

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 1st October 2007

Present:

Councillors	E Jones (Chair)		
	R.Aylen	S.Baker	
		N.Cole	
	D Eaden	S.Hare	R.Hislop
		B.Miller	B.Satchell
	B Vines	A.Warner	
District Clerk	S.Bodman		
	G.Turner		

1. Apologies

Councillor	C.Bell	G Brown	J Cook
	Lord Lansdowne		
District Councillor	N.Bryant	C Crisp	

Councillor Jones advised that District Councillor Crisp was unable to attend every meeting due to other Parish meeting commitments, but had suggested her attendance at every other meeting. It was agreed that this was acceptable unless items at which District Councillor Crisp was specifically required, when she would be advised.

2. Public Speaking Time

Mr Sleightholm and Mr Patey raised objections to the proposed Church Road plans; both agreed measures were required but were concerned over noise, parking restrictions, drive entry and children safety issues.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councillor Baker identified she had abstained from the vote on planning application 07/02082/S73A. Councillor Baker advised she should have identified a personal interest in 07/02082/S73A and not 07/01449/S73A.

Minutes of meeting 3rd September were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Chairman's Announcements One Council Meeting

Councillor Jones raised forthcoming meeting for which two representatives had been invited. Councillor Jones, Aylen and Miller identified their interest in attending. Councillor Miller was unsure if he could make the 17th October, but would agree with Councillor Aylen as to who should attend with Councillor Jones. Clerk to confirm attendance.

Councillor Vines raised his concerns on One Council, asking for a vote from Councillors on their views. A hand vote found no Councillors for the motion but a number undecided. Councillor Aylen felt it was unclear at this time, how One Council would work out in practice.

5. Church Road Traffic Calming

Current plans were discussed, general opinion preferred raised areas which could also be utilised for pedestrian crossing, however speed must be deterred. Council should lever as much advantage without upsetting WCC, who might then implement a less than ideal solution. Clerk to contact Mr Witt, thanking him for his efforts but advising Councillors wished to discuss one or two changes to make the plans more effective. Councillor Aylen advised of a local traffic planner Mr Fitter, who may be able to assist. Meeting unanimously agreed for Councillor Aylen to make contact.

6. Planning

Councillors received copy of current planning applications.
Prejudicial interest was identified by Councillor Cole for 07/02082/S73A.
Personal interest was identified by Councillor Baker for 07/02082/S73A.

7. Finance and Accounts

Councillors received copy of the monthly reconciliation report.

	Parish Plan	Parish Council	Cemetery
Bank Balance as at 29.08.07	3646.84	8093.36	383.31
Cheques Not Presented			
C Paxford	Clerk Salary (Pt Jun)	396	50.00
G Turner	Clerk Salary (Pt Jun)	397	180.30
G Turner	Clerk Salary (Jul/Aug)	397	518.18
North Wiltshire District Council	Election recharge	398	114.00
Actual Bank Account Balance	3646.84	7230.88	383.31
Payments For Approval			
Duquant Research	Parish Plan Research	399	500.00
Mr A Purvey	Parish Plan Postage	400	16.65
Mazars	External Audit	401	158.62
Allianz	Insurance Fid Guarantee	402	9.50
Cash	Petty Cash	403	100.00
Total Funds Available	3120.69	6967.26	383.31

Accounts were agreed unanimously and signed by the Clerk.

Internal Auditors had recommended increasing fidelity guarantee due to higher bank balances being held for Parish Plan. Addition premium of £14.50 was agreed unanimously.

External Auditors have confirmed agreement of 06-07 Accounts.

8. Committee Reports

Parish Plan

Councillor Aylen updated Councillors that data was being distilled from questionnaires and objectives were being drawn up. In the next two months the Parish Plan should be ready for comments, which he hoped Councillors will be able to support.

Pathway Project

Councillor Aylen updated meeting on progress. Application had been made for tax credit scheme, which was actively being considered.

Minerals Report

Councillor Eaden advised he had attended a meeting on the 19th September on further mineral extraction in the WCC. None of the landowners or local residents was in favour of further extraction. Meeting had asked for Calne Without Parish Council support in not increasing further mineral extraction, which was agreed unanimously.
Clerk to write to WCC Minerals Planning objecting to further extraction plans.

Focus on 5

Councillor Jones updated meeting on Focus on 5, an informal meeting of Parish and Town Councillors, considering this a good way of talking to others and a probable nucleus for area boards. Councillor Jones is Chairman.

9. Steward & Other Requests

Steward Requests

Councillor Aylen supplied the Clerk with additional request. It is hoped outstanding items can now be resolved quickly by the newly appointed Steward.

Other Requests

There were no Other requests raised.

10. Councillor Vacancy West Ward

Councillor Jones asked for any nominations for the vacancy in West Ward. No nominations were forthcoming; the vacancy will be left open.

11. Speed Limit A4

Letters had been received confirming the speed limit to remain at 60mph. Councillors were unhappy that no speed restriction was to be put in place, which would make crossing very difficult and dangerous.

Councillor Jones with the Clerk to respond to WCC and Mr Dey re Council dissatisfaction.

12. Lottery Play Area

Councillor Jones brought to the meetings attention the letter advised possible funding for genuine play areas. Councillor Miller to look into from a Lower Compton viewpoint.

13. Stockley Hollow

Councillor Baker updated the meeting on Stockley Hollow, where the landowner had completed digging out ditches as agreed with S Barnett from WCC, who had now advised they were unable to complete road patching.

Councillor Baker viewed this as yet another example of WCC breaking promises, using high estimates with no apparent remaining budgets as an excuse for not pursuing outstanding work in the Parish.

Problems with Stockley Hollow, Weavers Bridge and Sandy/Back Lane had involved broken promises, delays and WCC bureaucracy. After further discussion it was decided the Clerk with the Chairman's assistance should progress these requests with WCC, expressing dissatisfaction, mentioning Health & Safety, approved Contractors and accidents, copying the local ombudsman.

14. Correspondence

Councillors received copy of relevant correspondence. There were no requests for further detail on any items.

15. Any Other Business

Modification Orders

Councillor Aylen had supplied feedback to Clerk. Councillor Hislop to review and advise Clerk on response.

Meeting closed at 21.15

Next meeting 19.30 5th November 2007 Lansdowne Hall Meeting Room.

Meeting Dates 2008

4th Feb

3rd March

7th April

12th May

2nd June

7th July

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December