

## **CAYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **The minutes of the Annual Public and Annual Meeting of Caynham Parish Council held at Knowbury Memorial Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 commencing at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Mrs B Ashford (Chairman)

Mr J Shew

Mrs H M Jones

Mr M Galbraith

Mr I Loman-Brown

Mr G Williams

Mr G Cummings

Mrs D M Bromley

Mr A Jones

Mr S Boden

Mrs M M Clent MBE

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Shropshire Councillor Mr R Huffer

Four Members of the Public were present

### **ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

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

Nil

#### **2. Chairman's Annual Report:**

CLlr Mrs B Ashford gave her annual report to the meeting, highlighting the activities of the Parish Council during the last year with particular reference to Planning Matters. The Chairman thanked fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their help and also to Shropshire Councillor Mr Richard Huffer for attending the meetings and dealing with Parish Council Matters.

The Chairman was thanked by Councillors for the report and her work as Chairman of the Parish Council.

#### **3. Financial Report:**

The Clerk had produced a summary of income and expenditure for the financial year 2014/15 which showed that the Parish Council had balances of £28,726 at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

#### **4. Reports from the Representatives to the Village Hall Committees, Clee Hill Recreational Committee and the Clee Hill Forum:**

A report was given by each representative who highlighted the activities and fund raising of each organisation.

#### **5. Report from Shropshire Councillors Mr R Huffer:**

Councillor Richard Huffer reported that work to improve the Zebra Crossing at Clee Hill should commence in June 2015 and referred to the planning applications in respect of Solar Farms both in Whitton Parish and Bitterley Parish which would have an impact on Caynham Area.

Councillor Richard Huffer, thanked the Chairman and the Parish Council Members for the work that they undertook on behalf of the local community.

#### **6. Members of the Public:**

Members of the Public, which also included Parish Councillors, referred to the planning application 15/01238/Ful for the erection of a ground mounted solar farm at Whitton Solar Farm Caynham.

Councillors Mrs H Jones and Mr M Galbraith explained that they had already submitted their personal objections to Shropshire Council in that development was proposed on good agricultural land and that

the Solar Panels would have a detrimental and visual impact upon the environment which is in the area of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Mr. Peter van Duijvenvoorde, who is Chairman of Save South Shropshire Countryside, reported that there were over 180 objections to the application which would be detrimental to the local countryside. The proposal to provide screening in the short-term would be ineffective and in the long-term would destroy the current view of the countryside which was enjoyed by local residents and visitors to the area.

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **1. Election of Chairman for the ensuing Year:**

It was proposed by Mrs M M Clent and seconded by Mr. G Cummings and agreed by the Parish Council that Mrs B Ashford be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **2. Election of Vice-Chairman:**

It was proposed by Mr. G Williams and seconded by Mr. G Cummings and agreed by the Council that Mr. I Loman-Brown be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Year.

Mr. A Jones and Mrs H Jones did not vote.

### **3. Election of Representatives of the Council to outside Organisations:**

Clee Hill Village Hall – I Loman-Brown, Caynham Village Hall – B Ashford, Knowbury Memorial Hall – M Galbraith, Clee Hill Form – J Shew, Clee Hill Recreation Committee – S Boden, Local Joint Committee – G Williams

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

Personal and Prejudicial – Mr M Galbraith and Mrs H Jones – Planning application 14/02873/FUL

### **5. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 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:**

Nil

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

a) Planning application 15/01238/Ful – Erection of ground mounted solar farm along with associated infrastructure, landscaping and ancillary structures on agricultural land – Whitton Solar Farm Caynham – Cllr H Jones and Cllr M Galbraith left the meeting for this item.

Cllrs G Cummings and Cllr I Loman Brown suggested that the development would be more appropriate on a brownfield site.

Cllr J Shew spoke in support of the development of solar farms and that the land would still allow for sheep grazing.

Cllr B Ashford referred to the development taking place next to an ANOB and the visual impact to the local environment.

It was agreed by the Parish Council with one vote against that the Council object to the application on the following planning grounds:

The development site is in close proximity to the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and would have a detrimental and visual impact upon the environment, character and landscape of the area. Accordingly the proposal would be contrary to core strategy policies CS5 and CS17 whereby the adverse impacts would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.

b) Planning Application 15/01428/Ful – Erection of car port; alterations to driveway; installation of dormer window to rear; retrospective approval for bay windows to front and lean-to to side – Cartref, Tenbury Road, Clee Hill – No Objection.

c) Local Person – Confirmation of local connection – The Parish Council confirmed that Amy Gill, 43 Langford Close, Ludlow meets the local qualification under the Build Your Own Affordable Housing Scheme within Knowbury – any future build will be subject to the planning application process.

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

a) Mr G Cummings raised concern over the overgrown hedges in Tenbury Road - this item will be referred to Shropshire Council.

b) Mr Ian Loman-Brown referred to drug syringes found in Dhustone Lane, Dhustone - the Clerk will contact Shropshire Council and the Local Police to enquire about the correct procedure for reporting such incidents.

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

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

J Radnor – Amenity Work - £90.00

D G Gardening Services – Grass Cutting Recreation Field Clee Hill - £96.00

Arrow County Supplies – Supplies - £242.71

K L Adams – Internal Audit Fee - £143.85

P Edwards – Clee Hill Toilets - £335.26

Inland Revenue – Tax - £45

Knowbury Memorial Hall – Hire of Hall 2014/15 - £200

b) The Clerk reported that the financial accounts for 2014/15 had been audited by the Council's Internal Auditor Mr K L Adams where, in his opinion, the controls in place were sufficient for the Council's purposes. However, he recommended that the Council review the value of assets and that the Council should hold adequate reserves for possible future repair and maintenance.

c) The Parish Council approved the Annual Financial and Governance Statement for the financial year 2014/15 - this to be submitted to the Council's external auditors.

d) The Parish Council received a grant application from Knowbury PCC for repairs to the Church Clock which will cost approximately £3,310 – it was agreed by the Parish Council that a grant would be provided of £500 on completion of the work.

e) The Parish Council received a grant application from Knowbury Memorial Hall for replacement flooring to the Kitchen and Bar Area which will cost approximately £1,800 – It was agreed by the Parish Council that a grant of £500 would be provided on completion of the work.

f) The Parish Council received a grant application from the Clee Hill Recreational Committee towards the grass cutting of the Recreational Field which costs approximately £1,000 per annum. The Parish Council agreed to make a grant of £300 for the financial year 2015/16. It was agreed that the Clerk will talk to the Recreation Committee about the future use of the field.

#### **11. Next Meeting:**

##### **Venue Knowbury unless stated**

Monday 1st June 2015, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Monday 3rd August 2015, (Clee Hill), Monday 5th October 2015, Monday 2nd November 2015, Monday 7th December 2015, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, Monday 7th March 2016, Monday 4th April 2016, (Clee Hill) and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Caynham).

Chairman