

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd June 2014

Present

S Baker; C Bell; N Cole; C Crisp(Unitary); R French; R Hislop;
E Jones(Chairman); M Maddicks; K Morley; B Satchell; G Turner(Clerk);
B Vines

1 Apologies

R Ayles; J Brown; J Cook; Lord Lansdowne

Councillor Jones announced that Vanda Hughes had resigned and proposed Geoff Turner as temporary parish clerk, seconded Councillor Bell, agreed unanimously.

2 Public Speaking

There was no public speaking under this item, public speaking on Land at former Blount Nursery planning application, will be heard under Planning.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cole identified a personal interest on the Land at former Blount Nursery planning application, he would not participate in the voting.

4 Chairman Announcements

Councillor Jones advised he had no announcements.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councillor Jones advised that there were corrections required to the Minutes of the meeting 12th May.

Item 3 should read process for the election and not processed for the election.

Councillor Bell should have been identified as present at the meeting.

Item 4 should read that Councillor Bell declared an interest and not Councillor Cook.

Minutes of the meeting 12th May were proposed and unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by Councillor Jones as chairman.

6 Planning

.1 14/04177/OUT Erection of 28 dwellings, Land at Former Blount Court Nursery

Councillor Jones advised that there were three requests to speak on the application.

Janet Robbins spoke against the application explaining how development should be developed to protect and enhance the character and visual amenity of Studley village. The site is not adjacent or well related to an existing boundary, core policy 1 states that no development should be permitted in open countryside, even if it is a brownfield site. There were also concerns that if approved the decision would set new boundaries and instigate further development applications.

David Clements spoke against the application, considering the development was in the wrong place for facilities and derived Studley of the only potential employment site. He focused on the need to cross a major high speed road for services and commuting. He considered the developer had failed to demonstrate the site was accessible by sustainable modes of transport and was unable to deliver the necessary improvements for pedestrian accessibility, therefore there would be detrimental effect on the capacity and safety of the local highway network.

Charles Leather spoke for the application advising extensive consultation had taken place with the parish council, residents and Vastern Timber. Their proposals request an A4 40mph limit and single crossing, widening of Studley Lane to improve safety, with open space and acoustic fencing between the development and Vastern Timber. He advised Vastern had written to Wiltshire Council supporting the development. He also advised that the number of vehicle movements would be significantly less than with for a garden centre.

Council discussed the application in great detail.

There were discussions on the content of the presentations and options responding to the application.

The A4 crossing needs, the benefits, constraints and costs of a preferred staggered controlled junction, similar to the Whitehall Garden Centre solution, discussing the associated benefits and constraints of such a solution.

The extra traffic created and the flows of that traffic to the A4 and associated lanes.

The need for other sites for the 70+ developments now needed in the Calne Rural area.

The effect on Vastern Timber, although Vastern Timber had now made positive comments to Wiltshire Council with the developer offer of a wider strip between the development and Vastern Timber plus the necessary erection of acoustic fencing.

Councillor Crisp advised that this was the first large application since current strategy which was not adjacent to the boundary and on other side of A4 away from facilities, requiring the need to cross a busy A road. The application had been called in, but explained council, if they refuse this application, need to provide valid planning reasons with concerns and conditions in their response.

Councillor Jones considered that as council had now discussed the application fully that voting on their response should now take place.

Councillor Morley proposed that council should not approve the application. There were no other proposals, proposal carried by majority decision.

Clerk

Council agreed the reasons for refusal as being:

The site is not adjacent or well related to an existing settlement boundary, core policy 1 states that no development should be permitted in open countryside, even if it is a brownfield site.

The impact of the development traffic solutions current proposals do not sufficiently address the potential problems with the site, namely 40% increase in population and amenities access from the other side of a busy main road.

Loss of existing employment industrial site

Council agreed the conditions for refusal as being:

Speed limit on the A4 should be reduced to 40mph at Derry Hill.

