

**Draft Minutes of Calne Without Annual Parish Meeting  
Lansdowne Hall, Petty Lane, Derry Hill,  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Present:**

**Calne Without Parish Councillors**

WEST WARD

Cllr Ioan Rees

Cllr Keith Robbins

Cllr Philippa Todd

Cllr Lucy Campbell Rogers

Cllr Charlotte Fossa

PEWSHAM

Cllr John Barnes

SANDY LANE

Cllr Sue Deedigan

MIDDLE WARD

Cllr Pauline Crane

EAST WARD

Cllr Jurgen Kronig

**Wiltshire Councillor**

Cllr Sam Pearce Kearney

40+ members of the public attended.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the public.

**1 Apologies for absence**

Geoff Goode, Cllr Doug Price and Cllr Ashley o Neill sent apologies.

**2 Minutes of the Meeting of the 19th May 2022**

Agreed: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be approved as a true and fair reflection of the discussions that took place and that these be signed by the Chairman as such.

### **3 Chairman's report**

Cllr Rees read his report which is attached as Appendix 1

### **4 Projects and Spending**

Cllr Barnes summarised the report. The report is attached at appendix 2.

### **5 Presentation of the Road Safety Feasibility Study from Calne Without Parish Council**

Richard Fitter from Entran presented the process and outcomes from the Road Safety Feasibility study. The reports can be found [here](#).

Questions and comments were invited at stages through the presentation a summary of these comments are attached at appendix 3.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Members of the public were invited to view the displays and have discussions with the Councillors in attendance.

## Appendix 1

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

The first year after the 2021 election was probably of the most challenging year the Parish Council has ever faced , however the last year, 22/23, being the second of the councils 4 year term, has proved to be a successful year with much greater stability. Although following David Songhurst's resignation as a councillor last May, regrettably the council still has 3 councillor vacancies in Middle Ward.

However the 12 parish councillors are much more representative of their communities than in the past and are a very committed group, ably guided and advised by our excellent Parish Clerk, Katherine Checchia. My thanks go to all our Councillors and especially our Clerk Katherine and the vice chairman John Barnes.

The Council developed it's Strategic Plan in its first year, adopting it last May, and has now made good progress towards meeting its principal objectives.

Services such as waste bins have been improved by providing bins in new locations and increased collection frequencies.

In the last year the council has promoted and part funded a number of highway safety improvements including measures at Mile Elm & Blackland,

Tonight it's also launching its consultation on a number of the recommendations of its Roads Safety Feasibility Study and seeking to implement speed limit reductions on the A4, a HGV weight restriction and 20 mph speed limit within Studley as well as measures to reduce speeds in Derry Hill & Studley.

The Parish Council has purchased two Speed Indicator Devices (known as SIDs) which have been deployed in rotation at Pewsham, Stockley, Derry Hill and Sandy Lane.

The council has also promoted a Community Speed Watch for Church Rd which after training and equipping the speed watch volunteers, is now very disappointingly being resisted by the police. However there are other opportunities for CSW within the 40mph limits on the A4 in Pewsham and the Devizes Rd.

The Council has also part funded with Wiltshire Council the initial work to procure the surfacing of the (CALW 65) cycleway/ footpath from the A4 to Petty Lane. This is part of a wider scheme to create a safer cycle route between Derry Hill & Studley by signing cyclists through the quieter roads of each village. The Council has also made repairs and improvements to footpaths across the parish.

One of the Parish Council's key values is to improve public engagement and participation in local democracy. To that end the council is improving its website, making much greater use of social media through Facebook, it's also installing 3 new noticeboards to give better coverage across what is the largest parish in Wiltshire. We've given financial support to Inspire magazine in order to better disseminate information and encourage participation ,

as well as holding face to face roadshows at Lower Compton, Derry Hill, Sandy Lane, Stockley and Cherhill View.

The councils' environmental credentials are now pretty well established following the very well attended Energy Saving and Nature event in the village hall which is due to be repeated in September. The Council has purchased thermal imaging cameras and introduced a successful camera loan scheme that allows residents to identify improvements to the energy performance of their homes.

We have also commissioned an ecological survey and restoration scheme to demonstrate how the River Marden can be improved. The Council is also well on the way to creating a community Orchard on part of Petty Acre.

