

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3rd December 2012

Present:

A Johnstone, R Aylen, S Baker, P Bamfield, C Bell, N Cole, J Cook, C Crisp(Unitary),
R French, R Hislop, E Jones(Chairman), Lord Landsdowne, M Maddicks, B Miller,
K Morley, B Satchell, G Turner(Clerk), B Vines

1 Apologies:

All councillors were present

2 Public Speaking

No questions from the public.

3 Chairman Announcements

Councillor Jones advised 11th December, as the next Calne Area Board meeting at Hilmarton, where there would be community conversation on Welfare Reform.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of meeting 5th November were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the chairman.

5 Actions Brought Forward

1 Calne Area Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Aylen updated council that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting, with Linda Roberts and Georgina Clampitt-Dix, to discuss how Calne Without could take forward a joint neighbourhood plan. Councillor Jones proposed that further discussion should take place on the 7th January. All

2 Defibrillator

Councillors had been provided with additional information; the donation request would be discussed later in the meeting.

3 Derry Hill Pathways

Wiltshire Council had three items outstanding at Derry Hill. Monitor progress. Clerk

Wiltshire Council had advised that a JCB was required to clear the verge back on the Church Road footway. Monitor progress. Clerk

4 Stockley

Progress was updated by Middle Ward on outstanding items progress:

Grips: Stockley Hollow: outstanding Baker

White Line: Stockley Hollow: outstanding Baker

Hedge Cutting: Knapp: Councillor Cole advised completed

Water Leak: Notice Board: outstanding Johnstone

Over Runs: Stockley: outstanding Baker

Councillor Jones advised that Highways had expressed concern with the road breaking along Stockley Road caused by verge breaking away and intended working with local land owners to rectify.

Kerbing: Knapp: will be raised with CATG Jones

Bus Stop Standing: Stockley: Passenger Transport Group advised the issue should be raised with CATG. Jones

Slurry: Environmental Agency had advised they were responsible for existing installations. Councillor Cole advised that Mr. Tyler was planning to install piping and hydrants for slurry, in order to reduce the number of lorry movements.

5 Salt Scheme

No further progress. Jones

6 Sands Farm Quarry

Wiltshire Council advised on council comments.

7 Blocked Gullies Devizes Road

Wiltshire Council had met with residents opposite the Bowood entrance and taken action, which they hoped had resolved the problem.

6 Accounts

1 It was resolved to accept invoices for payment.

Clerk	Salary	533	724.02
HMRC	PAYE	534	180.60
K Matthews	Plants	535	35.00

Councillor Aylen advised £40 had been received from the Fete Committee to be held as Parish Plan funds.

2 It was resolved to accept the monthly balance / expenditure statement.

3 2013 -14 Precept

Precept dispensation forms were signed by each councillor, to enable 2013 Precept discussion at the February meeting.

The discounts applied to empty homes and second homes have been reduced, the effect to increase the council tax base.

The way council tax benefit is paid has changed; no longer a payment from the Dept. of Work & Pensions will now be a discount applicable to the council tax base. The effect of this is to reduce the council tax base, resulting in a higher council tax charge for the same Precept. To account for this the Government is giving Wiltshire Council an additional grant.

Wiltshire Council will work to provide parish councils with a share of the additional Government grant to compensate in part for the reduction in tax base.

If council wish to keep Band D equivalent base the same as last year, we need to have confirmed the revised Wiltshire Council parish council grant before submitting our Precept. Wiltshire Council have confirmed we can submit our Precept on the 5th February (the day after our next meeting). Clerk

4 Defibrillator

The donation request was discussed, concern was expressed by a number of councillors on the benefit of defibrillators. Councillor Jones advised that this request was only for Lansdowne Hall, any future requests would be discussed in their own right. It was felt that the beneficial use within three minutes from the Lansdowne Hall was questionable. There were also thoughts that other donations may be of greater benefit to the community, such as lighting and/or first responder.

7 Councillor Jones proposed a vote on the request for a £200 donation for support of a defibrillator at Lansdowne Hall, seconded Councillor Baker, motion carried by majority decision.

Planning

Planning applications were discussed.

Councillor Baker was concerned that the Station Road application had been

11/02920/WCM Hills Waste Solutions Recovery Facility

Councillor Morley had produced a response to the application which was discussed in detail and was agreed unanimously should be used as council response. Clerk

Councillor Miller asked for detail on the A4 road junction issue be added to the response. Agreed unanimously. Response to Wiltshire Council.

Council thanked Councillor Morley for her time and effort in producing the response.

8 Aggregate Minerals Site Allocation Local Plan

There were no additional comments from councillors.

9 Emergency Planning

Councillor Aylen explained the need for procedures and contacts should an emergency occur. Wiltshire Council had supplied templates for parish emergency plans. It was agreed unanimously that Councillor Aylen would provide completed templates for council. Aylen

10 Other Business

1 Councillor Hislop advised council on the success of the recent Highways work in Calstone. Views on the success of the build outs at Back Lane were also raised. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Highways should be thanked for their work on both developments. Clerk

- 2 Councillor Aylen advised the Way magazine was to be replaced with a new Clerk magazine for Derry Hill and Studley, for which he intended publishing brief details of council meetings. There was concern on the legality of a councillor doing this prior to the agreement by council of meeting contents. It was agreed that the rules for a councillor publishing pre approved meeting information should be established.
- 3 Clerk asked for council consideration on the possibility of changing meeting arrangements in order that a January meeting could take place, due to time considerations involved with Precept arrangements. It was agreed that this issue would be raised for discussion at a future meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.48