

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7th April 2014

Present:Councillors

E Jones (Chairman) R Ayles, L Lansdowne, R French, K Morley, B Satchell,
B Vines, V Hughes (Clerk) C Crisp, J Cook, M Maddicks, J Brown

1 Apologies: Councillors S Baker , N Cole, R Hislop, B Miller
C Bell

2 Public Speaking

Presentations were made by Bowood Reversioners Trust (Mr C Leather and P Lawson) and Studley Action Group by Mr D Clements. Sent to all councillors on 11/4/2014.

The Chairman thanked both parties for their presentations to council and assured them that their views will be taken very seriously.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests and no dispensations had been granted.

4 Chairman Announcements

The Chair advised he would be attending the Area Board meeting the next day and that Councillor Ayles shall be attending the Chippenham site allocation meeting. The chairmen also advised that he would bring item & Highways item about the Mile Elm accident forward.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 3rd March 2014 required one small correction on page 1. same was corrected. Proposed and unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by Councillor Jones the chairman.

6 Highways

The Chair advised that he had spent a lot of time walking and looking at the road where the unfortunate fatality had occurred the previous day and concluded that it would be a good idea to request a reduction of the speed limit even though the limit had been reduced last year.

Attention to the size and condition of the signage also appeared to need reviewing by highways. Councillor Jones felt that considering the volume of traffic he saw using the stretch of road on a Sunday that the signage may now be considered inadequate both on the road and signed including chevrons. Councillor Jones found that whilst driving on the stretch where the accident occurred that the bends and speed at which traffic proceeding from the direction of Calne

Councillor Crisp requested the chairs permission to speak and advised that she agreed with the Chairs feeling that a review of the speed be done to reduce the speed on the stretch of road. Councillor Crisp assured the meeting that she would fully support the request for a review and that we should all endeavour to put put pressure on Highways to review the speed limit down. Lord Lansdowne agreed and commented further referring to the reduced speed on a stretch of road in Pewsham and that many people use the Mile Elm stretch of road than live in Mile Elm.

Councillor Jones added that he believed the speed reduction should possibly be reviewed for the entire stretch of road between Calne and and the "T junction with A342" should be looked at as there were very dangerous bends beyond Mile Elm.

It was agreed that 30 mph limit be requested. Councillor J Cook added that the attempts to get the speed reduced at the Studley cross roads had not yet succeeded, as there had not been the level of serious accidents to meet the Highways criteria. It will be a long battle to get the speed limit reduced.

Councillor Aylen suggested that more signage also be requested on the bends and more road markings. Councillor Jones agreed this should be included in the council request. Lord Lansdown suggested that there be a time line on the process to monitor the request to Cat G . Councillor Jones said he and Councillor Crisp would monitor the process.

7 Wiltshire Council Letters

Email from new community day's co-ordinator Tracy Ruse had been received and passed to councillors.

The removal of the BT pay phone was noted.

Chippenham site allocation was noted Councillor Aylen is going to attend.

Scoping consultation regarding site allocations was noted and Councillor Jones said that he and Councillor Aylen were looking into it and what sort of comments are being requested. David Way would be approached for guidance and advice on the consultation and what we were meant to be commenting on.

Councillor Jones said once they understood what was being requested he would if necessary call a special meeting .

The requests for site allocations are going to be needed for the neighbourhood plan and Councillor Jones said he would endeavour to speak to Wiltshire Council and request an extension if needed as the deadline was before the next meeting.

European Parliamentary elections notices to be displayed on 10th April notice boards.

Send to all Councillors

Clerk

8 Calne Area Neighbourhood Plan and Renewable Energy NDO

Councillor Jones advised that he and councillor Aylen had attended a meeting the attendance of other members was very poor but it was agreed that a framework plan was going to be created by two of the steering group for the group to follow in getting the neighbourhood plan underway.

Councillor Aylen responded to a question from the floor that it was planned to have a web site dedicated to keeping the public advised about the NP and its progress but this was still at planning stage.

