

CAYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the meeting of Caynham Parish Council held by a Zoom Virtual link on Monday 18th January 2021 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mrs B Ashford	Mr L Lowman- Brown
Mr G Cummings	Mr A Pryor
Ms S Lowe	Mrs H Jones
Mr G Williams	Mr M Galbraith
Mrs K Wyke	
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)	

Apologies:

Mr S Boden Mr A Parmar

Members of the Public:

Shropshire Councillor Mr R Huffer and three members of the public were present.

Members of the public raised concerns about the amount of traffic using Dhustone Lane and travelling up to the Titterstone particularly in the adverse snowy weather resulting in vehicles getting stuck and causing damage to the open countryside.

The Clerk explained that the area borders three Parish areas Caynham, Bitterley and Coreley and much of the area being classed as Open Countryside and in private ownership.

The matter had been reported to the local police particularly with the impact of the Coronavirus and regular visits were now being made by patrol cars.

Cllr I Lowman-Brown explained that the impact of increased usage by vehicles visiting the area had increased over the last five years and was having an impact on the residents of Dhustone.

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between representatives of the three parish councils, local landowners and Shropshire Council to discuss the matter.

Cllr R Huffer gave an update on Shropshire Council items which included the councils budget, highway issues, planning matters and particularly the housing development at Springfield Park Clee Hill.

1. To Declare any Interests:

Nil

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th November 2020 were approved.

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

No matters arising from the minutes.

4. Chairman's Communications:

No items to report.

5. Planning Items:

There were no planning applications although there has been issues with the current housing development at Springfield Park was referred to the Planning Enforcement Officer.

6. Highway/Amenity Items:

Land at Sycamore Grove Knowbury - The transfer of the land to the Parish Council is still progressing with details of the Land Registry awaiting completion by the solicitors. The Clerk is currently looking at grant application for the provision of new equipment however any grant application will be subject to the completion of the Land Registry.

Public Conveniences Clee Hill – A new steel door for the Gents toilet has been installed due to the vandalism of the previous door.

Benches – The benches from outside of Clee Hill School and Knowbury Bus Shelter are currently being repaired and should be reinstalled by the end of February 2021.

Pavement Ludlow Road Clee Hill – A site meeting has been held with the Highways Department concerning the condition of the footpath along Ludlow Road and improvement works should be undertaken before the end March 2021.

Defibrillator Clee Hill – The Clerk reported that new pads and battery had been ordered and installed in the Defibrillator at Clee Hill.

7. Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an estimated summary of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2021/22 to enable the Parish Council to consider the annual precept requirement. After considering the report the Parish Council agreed that the precept for the financial year 2021/22 should be £20,634 which will represent a 0% increase in the Parish Council Tax Rate.

In view of the financial difficulties being experienced by the Village Halls during the Coronavirus shutdown it was agreed by the Parish Council to make a grant of £500 to each hall, Clee Hill Village Hall, Knowbury Memorial Hall, Caynham Village Hall and Clee Hill Recreational Hall.

The Parish Council now had the facility to make payments through the internet online banking facilities in accordance with the financial regulations.

The following accounts were approved for payment.

Z Breakwell – Cleaning of Knowbury Bus Shelter - £120

M Harris – Cleaning of Clee Hill Bus Shelters - £240

British Legion – Remembrance Wreaths - £45

Arrow County Supplies – Public Toilet Supplies - £442.83

P Edwards – Arrears of Pay Cleaning of Public Toilets - £680

Defib Shop – Provision of Battery and Pads - £306

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Monday 1st March 2021 commencing 7.00pm which will also be the Annual Public Meeting of the Council and will be held over the internet by Zoom.

Chairman