The councils finances are relatively healthy - it has been able to keep its element of council tax for the current year to £21.71 for a third year which is by far the lowest in the area. The Parish also benefits from over £200k from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) derived from housing developments within the parish. This time limited CiL funding can be used for certain infrastructure improvements and community development. However the lead-in time and approvals needed for the many of the larger infrastructure projects makes it very challenging for the council to complete improvements as quickly as it would like.

The council has given almost £20,000 in grants to community organisations. Sports facilities, such as Basketball in Derry Hill and Calne Tennis Club have been funded. Contributions have been made to The Bowood Carving Club, improvements to Derry Hill School library and Lansdowne Hall to upgrade its CCTV. Rub-a-Dub pre school nursery has also been supported along with an ongoing commitment to help fund maintenance of the defibrillators of DH&S Heartbeat, not to mention contributions to hall heating improvements at Studley Methodist Church. Glazing materials and heritage paint have also been purchased to commission the refurbishment and restoration of the Church Road Telephone Kiosk back to its iconic glory.

The parish Council has also been a major funder of the Jubilee and the coming Coronation celebrations across the parish and adjoining communities such as Cherhill and Heddington. Many thanks go to the organisers of these excellent community events, and other generous contributors such as the Bowood Estate.

Probably the most significant decision for the Parish Council of the past year has been Wiltshire Council's decision to approve the creation of a separate Parish Council for Derry Hill & Studley. Whilst the Parish Council itself supported the changes by the narrowest of margins, the views of the large majority of local residents were heavily in support of the changes.

The new Derry Hill & Studley Parish will be created in April/May 2025 and will include Sandy Lane and the current Pewsham Ward of Old Derry Hill and the surrounding rural area. There will be 3 wards and 11 councillor seat. The remaining parts of the parish such as Calstone and Stockley will join their neighbouring Parishes where they already have close community ties. Recent housing developments on the edges of Calne will become part of the Town. Although 2025 seems a long way off there will be much to do to ensure a smooth transition.

The council has already proposed how the current Parish's assets will be distributed with general agreement from neighbouring councils.

Finally one of the core activities of any parish council as a statutory consultee on planning matters is to comment on planning applications and to be active in neighbourhood and local planning. Our council has commented on numerous planning application this year including objection to a number of significant housing applications such as several on the fringes of Calne. We have also supported other more appropriate applications and continues to make comments to the planning authority seeking improvements to mitigate climate change.

The Council is in joint partnership with Calne Town Council reviewing and updating the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan which will guide development in our parish up to 2036. The steering group who's membership include both councillors and community representatives have developed a new housing design guide, identified new 'Green Open Spaces' to be protected and is in the process of assessing where the requirement for new housing should be allocated.

