

MINUTES MAY BE UPDATED BEFORE THEY ARE APPROVED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
ZOOM
MONDAY 8th February 2021 19.30

CALNE WITHOUT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Present (P): Apologies (A): Did Not Attend (X)

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| Sue Baker | P | Jim Cook | P | Richard French | P |
| Rob Hislop | P | Ed Jones (Chairman) | P | Katherina Kronig | P |
| Marcus Lee | P | Matt Maddicks | P | Alan Malpas | P |
| Charlie Oram | P | Ioan Rees | P | Keith Robbins | P |
| Adrian Satchell | P | Barry Satchell | P | David Songhurst | P |

Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne Rural) Christine Crisp also attended.

1 Apologies

None.

The Council welcomed back Cllr Hislop who in turn thanked them for their kind wishes.

2 Public participation/ Correspondence

2.1 Public participation

None

2.2 Correspondence

The Chairman reported the following:

The Clerk and I have received correspondence from a member of the public making observations about the conduct of the co-option process and the behaviour of Councillors in response to a request from the leader of the Engagement and Participations working group. I will be asking the working group to make a full report to the Council in March to explain the initial request for comments. The letter cannot be circulated to the rest of the Council at this time due to some of its content.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lee declared an interest in Planning application 20/11620/FUL

(Cllr French declared an interest in item 8.2 and Cllr Hislop an interest at item 9.2 during the meeting)

4 Chairman Announcements

None.

5 Minutes

Cllr Rees questioned on behalf of a resident the suggested omission of a detail to an item under Item 12 Other Matters regarding a response from Cllr Baker. After discussion the Council agreed that the minutes should stand, and the matter be discussed under Other Matters.

Proposed: Cllr Robbins

Seconded: Cllr Rees

Agreed: That the Council approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2021 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the Council and that theses be signed by the Chairman as such. That item 12 of the minutes to be discussed under Other Matters.

6 Response to Previous Actions

The Clerk had nothing further to add.

6.1 Stockley Verges

Cllr Baker asked for an update on Stockley Verges, Cllr Jones responded that it was still to be considered by Calne Community Area Transport Group (CATG) on 18th February 2021.

7 Account- Clerk

7.1 Cheques and internet payments

Proposed: Cllr Malpas

Seconded: Cllr Cook

Agreed: That the following payments be approved:

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| Idverde | Bin emptying Jan 2021 | £96.00 |
| Oakford IS | Temp web hosting 25th Jan 2021 to 24th Feb 2021 | £12.90 |
| Sarah Glen | Zoom Repayment 28/1/21 to 27/2/21 | £14.39 |
| Lansdowne Hall | Hall hire Jan to March 2020 | £92.34 |
| Entran | Phase 1 Road Safety Feasibility Study (Approved 11th Jan 2021) | £5760.00 |

That the following payments be noted:

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| Clearwater | Website marketing support (Approved 11th Jan 2021) | £240.00 |
| Sarah Glen | Salary Jan 2021 plus 8hrs OT December 2020 | £754.00 |
| Oakford IS | IT Remote support 18th Jan 2021 to 17th Jan 2022. (Approved 11th Jan 2021) | £2764.80 |
| Lloyds Bank Business Credit Card | Annual Fee | £32.00 |

To note the following Credit card purchases to be paid by direct debit on 18th Feb 2021

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| Curry's | 2x printer cartridges (petty cash) | £49.98 |
| Moonpig | Get-well card and chocolate for Cllr Hislop (from Chairman's allowance) | £16.28 |

7.2 Balance and Expenditure

The Clerk presented the Balance and Expenditure for the period ending 31st January 2021.

11/02/2021

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First Draft

22/02/2021

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Cllr corrections

Proposed: Cllr Cook
Seconded: Cllr. A Satchell

Agreed: That the Balance and Expenditure statement for the period ending 31st January 2021 be approved.

8 Grants/ Spending requests

8.1 Stephen B Cox on behalf of the Garden Trust

Cllrs discussed a grant request for £1570.87 from The Stephen Cox Garden Trust for repairs and refurbishment of the summerhouse to provide a library, study and rest area and small teaching classroom. Cllrs suggested that the funds be taken from the Sun Edison Reserve.

