

CAYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Tuesday 16^h January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mrs B Ashford	(Chairman)
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, Mrs J King, Shropshire Councillor Mr R Huffer

Members of the Public:

No members of the public were present.

The Parish Council wished George Cummings a speedy recovery after his recent operation.

1. Minutes:

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

No items to report.

3. Chairmans's Communications

The Chairman refereed to the King Charles III Portraits that were now available for display in public places and village halls etc. The Clerk would apply for a free portrait for the village halls.

4. Planning Items:

The Chairman referred to Planning application 23/04213/OUT – Willodene Ludlow Road Clee Hill for the erection of a single open market dwelling which the Parish Council had objected to as Marketable Housing is against current policy (there was currently approval for Affordable Housing). It was noted that Shropshire Council had now granted Marketable Housing although the Parish Council were not aware of any changes to existing policies. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Officer to seek clarification.

Planning Application 23/05059/VAR – Variation of condition attached to listed building – Willow Cottage Caynham – No Objection

Planning application 23/04993/LBC & 23/04992/FUL – Conversion of former church to residential and installation of sewage treatment plant – Caynham Methodist Church – No Objection subject to Planning being satisfied with the sewage treatment plant.

Planning Application 23/05343/Ful – Feature windows and decking Bennetts End Cottage Knowbury – No Objection

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5. Highway/Amenity Items:

- a) Concern was again expressed at the speeding of vehicles along Caynham Road which had been discussed at the previous meeting. The Clerk would again point out concerns to Shropshire Council.
- b) There was a discussion concerning the condition of potholes and again the Clerk asked members to report them online where possible via the website Fixmystreet Shropshire. Concern was also expressed at the damage to the verge in Caynham caused by tractor marks. The Clerk would discuss this with Shropshire Council.

6. Financial Items

The Clerk had produced a proposed budget for the Financial Year 2024/2025 which showed estimated balances at the 31st March 2024.

The Clerk explained the detail in the budget and answered questions raised by members who agreed to add to the Budget a provision of £500 towards the grass cutting cost of the church yard grounds at Caynham.

The Parish Council agreed a Precept of £21,542 for the financial year 2024-25 which would represent a 0% increase in the Parsh Council Tax Rate.

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 for a variety of activities.

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

Tuesday 5th March 2024, Tuesday 7th May 2024

Chairman