

Draft Minutes of Calne Without Annual Parish Meeting
Lansdowne Hall, Petty Lane, Derry Hill,
Monday 22nd Apr 2024

Present:

Calne Without Parish Councillors

WEST WARD
Cllr Ioan Rees
Cllr Keith Robbins
Cllr Philippa Todd

PEWSHAM
Cllr John Barnes

SANDY LANE
Cllr Sue Deedigan

MIDDLE WARD
Cllr Pauline Crane
Cllr Andrew Turton

EAST WARD
Cllr Doug Price

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Sam Pearce Kearney
Cllr Ashley O Neill
Cllr Nic Puntis

10+ members of the public attended.

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

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr MacInnes, Campbell Rogers, Nugent, and Kronig sent apologies.

2 Minutes of the Meeting of the 27th April 2023

Agreed: That the [minutes](#) of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 27th April 2023 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 Barnes read his report which is attached as Appendix 1

4. Update From Community Groups

An opportunity for local community groups to update the Parish regarding their activities.

John Baumber – Derry Hill and Studley Community Heartbeat. Provided an update on the groups activities.

Alan Rosekilly – Lansdowne Hall Committee. Provided an update on the impact of recent grants.

Friends of Derry Hill School – Provided a written update. Attached appendix 2

5. Projects and Spending

Cllr Price summarised the report. The report is attached at appendix 3.

6. Updates from the working groups

An opportunity for Members of the public to hear updates from the working groups

- Road safety
- Climate emergency
- Engagement
- Footpaths
- Community governance preparation group.

7. Public Speaking

Opportunity for the public and press to express their opinions on current community issues.

Richard Ayles Editor of inspire magazine, thanked the Parish Council for their grant donation which helped produce an additional paper copy of the magazine.

The meeting closed at 21.28

Appendix 1

Calne Without Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April 2024

Chairman's Report

Good evening. I'd like to open by thanking you all for attending this evening.

This is my first Annual Parish Meeting as Chairman of Calne Without Parish Council. I was elected as Chairman back in May of last year when loan stood down and I would like to pay tribute to loan for his hard work and commitment over the two years that he had served as Chairman. I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for putting their faith in me last May (when I was unfortunately away in Scotland and in no position to say no).

I am happy to say that the role has been made much easier by having a group of parish councillors who are hard-working, positive, constructive and collegiate. It has been a pleasure chairing the monthly meetings and I appreciate the support and good will from everyone.

Earlier in the year, we were sad to lose Charli Fossa from the Council. Charli had joined the Council in 2021 and had been a positive and enthusiastic presence. Happily for her, she had taken on a new work opportunity, but, sadly for us, the role made it difficult for her to attend meetings and she felt compelled to stand down.

We were, however, able to co-opt and welcome three new members onto the Council – John Armstrong, Jay Nugent and Andrew Turton. They have each brought knowledge and experience onto the Council. We now have fourteen councillors, with just one vacancy (in Middle Ward), which puts us the closest we've been to full strength since 2021.

Much of the work of the Council is done through its working groups. We have presentations coming up from our Road Safety, Climate and Environment, Engagement and Participation, and Footpaths Working Groups. I'm not going to duplicate those presentations in this report, but I thought I would cover some of the other areas of focus over the past year.

In September, Wiltshire Council published its Draft Local Plan for consultation. The Local Plan is a key part of the planning framework, setting out both policies governing new development and allocating land for housing and employment use. The current Local Plan for Wiltshire was adopted in 2015. These should be reviewed every five years, so this update, covering the period of 2020 to 2038 was long overdue.

As a Parish Council, we developed and submitted an extensive response. Whilst there was much that we supported in the updated policies, we challenged a number of areas, including the allocation of a further 600 homes to the east of Calne, 100 in the wider Calne Area and 30 in Derry Hill, as well as the selection of land south of Chippenham for a further 2,525 homes. The Draft Plan, together with consultation responses, is now with the Planning Inspectorate.

In the planning hierarchy, communities can have further influence on development, at a local level, through Neighbourhood Plans. We sit within a Neighbourhood Plan Area covering Calne itself, and Calne Without Parish. Our Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in 2018. Since 2021, we have been working with Calne Town Council to review and update our Neighbourhood Plan.

