

## CAYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### **The minutes of the Meeting of Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 commencing at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Mrs B Ashford (Chairman)  
Mr J Shew                      Mr G Williams  
Mrs H Jones                  Mr G Cummings  
Mr S Boden                   Mr M Galbraith  
Mrs D M Bromley          Mrs M M Clent MBE  
Mr I Loman-Brown

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Mr R Huffer – Shropshire Councillor

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

Mr N Boland the Chair of the Clee Hill Recreational Committee attended the meeting to explain the current position regarding the play area and playing field at Clee Hill.

The cutting of the grassed area of the play area is being arranged and paid for by the Parish Council, however there were concerns about the lack of volunteers to inspect and maintain the play equipment on a regular basis. The Committee had limited funds available for repair and replacement of equipment and consideration was being given to the closure of the play area unless help can be provided through other resources such as the Parish Council.

The play area is regularly used and would be a loss to the younger community if closed.

Due to lack of funding the main playing field has not been cut this year although it is hoped that this will shortly be undertaken by a local farmer and consideration will then have to be given to future cutting/maintenance of the field.

Councillor R Huffer reported on the continuing cuts to local services by Shropshire Council and the need for the Market Towns such as Ludlow to consider if they wish to retain and pay for the services which include Library and leisure facilities.

#### **1. Apologies:**

Mrs S Lowe

#### **2. To Declare any Interests:**

Personal – Mrs M M Clent MBE – Trustee Clee Hill Recreational Committee

#### **3. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

No Matters arising.

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

The second application for a solar farm at Whitton was dismissed by the Planning Inspector. The application for a solar farm at Squirrel Lane was granted by the Planning Inspector.

#### **8. Planning Items:**

a) Planning Application 16/02674/VAR – Variation of condition 2a and 2b (holiday accommodation no longer required) Pool cottage Sheet Road Caynham Ludlow – Due to the lack of sufficient information on the alternative use/change of use of the holiday let the Parish Council agreed to object to the variation of condition 2a and 2b.

b) Proposed Diversion – Bridleway 35 An application has been made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert Bridleway 35 Caynham (Springfield Clee Hill). The land is to be developed for housing and the developers wish to divert the bridleway onto the estate road and then provide a link to the common land to the east of the housing estate. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed diversion.

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

a) The Clerk reported that a safety mirror had been placed at the junction of Church Road/Caynham Road to help improve visibility onto Caynham Road Knowbury.

b) The Clerk reported that a request had been received for the positioning of a memorial seat to be placed on the car park/picnic area at Clee Hill. This request was agreed by the Parish Council and the Clerk will arrange for payment of the seat to enable purchase and installation.

c) The Clerk reported that a car had been abandoned on the Clee Hill/Car park Area and that he had discussed with Streetscene Shropshire Council about the removal of the car.

Streetscene had placed a notice on the car and had notified the registered owner that the car would be removed following the appropriate statutory period, stored for 21 days and then destroyed. The cost for undertaking this work would amount to £645 and would have to be paid for by the Parish Council.

Due to the health and safety dangers that can result with an abandoned vehicle the Parish Council agreed to the removal of the abandoned car and would then endeavour to recover the cost from the registered owner.

d) Play Area Clee Hill- Following the presentation by Mr N Boland concerning the play area the Council appreciated the difficulties in obtaining volunteers to take on the responsibility of inspecting the play equipment and also the increasing problem of raising money to maintain and replace the equipment. The play area is seen as a valuable asset to the younger community and the Parish Council agreed to fund the regular inspection of the play area, this work to be undertaken by Grounds Maintenance Shropshire Council and that quotations should be obtained to repair/replace existing play equipment the funding of which would be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

#### **10. Financial Items:**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

J Radnor – Amenity Work - £225.00

C E Williams- Stationary - £65.96

B Loose – Repairs Toilets - £32.00

Inland Revenue – Tax - £180.00

Arrow County Supplies – Toilet supplies - £447.63

#### **11. Other Items:**

a) Mrs D Bromley raised concerns about the future of minor injury services at Ludlow Hospital and the Accident and Emergency Facilities at Shrewsbury Hospital, Cllr R Huffer reported that discussions were still on-going.

b) Mr G Cummings reported on the speed watch in Clee Hill with over 50 warning letters having been sent to road users about their speed through the village.

At the next meeting of the Clee Hill forum Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to be held at the Clee Hill Recreational Hall at 7.00pm the guest speaker would be the new Police Commissioner.

c) Mr J Loman-Brown reported that at a recent meeting of the Clee Hill Village Hall Committee there was concern about the slippery access to the building which was being addressed.

d) Mr G Williams reported on the Local Joint Committee Meeting concerning Ludford Bridge where it was agreed that it would be impracticable to impose a heavy vehicles limit over the bridge.

#### **12. Next Meeting:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 (Clee Hill)

Chairman