Proposed: Cllr Cook

Seconded: Cllr B Satchell

Agreed: That a grant of £1570.87 be awarded to the Stephen Cox Garden Trust for repairs and refurbishment of the summerhouse to provide a library, study and rest area and small teaching classroom.

Budget Community Facilities (Sun Edison)

Power S137 Local Govt Act 1972

8.2 Laptops

Cllrs considered requests to grant fund the provision of equipment for pupils of the Parish to assist in their remote education in response to the current pandemic and extended lockdown as follows: Derry Hill Primary School 10 devices £4300, Cherhill Primary School 11 devices £3658, and Kingsbury Green Academy 5 devices £2250. Cllr Cook suggested the use of the Sun Edison Reserve to fund any shortfall in the costs after underspent precept has been taken into account

Proposed: Cllr Cook

Seconded: Cllr B. Satchell

Agreed: That Calne Without Parish Council agree, in response to the current pandemic and extended lockdown, to grant funding of up to £10208.00 for distribution to Derry Hill School, Kingsbury Green Academy and Cherhill Primary School for the provision of laptops to support learning from home for pupils residing in the Parish who do not have adequate access to such technology; and to note:

That such grants can be made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and that adequate provision exists within the potential grants provision for 2020/21 (£21,607.04) and that funding can be met from underspends in current running cost budgets for 2020/21. That the payment of the grants be authorised to go ahead immediately.

Budget: Underspent Precept as detailed in the report plus Sun Edison Reserve

Power Local Government Act 1972 s137

Cllr French declared and interest in this item and did not take part in the debate or vote.

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Cllr corrections

8.3 Grit bins

In response to requests from residents Cllrs discussed the provision of grit bins, locations, sizes, provision of salt, the ongoing liability for the Council and the need for the salt to be easy to use for residents. The use of Community Infrastructure Levy Reserves to fund provision was suggested.

The Council asked the Clerk to check with Wiltshire Council Highways and Crest the acceptability of the location of the grit bins for Stockley and Studley Gardens. Cllrs to come back to the Clerk with any further suggestions for locations of new bins.

Action Cllrs and Clerk

9 Planning

Cllr French raised application at Fitzmaurice Close Derry Hill which has been approved despite concerns about the groundwater impact. Cllr Jones raised the retrospective application at Avon Rise, Studley 20//04017/FUL to which the Council had raised an objection and that still hadn't had a decision, Cllr Crisp offered to look into the matter and report back.

(Cllr Baker left the meeting for a short time during this item due to internet connection issues.)

9.1 Lidl application: 21/00081/FUL Phased development to comprise: erection of a Class E(a) retail store, car parking and servicing areas, access, landscaping and associated works (Phase I); and erection of 10 employment units for use within Classes E(g), B2 and/or B8, car parking and external areas, access, landscaping and associated works, including a balancing pond (Phase II). Oxford Road, Calne

Cllrs discussed the application and while they might wish to see employment land provide higher value jobs had no comment on the application.

9.2 Wiltshire Local Plan

Cllrs discussed the consultation on the Wiltshire Local Plan. Cllr Baker raised the Middle Ward Cllrs objections to suitability of land identified as 700 on the SHEELA for development and asked the Council to support their objection to the site being developed. Cllrs raised the issues of the proposal for greater development in Calne to provide an eastern bypass, the scale of development being proposed at Chippenham and the suggested allocation for Derry Hill and Studley. Concern was also raised about the protection of the Marden Valley from unsuitable development and the need to address the issues surrounding climate change. It was agreed that a small group of Cllrs be set up to draft a response based on the questions asked in the consultation to bring back to the March 8th meeting for consideration.

Action: Cllrs Rees, Robbins, Malpas, Songhurst and Jones with assistance from the Clerk to draft a response for consideration by Council on 8th March 2021.

(Cllr Maddicks left the meeting for a short time during this item due to internet connection issues)

Cllr Hislop declared an interest in the possibility of an eastern bypass for Calne and took no further part in the discussion.