If a pelican crossing is agreed it is not considered adequate for current and future traffic, a more suitable solution would be the staggered crossing to that implemented at Whitehall Garden Centre.

Support and enforcement of a strip of land between the site and Vastern Timber and support for the necessary erection of a high acoustic fence along the boundary with the sawmill.

Advise Wiltshire Council with planning reasons and conditions following. Clerk

.2 Calne Aggregates condition variations

Councillor Morley advised that no response had yet been received from Jason Day looking into the procedural processing of applications and would continue to press for a response. Morley

14/02739/WCM Councillor Morley had written to planning to confirm endorsements and comments already made by Calne Town Council, confirming that both Conditions 4 and 6 should be retained and enforced and back the call for this application to Committee.

14/04903/WCM Council agreed that Councillor Morley should respond as discussed. Morley

7 Highways

Calstone-Wellington Issue

Councillor Jones advised that he had met with new rural policing officer at Focus on Five who had offered to do speed checks in the area. This was considered a good first step, it was agreed to wait for these results. It was confirmed that the issue would remain on the system.

Chevron Maintenance

Councillor Jones advised the work had been completed

Mile Elm A3102 Speeding

Councillor Jones had signed a letter which had gone to all residents also signed on behalf of the Police and Area Board.

8 Calne Area Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Aylen was not at the meeting but had updated Councillor Jones to advise that an electronic survey and printed copy was being produced.

Provide Council with update on progress. Aylen

Renewable Energy

Councillor Bell advised that he was booked to attend the next meeting and would update Council. Councillor Jones explained that our input was important to the process. Provide Council with update on progress. Bell

9 Streetwise Community Days

Councillor Jones asked all councillors to make sure there items were raised for the next scheduled meeting 25th June.

Bell: Verge cut back from Soho public house to football ground entrance

French: Sunken Road again at junction of Lansdowne Crescent / Church Road

Baker: Bent chevrons on the A3102 at the junction with C252 (signposted Stockley and Broads Green). One has come off the post and is lying on the grass.

Baker: Hedge on the left-hand side of the C.247 just before Blacklands Leisure Park (towards Calne) is obscuring visibility and needs cutting back.

French: raised query on the progress of changes at the bus stop on school side on Church Road, being extended to enable the bus to stop close to the pavement to enable disabled access. Also for yellow lining at the junction round the corner into Lansdowne East and also round the triangle at the junction.

It became clear at that there were a number of items required for the next Streetwise Community Day, the Clerk requested therefore that all Councillors Email him with their requests to ensure all request are registered.

10 Accounts

Balance / Expenditure Statement

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

Invoices for Payment

Invoice payments approved unanimously

570 Lansdowne Hall - £53.20

571 V Hughes - Petty Cash, £50.00

572 V Hughes - Salary, £183.69

573 Broker Network - Council Insurance, £647.94

11 Play Ground Request

Councillor French advised he had received a letter from a local resident concerning the creation of a playground in Derry Hill. Concerns were raised on the cost, maintenance and insurance if created by the parish Council. There were suggestions that resident should provide a proposal for creation and raise funding for council to consider with perhaps a council contribution. Councillor Hislop suggested this was an area that the parish council should be taking forward providing such facilities for the parish. It was agreed that Councillors should consider the request, the item will be added to the next agenda for agreement on a response to the resident.

All

12 Questions and Close

- .1 Councillor Baker asked if there had been any progress on the provision of the standing for Stockley bus stop. Councillor Jones advised there was no further update at this time.
- .2 Parish Clerk

Councillor Jones updated Council on V. Hughes resignation and confirmed G Turner agreed cover arrangements as temporary clerk for June, July and August and cover/support in September. Current arrangements are for attendance at the July meeting.

G Turner explained that he would continue as Clerk longer than these arrangements, but was unable due to cost and time to travel to future meetings. He suggested that perhaps an option was to record the meetings, which is an option for Council to consider. This item will be added to the next agenda for council to agree way forward. All

Meeting closed 09.27

G Turner Parish Clerk