

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2007

Present: E. Jones
R. Ayles N. Cole Lord Lansdowne R. Hislop
G. Brown B. Stachell A. Warner B. Vines
B. Miller J. Cook D. Eadon
District: C. Crisp
WCC R. Witt

Apologies: G. Turner (clerk), S. Baker, S. Hare
District: N. Bryant

Before the meeting was officially open Councillor Jones informed everyone present that the Parish Clerk, Mr. Geoff Turner, had sadly been taken ill that morning and would not be attending the meetings until further notice.

1. Election of Officers

In the absence of The Clerk the meeting was opened by Councillor Eadon for the purpose of electing a chairman and vice-chairman.

Chairman:

Councillor Jones was proposed as Chairman by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Eadon.

Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Miller was proposed by Councillor Hislop and seconded by Councillor Cook

Both councillors were elected to their respective posts unanimously.

2. Public Speaking Time

Mr. Gary Venner of the local Scouts presented to the council argument for the support of the proposed change of venue of the Derry Hill Scouts. This argument was not heard at the previous meeting.

Mr. A. Rosekilly spoke about his concerns over the planning application that has been made for alterations to 148 Lansdowne Crescent, Derry Hill. The council agreed to discuss this matter in Planning

A member of the school governors, Richard French, raised his concerns over the changes planned to the footpath that runs alongside the Derry Hill Village Hall towards Church Road. He was worried that the width of the path was not sufficient and the planned materials were not suitable.

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Mr. Andrew Purvey, chairman of the Calne Without Parish Plan steering group, brought the council and members of the public up to date with the progress of the Plan.

3. West Ward Councillors

Following the decision of two previous West Ward councillors to step down before the May 3rd elections and not having any candidates come forward the Chair reminded the council that they could co-opt new members. The Chair stated that this had to be done by the 28th June 2007 otherwise we would need to advertise. The Chair also asked that any known candidates come forward by the next meeting on 4th June 2007, before the deadline.

4. Minutes of Meeting 2nd April 2007

The minutes were unanimously accepted and duly signed.

5. One Council

Mr. Gerrard of W.C.C. described to the Parish Council the nationally proposed changes to the council structure at district and county level. Mr. Gerrard went on to describe the reasons for the proposal and said that if the merger of the 4 district councils goes ahead this would require an increase in the number of district councillors in the May 08 elections.

Mr. Gerrard was thanked by Councillor Jones.

6. Church Road Traffic Calming

Mr. Witt of WCC presented revised drawings to the council. He informed the council that there are ongoing discussions being held with the school. Since the last presentation given by Mr. Witt he has clarified the issue of additional lighting and now believes that this will not be necessary.

7. Planning

There was further discussion on the Scout Hall, based on the Scout's representative's presentation during Public Speaking. Interest was declared by Councillors Cook, Lord Lansdowne, Jones and Ayles. The Chair was taken by the vice-chairman and he asked those councillors declaring an interest to stay in the meeting and take part in the debate but not to vote.

After debating the matter Councillor Brown proposed that Calne Without Parish Council revoke its earlier decision and should now support the Scouts. Seconded by Councillor Cole. The motion was carried.

07/01057/01 148 Lansdowne Road. The council felt that this proposed property extension would cause loss of natural light to the neighbouring property and would be out of keeping with adjacent properties. On these grounds the council has refused to support the application.

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Councillor Jones also advised that the planning application for Wans House was refused at appeal.

8. Accounts.

The clerk had distributed the accounts before being taken ill. These were accepted and signed.

9. Committee Reports

The only report was done by Mr Purvey during public speaking.

10. Parish Council Declaration of Interest

Due to the clerk's sudden illness it was proposed by Lord Lansdowne we should allow ourselves extra time to present the above, which was agreed unanimously. Councillor Jones will investigate.

11. Next Meeting

Monday 4th June 2007 Lansdowne Hall Meeting Room

Meeting Closed 22:00