

**Draft Minutes of Calne Without Annual Parish Meeting
Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill, Calne
Monday 11th March 2019**

Present:

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Also, in attendance

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PCSO Mark Cook, Wiltshire Police

13 members of the public attended.

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Charlie Oram apologised that he would be arriving late due to work commitments.

2 Minutes of the 5th March 2018

Proposed Cllr Rees

Seconded: Cllr Cook

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Agreed: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 5th March 2018 be approved as a true and fair reflection of the discussions that took place and that these be signed by the chairman as such.

Cllr Robbins abstained.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4 Chairman's Report

Cllr Jones reported on the last years business. A copy of the report is attached at appendix 1

5 Projects and Spending

Cllr Malpas presented the Parish Council's proposed spending plans for 2019/20 and the following 4 years and explained the reasoning behind the precept increase.

In answer to questions from members of the public the following points were confirmed:

- That the type of road safety projects in which the Council gets involved include signage and traffic/speed counts.
- That Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money can be spent anywhere within the Parish and not just at the location of the development
- Cllrs involvement in projects depends on the project and expertise. Involvement by others within the Parish with expertise would be welcomed.
- Cllrs confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan would help guide future development of Calne and the surrounding area and that the last major developments in Calne had all been approved by a government inspector on appeal.
- The Transport Strategy that is currently being formulated would also help identify projects need to alleviate the traffic pressures from any future development, Cllrs confirmed that the Strategy itself should be completed in the next few months.
- Cllr Baker confirmed that she and the Clerk had a meeting later that week to progress the formulation of a Community Speed Watch team for Stockley.
- Cllrs confirmed that operating costs are a large proportion of the past and current budget but that there is little saving that can be made due to the legislation within which the council operates however it was hoped that the spending on projects would be increased greatly making it a smaller proportion.

6 Community Policing

PCSO Mark Cook reported that local crime is down but demand for police time is still high. He asked that residents continue to keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours as rogue trader incidents have been on the rise. PCSO Cook agreed to try and get police speed cameras to visit Stockley particularly over the period of the Mile Elm road closures. He also confirmed that headcam footage from horse riders can be useful and will be acted on if possible.

7 Public Speaking

7.1 North Wiltshire Rivers Route

Several residents spoke raising concern on the news that Wiltshire Council were to cut the funding for the leases and maintenance of the Calne to Chippenham Cycle and footpath and asked that a strong message be sent that this is a tremendous asset to the community, commuters and tourists, with the advent of the Great Western Way tourism campaign, it would be ironic to close it now.

Cllr Crisp informed residents that Wiltshire Council is renewing the leases for this year and is waiting for just one of the landowners to respond.

It was suggested that £70,000 of repairs are needed to the footbridge over the A4.

A photoshoot for the Gazette and Herald was planned for 4pm on 12th March and the petition set up already had some 3000 signatures.

Sustrans, who were instrumental to the setting up of the route as part of the millennium cycle network have been informed and have responded to show their disappointment that the route could be lost.

Cllr Robbins quoted the Calne Area Neighbourhood Plan policy which safeguards the green infrastructure and heritage asset of the old railway and canal routes.

7.2 Parking in Church Road

The Secretary of the Lansdowne Hall Management Committee reported that the hall was glad to be able to provide 45 parking spaces to ease congestion for the school at pick up and drop off times but that residents must remember that it is a private car park and there may come a time that its use would have to be reviewed.

7.3 Stockley Broadband

A resident but thanked the Council for the recommendations about broadband providers in the area and confirmed that they had been able to secure a better service.

7.4 Pedestrian Crossing on the A4 Studley

A resident reported his dissatisfaction about the location of the Toucan crossing on the A4 at Studley, the lack of technical information and the way in which the whole process was handled which has left the cycle route having to negotiate the bus shelter.

A resident asked if the Parish Council could make representations to the Stage 3 Safety audit for the works.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

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Appendix 1
Chairman's Report

**Chairman's Report
Annual Parish Meeting 2019**

Last year we said goodbye to our Clerk Geoff Turner who decided to take a well-earned retirement and welcomed Sarah Glen as our new Parish Council Clerk. The Councillors have remained the same.

Sun Edison Fund

New notice boards at Stockley and Lower Compton.

The council has used the Sun Edison fund to provide two new noticeboards to enable us to keep the residents advised on Council matters.

Benches for The Stephen Cox Garden Trust

We were pleased to fund some new benches to The Stephen Cox Garden Trust, which works with young adults and provides training for the unemployed and allows elderly residents from local nursing homes to enjoy the gardens.

Dog bins at Lower Compton

Two new dog-litter bins have been provided at Lower Compton to hopefully help keep the area free from litter and dog mess.

Planning

Hills application. This year Wiltshire Council finally made decisions on the Hills waste applications. The Parish Council made a significant effort to lobby Wiltshire Councillors but was unable to prevent the increased use of the site at Lower Compton and subsequent HGV traffic increasing on our rural roads.

Blounts Court Application

The work on the Crest Nicholson site is now well underway and we welcome our new residents as they occupy the new houses. The development has caused many concerns regarding planning conditions which the Parish Council has tried to address. At the time of writing this report, the Toucan Crossing has been finalised, hopefully providing a much safer and sought-after crossing point for the residents from both sides of the A4.

Boundary Working Group

After the 2017 Elections it was found that there were some anomalies within the West Ward and Pewsham Ward boundaries which affected Derry Hill and Studley. A working Group was formed to consider all of the Ward Boundaries. The conclusion was to change the boundary concerning the West Ward and Pewsham Ward and to retain the other Parish Ward Boundaries. These recommendations will be made at the next Governance Review. Thank you to all the working group for their time and effort.

100th Anniversary of end of WW1

The Parish Council joined with the Parish Forum to try to establish a Community Copse in honour of 100th Anniversary of WW1. Some mature trees in the Parish were dedicated for the occasion and will form part of a peace trail celebrating the start of peace time.

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Community Infrastructure Levy

We have received the first CIL funding from Wiltshire Council. New developments in the Parish pay a levy which a percentage is passed to the Parish Council to spend on infrastructure to help address the added pressures caused by the extra developments. The Parish Council hopes the Parish residents will make suggestions where they would like to see the money spent.

New Parish Council Website, GDPR, New Emails

The New Data Protection Regulations in the GDPR set the Council on a path to set up a new website and new email addresses. Thanks to Councillor Jim Cook the website was up and running in August and we continue to add to it. Also, many thanks to everyone else who were involved in achieving this undertaking.

Traffic

Traffic remains a big issue in the Parish and the Council has two major projects underway.

Stockley speed issues were brought to the Council's attention by many of the residents and we are supporting a number of initiatives through the Area Board. We hope to progress with the introduction of Gateways at each entrance to the village and the residents are hoping to form a Speed-watch Team.

The Church Road Working Group has been looking at the problems in Church Road during drop-off and pick-up times. The school has worked with Wiltshire Council to produce a travel plan. The Parish Council is currently working and consulting on measures to improve the problem.

And Finally

I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication, particularly those Councillors involved in the Working Groups, and especially our Clerk Sarah.