

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL  
THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2021

CALNE WITHOUT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

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

Ioan Rees (Chair)	P	Keith Robbins	P	John Barnes	P
Lucy Campbell Rogers	P	Pauline Crane	P	Sue Deedigan	P
Charlotte Fossa	P	Rob Hislop	P	Jurgen Kronig	P
Bruce MacInnes	P	Sarah Marshall	P	David Songhurst	P
Doug Price	P				

Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne South) Sam Pearce-Kearney attended.  
Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne Rural) Ashley O'Neill attended.

Prior to the council meeting there was a Public meeting where the Council listened to representations from local residents both for and against the Planning application.

Of the local residents that spoke at the meeting those there was a slight majority in favour of the planning application. Just under half that spoke had concerns about the application and a few local residents had questions about the application that were responded to by representatives of Eden Renewables.

Cllrs had also received a number of representations via email prior to the meeting to ensure that local residents who could not attend the meeting were still able to get their opinions heard by the Councillors relating to the planning application PL/2021/06112.

### **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies to consider.

### **2 Public participation**

- 2.1 No further public address to the committee.
- 2.2 The clerk read out three representations received by email that had not been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Interests declared.

### **4. Planning Application PL/2021/06112**

The Councillors discussed in turn their thoughts in relation to the planning application. The information discussed was wide ranging and included reasons both why the application should be supported and why it should be rejected.

**There were three motions proposed as follows;**

1. To object to the planning application on the basis of the Environmental impact assessment being incomplete.

The motion was seconded.

The majority voted **against** the motion.

2. To propose that Wiltshire Council Defer consideration of the application until a policy of Solar Farms is in place.

The motion was not seconded.

3. Calne Without Parish Council resolves to write to Wiltshire Council in support of Planning Application PL-2021-06112 for the development of a proposed solar farm at Forest Gate.

In writing to Wiltshire Council to express our support, we further qualify that this is based on the expectation that Wiltshire Council grants planning permission only on the basis of legally enforceable planning conditions and agreements in place to ensure that commitments made in the application are adhered to.

These commitments should take account of effects throughout the life of the project and include during construction, at completion, at points within the operational phase and at decommissioning and post decommissioning stages.

Considerations include the scheduled planting programme including screening for areas visually impacted by the design, biodiversity improvements and ongoing management plan, new permissive recreational footpaths and bridleway, archaeological mitigations, set up and administration of the Community Benefit Fund, Educational Fund and community investment opportunity and finally the recycling of materials and end-of-life decommissioning.

The Parish Council further resolves to write to Wiltshire Council requesting that they undertake a strategic review of solar energy generation potential within the county, to establish a strategy for the optimum capacity, taking account of Climate Emergency Commitment, impact on communities and competing land priorities, and work with local communities, landowners and the energy sector to establish the optimum locations for this capacity.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was voted **for** by 9 votes to 3 with one abstention.

The meeting closed at 9.30