Councillor Aylen advised that the idea was that Calne Without needed to work on putting together an idea of what people were interested in getting addressed by the NP. Councillor Jones advised that Calne Town had already done a consultation via the consultants they had employed and CW needed to prepare a document that can be used to put together the aims and objectives to put together a scoping document.

Councillor Aylen advised that we are fortunate that there was already a tourism group and transport group and the renewable energy group set up who are expected to contribute and make the steering groups task a little easier.

Councillor M Maddicks asked if smaller group could get together and put forward smaller issues that they would like to see addressed in the NP. Councillor Jones confirmed that the scoping is the most important current objective and later it will be up to the local groups to become involved.

Councillor Jones said that a fuller report back shall be given after the first meeting of the Steering Group. Jones

Renewable energy no report back could be given as neither of the councillors were present. Councillor Morley advised that she had heard that CW had had no presence at any of the meetings. Councillor Jones said that he understood that Councillor Miller had had a death in the family.

9 Matters outstanding

Stockley notice board water leak report back

Streetwise

The clerk advised that all requests from councillors will be passed on for action. They are working on an 8 week cycle and again councillors are requested to send request in.

Stockley Signage Board water leak.

Councillor Baker confirmed that a meeting was held with Martin Cook and he had requested she call him in a month should the work not have been done. Councillor Jones commented that this seems to be an on going problem. That is that no follow up takes place after contractors are requested to do work. It seems that we shall have to keep reminding Council that the work has not been undertaken.

Focus on 5 are now looking at what is happening and trying to get more work done and report backs.

10 Finance

Councillor Jones asked if there were any queries with the accounts as tabled.

There being non it was unanimously agreed the cheques and accounts be accepted and paid.

11 Planning

Councillor Morley advised that the hearing will now not be over 4 days . The council have also with drawn their objection of the Marden Farm planning application. Councillor Morley advised that is is due to the objection hanging on the core strategies and Highways had not objected.

Councillor Morley agreed to attend the hearing and speak on councillors behalf.

Hills - Councillor Morley said she had raised the question with Wiltshire council about the confusion that exists regarding the planning and operations and consultation. Calne Town Council have objected and suggest that we also object Councillor Jones proposed that Councilor Morley and the clerk submit something from council.

There being no new issue at present the Chair invited questions from the councillors and a report back from Councillor Morley

Applications had not been sent out, this was now being addressed.

Councillor Morley said she was also confused by the recent Calne Aggregates variation on planning to all waste and length of time. It appeared that we were not initially consulted and that non of the application papers are available on line and had asked for an explanation. It is an application to enlarge their facility and bring some of their operations inside. Lord Lansdowne confirmed that he too did not understand the application either and clarity need to be sort as it appeared to be a back door attempt.

Councillor Morley advised that Hills had now taken their application to appeal to the Secretary of State as Wiltshire council are now saying a second environmental sturdy is required and hills are in disagreement. It is also now clear that were the tonnage processed initially on was 10 000 it is now 38 000 tons. The QC who has been advising the opposition group who have also submitted to the secretary of state is of the opinion that the council could be seen to be acting in appropriately.

Lord Lansdowne said he was of the opinion that the parish council should oppose the application as the quality of life can seriously affected. The consultation is flawed in councillor Aylen's opinion. Councillor Morley said the head of planning Mr Day is looking into the procedural processing of applications. Lord Lansdowne moved that more detail needs to be requested and seconded by Councillor Jones. Councillor Morley agreed to obtain more information. Morley

Councillor Morley expressed disappointment that the Marden Farm won their appeal.

Councillor Morley asked if there was any news about the Tractor sign requested in Blacklands Jones

12 **New Matters**

A funding application for an over head projector was made by Councillor Aylen. He advised that they had received some funding from the Area board and needed a little more. The room being used by many who would find it useful and improve safety. £100 grant is sort. Proposed Brian Vines seconded and unanimously agreed

Councillors requested copies of the presentations.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2115

Next meeting 12/5/2014

Parish Clerk.

Vanda Hughes.