. Chairman's Communications:**

The Chair reported that Shropshire Council were undertaking a consultation on the impact on the planning decision process and referral of applications to the planning committees since the reduction in the number of committees from three to two. It was agreed by the council that the Chair and Clerk would respond on behalf of the Parish Council however submissions can be made by individual councillors

### **6. Planning Items:**

No planning applications to consider.

### **7. Highway/Amenity Items:**

**Land at Sycamore Grove Knowbury** – The Clerk reported that he had received a quote for play equipment on the site which he would discuss with the parents group, however in addition to the £12,000 reserved by the Parish Council and a donation of £500 for the purchase of equipment additional fund raising will need to be undertaken.

Mr A and Mrs H Jones had arranged and assisted with the removal of the dead Ash Tree for which they were thanked by the Parish Council. The cost of the work was £650 which the Clerk will seek repayment from the Housing Association.

**Highways** – Mr A and Mrs H Jones had meet representatives of Shropshire Council concerning the speeding of vehicles through the village and the drainage issues. Highways will consider some additional “Slow Down” and possibly “30” road marking signs when the roadway through the village is resurfaced. They did not think a “Road Narrows” sign is warranted by the crossroads in the village.

They agreed to place an order for the clearance of the 12 gullies and 2 catchpits and connections including those outside the village hall and the one outside the old garage.

**Other Amenity Items:** - Concern about overgrown hedges along the pavement of Tenbury Road Clee Hill and the overgrown bridleway Springfield Park/Tenbury Road. The Clerk will report to the Shropshire Council footpaths officer.

#### **8. Financial Items:**

The Clerk had produced a schedule of Payments made since the last meeting which were confirmed by the Council and a schedule of Income and Expenditure compared with the Budget which showed bank balances of £61,914 as at the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The external auditors had approved the financial accounts for the financial Year 20/21 and issued the appropriate certificate with no items of concern.

#### **9. Items from Parish Councillors:**

Reports were received from the Clee Hill Forum and representatives of the Clee Hill Recreational Hall and the three Village Halls which were now all open for bookings.

Painting and repair work was still outstanding on the phone box which houses the defibrillator and the erection of a replacement notice board at Caynham.

**10. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.** at Knowbury Memorial Hall.

Chairman