9.3 Future Chippenham

Cllrs considered the Future Chippenham consultation on the proposed road options and scale of development proposed, including the lack of consultation that had occurred and the lack of traffic information about the impact of the road and development on the surrounding areas. It was agreed to add this to the work of the group considering the Wiltshire Local Plan response as the two are so closely connected.

Action: Cllr Malpas, Rees, Robbins, Songhurst and Jones with assistance from the Clerk to draft a response for consideration by Council on 8th March 2021.

10 Projects

10.1 Playground Petty Acre

Cllr Malpas offered to answer questions on the report presented. Cllr Rees questioned that the resolution of the Council included accepting the thresholds for the project to proceed. Cllr Malpas responded that the original report considered by Council made it clear that accepting the thresholds was part of the decision to go ahead with the survey which the Council did, and it should abide by its decision. Cllrs noted that support for a playground could be included in discussion about provision of community facilities at the next Annual Parish Meeting but did not support deferring a decision.

Proposed: Cllr Malpas

Seconded: Cllr Cook

Agreed:

- 1. That the Council notes that the outcome of the public consultation on the provision of a children's playground and outdoor fitness equipment at Petty Acre, Derry Hill did not satisfy all the thresholds to proceed.**
- 2. That the Council does not initiate a feasibility study into the provision of such a facility.**
- 3. That the topic of investment in community facilities be included as an agenda item for the next Annual Parish Meeting, when this can be convened.**
- 4. That the Council agree the content of the proposed article for the Website and Inspire (Para 15 and Annex of the report).**

10.2 VASS (Vehicle Activated Speed Signs)

Cllr Malpas report set out the position on this project. Cllr B. Satchell asked for Sandy Lane to be included and Cllr Rees asked for the A4 at Pewsham to be included. Cllr Malpas thanked Cllrs for their input so far and asked for specific locations to be advised to him. He reported that until lockdown restrictions ease it is not possible to take this further as Wiltshire Council officers are unable to check locations.

Action: Cllrs to send additional locations for speed signs to Cllr Malpas.

10.3 Road Safety Feasibility Study

Cllr Cook reported that he, Cllr Malpas and Cllr Rees had met with Entran for an initial meeting, the notes of which are awaited.

11 Finance Committee

Council noted the spending approved by the Finance Committee of up to £144.00 from the Training budget for 4 places on a Training event organised by Wiltshire Association of Local Councils on finding new Councillors.

Budget Training
Power LG Act 1972 s111

12 Annual Parish Meeting 2021

The Clerk introduced the report on the possibility of holding an Annual Parish Meeting in 2021 and the restrictions on its timing. Cllrs discussed if the meeting should be held by the current Council or left until May for the new Council, however it was noted that the new Council would be at liberty to arrange additional meetings at a time to suit. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to report the work of the current Council for the past 2 years but that the majority of the meeting should be for Councillors to listen to the issues that the community wish to raise.

Action: Clerk to arrange the meeting for the 10th March 2021 to be held by Zoom.

Chairman's report to include details of projects and spending undertaken 2019/20 and 2020/21.

13 Other Matters

Cllr Baker thanked Cllr Oram for his quick action contacting Hills regarding the HGVs using the roads through Stockley.

Cllr Robbins raised the recent conduct of Councillors and the question of Cllr Bakers assertion that Cllr Rees had incorrect data on his election survey and her refusal to give the correct information. The Clerk stopped the subsequent argument as inappropriate behaviour at a Council meeting. Unitary Cllr Crisp left the meeting refusing to take any further part. The Chairman stated that he was ashamed and had never witnessed such poor behaviour at a meeting.

Cllr Hislop reported that the River Marden project survey would be starting shortly.

Cllr Jones reported that he and Cllr French had information to report on a confidential matter and asked Cllrs to vote to go into confidential session.

14 Confidential Session

Proposed Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Cook

Agreed unanimously: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending and asked them to leave the meeting.

15 Community Facility

Cllrs French and Jones updated the Council.

Meeting ended at 9.40pm