A huge amount of work has gone into this and we were able to go out to Public Consultation on the Draft in February and March. This is now complete and I am pleased that we received around approximately 1200 comments. We've been working through these and the Steering Group will be putting forward proposed amendments in response to the feedback at the next meetings of the Town and Parish Councils. The amended Neighbourhood Plan will then be submitted to Wiltshire Council at the end of May. Their role is to confirm its legality, and it will then go to an Independent Examiner to assess, before being put to a referendum in the early part of next year.

In January, several parts of the Parish were badly affected by flooding during, and after, Storm Henk. The last 18 months have been the wettest on record and much of this flooding is run-off from saturated land. We purchased 200 gel sandbags, which we were able to distribute out to affected areas. Given that we need to become more resilient to extreme weather events, we are developing a Flood Plan to help us better prepare for future events.

Calne Without Parish Council has been in existence since 1890. Last year, Wiltshire Council undertook a review of the community governance arrangements in this area and significant changes will come into effect next May.

From next May:

- Ratford and the area around Fishers Brook will become part of Bremhill Parish Council.
- The area around High Penn to the east of Calne will become part of Compton Bassett Parish Council.
- Lower Compton, Calstone and Blackland will become part of Cherhill Parish Council.
- Stockley, Broads Green and Mile Elm will become part of Heddington Parish Council.
- Cherhill View and the Low Lane development will become part of Calne Town Council.

The remainder, comprising Derry Hill, Studley, Old Derry Hill, Pewsham, Naish Hill, Sandy Lane and the Bowood Estate will form the new Parish Council of Derry Hill and Studley.

Much of our work over the next year will be spent in preparing for these changes to make the transition as smooth as possible, and my colleague, Doug, will be covering this work later.

Again looking ahead, in May 2025, there will be a fresh set of elections to both Wiltshire Council, and town and parish councils. There will be 11 councillors to serve the new Parish

of Derry Hill and Studley, as well as councillors representing former parts of Calne Without in their new parish councils.

If anyone is interested in serving their communities as parish councillors, the next year is a really good time to be thinking about it and finding out what is involved. Please do feel free to approach myself or any of my colleagues.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank two further people. Firstly, our fantastic Parish Clerk, Kate, who is awesomely efficient and effective and is a real asset to the Parish Council. Finally, I'd also like to thank my wife, Gill, for her patience and support over the past year.

John Barnes
Chairman
Calne Without Parish Council

Appendix 2

Report to Derry Hill Parish Council – library project

As you can see from the photographs below we have put the funding we received from The Parish Council in 2023 to good use with many different zones in the library. The children now have a comfortable relaxing space to enjoy reading and to get inspired to choose a book of their own to read!

The funding has also helped us purchase a very varied range of books including topic books and story books to use across the school and also to take home and enjoy with parents. The classes are timetabled to visit the library every week to enjoy a whole class story or two read by their teacher and to choose another book to read themselves.

The children are really enjoying their new space and enjoy coming along at lunch time for the library club which the year teachers and Year 6 children run. The Year 6 children also tidy the library when read books are returned.

Thank you again for the match funding for this project, it has really helped the children in school in so many ways especially to encourage them to love reading.