It only leaves me now to thank my wife Jo for her support and patience

Cllr Ioan Rees  
Chairman  
Calne Without Parish Council

## Appendix 2

### Annual Parish Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### Income, Expenditure and Grants

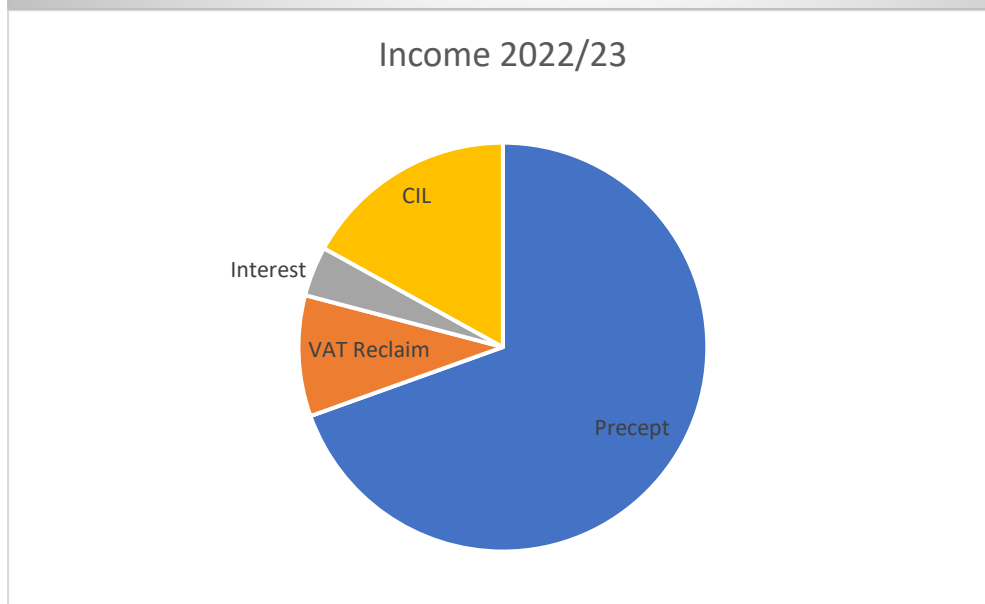
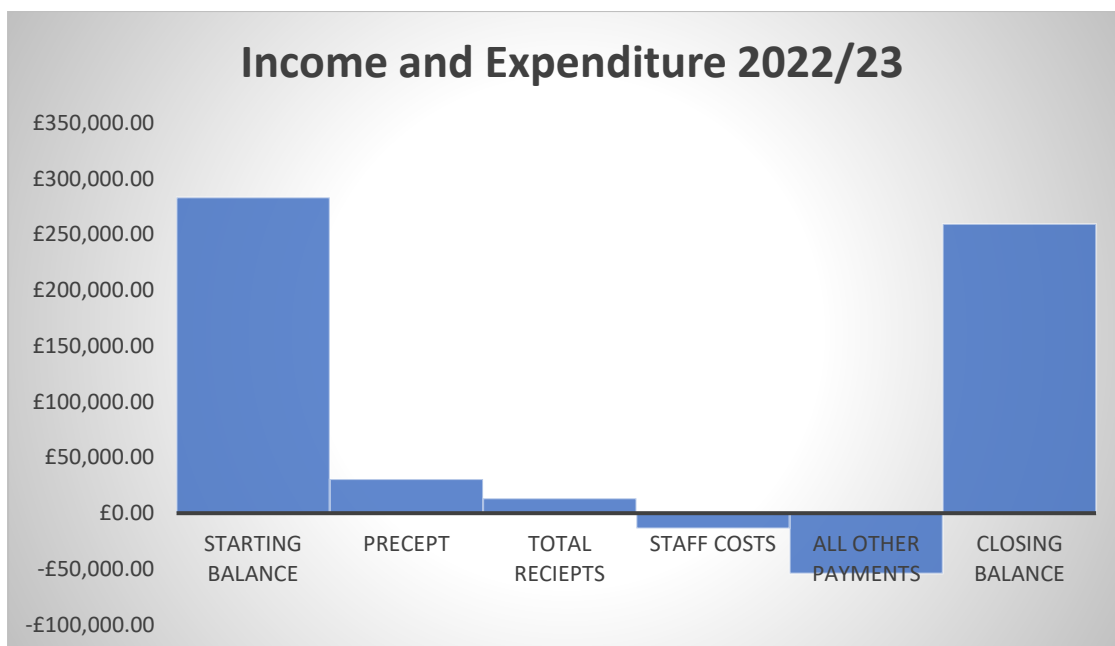
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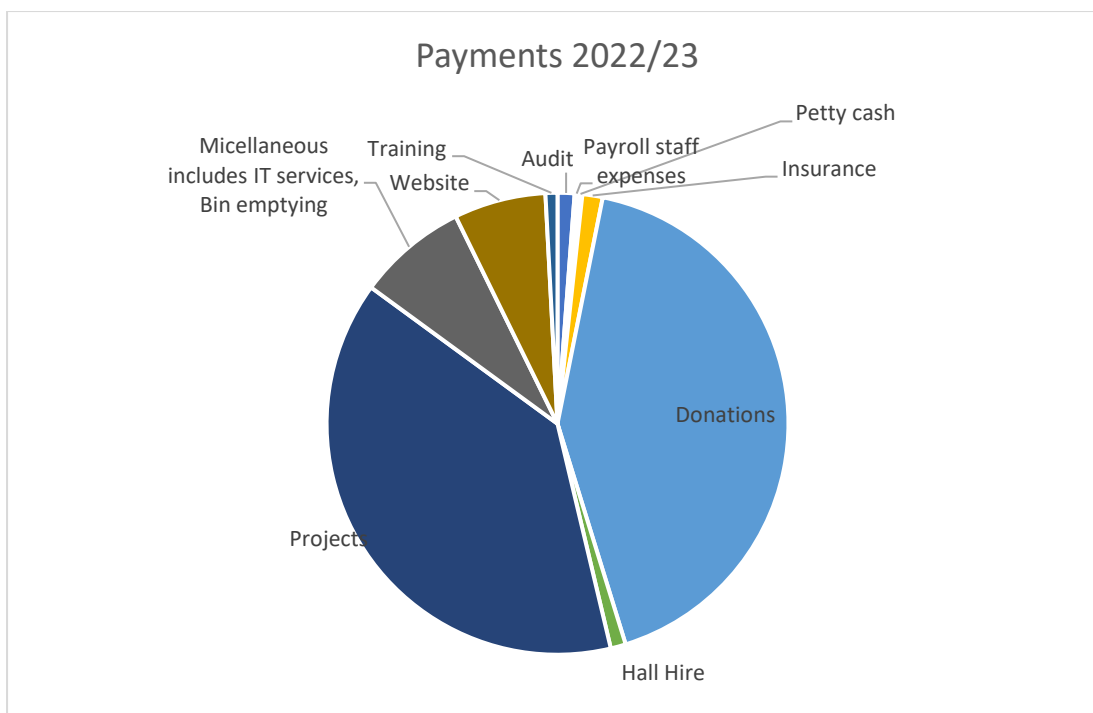
The following is a summary of the Council's income and expenditure for 2022/23. The Council publishes details of all its spending each month and progress against the budget set for the year with the papers for the Parish Council meetings. This information is all available on the Parish Council website. The Clerk will be happy to provide information about any specific items.

