

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5th March 2007

Present:

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| Councillors | E Jones (Chair) | | | |
| | R.Aylen | S.Baker | G.Brown | J.Cook |
| | D.Eadon | J.Field | S.Hare | R.Hislop |
| | Lord Lansdowne | B.Miller | A.Warner | B.Vines |
| | N.Bryant (County/District) | C.Crisp (District) | | |
| Clerk | G.Turner | | | |

Apologies:

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| Councillors | J.Barkley-Smith | N.Cole | B.Satchell |
| | D.Evans (District) | | |

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of meeting 4th December were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising From Minutes

.1 Derry Hill Bus Stops

Councillors had met with WCC on site, but ideas on safety were not being taken into consideration. Lord Lansdowne suggested and agreed unanimously, a letter expressing we were unhappy that our thoughts had not been taken into consideration and that we considered the current proposals likely to cause accidents, when vehicles overtake buses.

Councillor Bryant asked for copy which she advised should be addressed to G Batten Environmental Director which should additionally ask what additional funding or grants were available to meet our plans.

.2 Stockley Road Surfacing

Councillor Baker updated the meeting, that the pothole work had been completed. Repairs necessary from previous work are to be addressed in June.

.3 Spur Road Lansdowne PH

Councillor Field was pleased that the work was to be undertaken but considered that the posts to be installed should be sturdy enough to stop vehicular access.

3. Planning

Councillors received copy of planning applications, detailing consent positions. Lord Lansdowne identified interest in 07/00248, 07/00249, 07/00099.

Councillor Field asked the position of planning application at Nocketts Farm. Councillor Cook confirmed this had now been approved.

Brief discussion took place on application for radio mast 1221/087/CA.

Councillor Miller updated the meeting on application 07/00257 and rationale for objections, re removal of further child play areas in Lower Compton.

4. Finance and Accounts

Councillors received copy of the monthly reconciliation report.

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| Current Account Balance | £11090.48 |
| Cemetery Account Balance | £383.31 |
| Cheques Approved : | |
| Bobby Van (Donation) | £150.00 |

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| Total available in Treasurers Account | £10915.48 |
| Total available to Parish Council | £7256.14 |

Accounts were agreed unanimously and signed by the Clerk.

5. Committee Reports

Parish Plan

Councillor Miller advised they were now at the process of distributing questionnaires for return to the Committee by the end of March, when analysis would then take place. Volunteers were still required for Sandy Lane, Stockley and Derry Hill. Discussion on how assistance could be achieved in these areas with assistance offered by Councillors.

6. Steward & Other Requests

Councillor Jones updated the meeting on one of the requests, namely Grit Bin positioning on Studley Hill, which had now been completed. Councillor Jones asked for Councillors to feed back views to the Clerk views on work once it had been completed.

Further requests for steward work were raised by Councillors Eadon, Jones and Hislop which will be added to the Steward list of work.

7. Church Road Traffic Calming

A thorough discussion took place on the planned proposals received from WCC. It was agreed that the proposals were inadequate, not in the best interests of the villagers and did not address the original plans for 20mph restriction on Church Road.

It was agreed unanimously for the Clerk to arrange for Mr Witt from WCC and Fry's Consultant to attend a site meeting between 8.15 and 8.45 on a day to suit and to invite both to attend our next parish meeting in April.

8. Ratford Name Plate

Council approved unanimously the estimate of £377.80 for two village signs at Ratford. Clerk to confirm approval to WCC.

Councillor Hislop raised the need for village signage at Blacklands. After discussion on positioning it was agreed that Councillor Hislop would contact WCC direct to agree positioning and seek estimates. Council approved unanimously the funding for signs at Blacklands.

9. Standing Orders / Financial Regulations

Both documents were agreed unanimously by Council.

10. Gaynors Snack Bar

Signage considered by all as an eyesore, distracting and on a public highway. At best one board at each end removed at night was considered acceptable. Clerk to write to WCC Planning for an enforcement order and also to clarify in law position with such signage.

11. Correspondence

Councillors received copy of relevant correspondence.

There were no requests to view the detail of other correspondence.

Late Correspondence Received

One Council for Wiltshire

Councillor Jones updated the meeting on correspondence received from WCC, offering to meet councillors and take questions in a 20min slot. Due to the possible need to discuss Church Road at the next meeting it was decided that we would wait for information packs which had also been promised in their letter and then arrange WCC to attend.

Awards for Funding Advise Surgery

Councillor Jones updated the meeting on correspondence received from NWDC on advise surgery for funding meeting and advised meeting of date and time.

The issue of large documents from WCC was discussed. Councillor Bryant advised that electronic briefing notes were produced and would arrange for the Clerk to be added to distribution list.

12. Any Other Business

.1 May Elections

Councillor Jones updated the meeting that papers had been promised for mid March with return required by mid day 4th April. Councillor Eadon reminded the meeting that proposers and seconders had to be from the ward of the Councillor.

.2 Footpath

Councillor Ayles and Jones updated the meeting on the progress of the repairs to Mr Thow's footpath subsidence, which WCC had now agreed to fund. Mr Thow offered the Council copy of legal argument used, to aid future problem resolution. Clerk to write to Mr Thow for details.

.3 Lower Compton Play Area

Councillor Miller updated meeting on current position. A grant bid of £54K was being prepared.

.4 Blacklands

Councillor Eadon advised the meeting that the residents of Blacklands had requested traffic calming to be introduced.

.5 Leisure Centre

Councillor Field raised funding of Leisure Centres in the area and sought the Parish Council to support for this area, County/District Councillor Bryant advised that the decisions had already been made and would be ratified tomorrow.

Meeting closed at 21.25

Next meeting 19.30 2nd April 2007 Lansdowne Meeting Room.