#### Expenditure 2022/23

Income	
Precept	£30,633.00
VAT Reclaim	£4,214.88
Interest	£1,737.49
CIL	£7,476.12

Starting Balance	£283,392.00
Precept	£30,633.00
Total Receipts	£13,428.00
Staff Costs	£13,738.00
All other payments	£54,101.00
Closing Balance	£259,614.00





## Grants

Organisation/ Charity	Purpose of Grant	Amount	LGAct 1972 S137
Rub a dub preschool	IT improvements	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Cherhill Scout Group	Supply of tents	£960.00	£960.00
Studley Villagers	information boards	£467.94	£467.94
Calstone wellington access group	Jubilee bench	£471.94	£471.94
Calnes Men Shed	Calne Community Nature Reserve project	£300.00	£300.00
Bowood carving club	Equipment purchase	£250.00	£250.00
Studley Methodist Church	Hall Heating Improvements	£2,030.00	£0.00
The Villages magazine	subscription	£220.00	£0.00
Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat	Defibrillator maintenance	£750.00	£750.00
Lansdowne Hall	Basketball Provision	£2,000.00	£0.00
Calne Tennis Club	Provision of toilet	£650.00	£0.00
Rub a dub preschool	Rent assistance	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Inspire magazine	donation towards printing costs	£360.00	£0.00
Friends of Derry Hill School	Library improvement project	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Cherhill Village Hall	Coronation celebration grant	£950.00	£0.00
		£19,409.88	£13,199.88



### **Appendix 3**

#### Stage 2 Presentation;

“Cottages opposite Norley Lane are very difficult to access safely.”

“40mph at Studley Crossroads seems the right speed.”

“The crossing at a4 is a nightmare, would support the decluttering of the A4 and would welcome a 40mph speed limit.”

“Would 1 speed from Pewsham to Calne be better?”

“Would traffic lights be possible on Studley crossroads”

#### Studley and Derry Hill

“Would existing measures be removed or retained under these plans?”

“Wouldn’t support taking out the existing speed bumps”

“Queried were surveys done during school pick up and drop offs?”

“the speed surveys were done at the wrong time of the year”

“Why is the Lansdown Hall car park not used more of school pick ups?”

“The current chicane does not work”

“its dangerous to get out of the a4 from the A342”

“There should be a roundabout at the bottom on the a4/a342 junction to speed up the traffic and stop rat running.”

“Planters- Maintenance enquiry who would look after them?”