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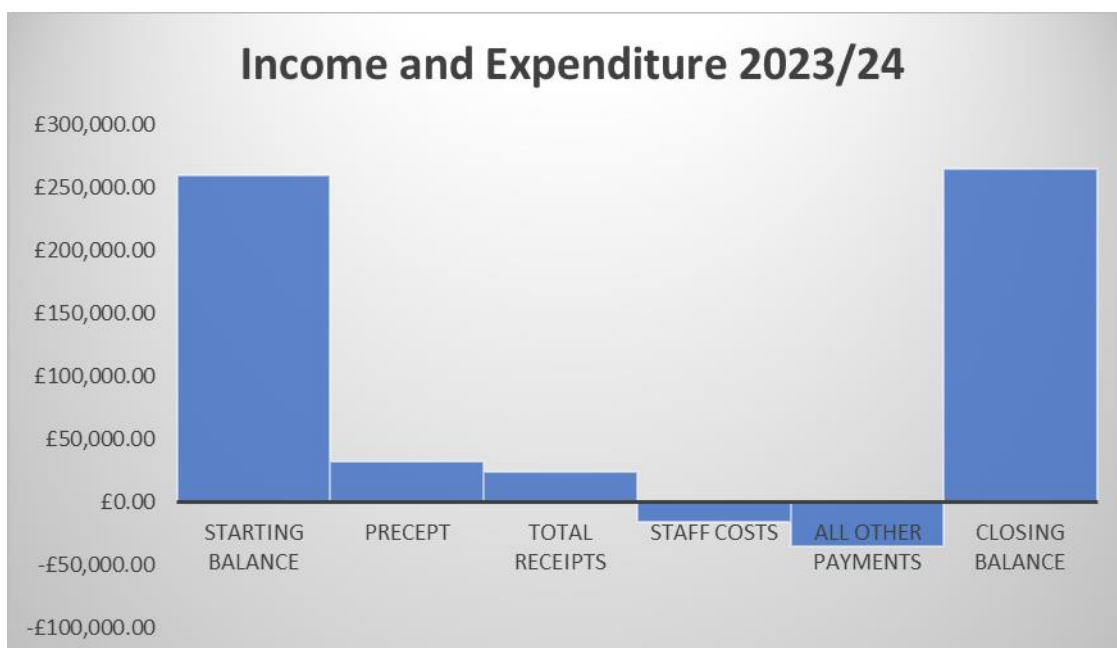


Appendix 3
Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April 2024
Income, Expenditure and Grants

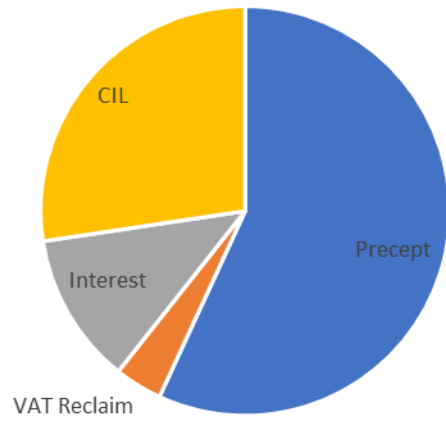
The following is a summary of the Council’s income and expenditure for 2023/24. The Council publishes details of all its spending each month and progress against the budget set for the year with the papers for the Parish Council meetings. This information is all available on the Parish Council website. The Clerk will be happy to provide information about any specific items.

Expenditure 2022/23

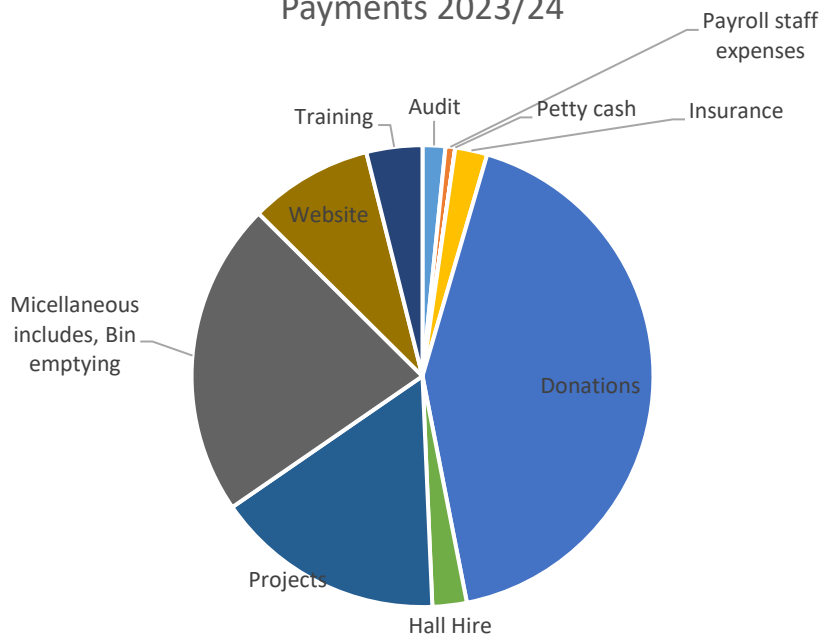
Income	
Precept	£32,097.00
VAT Reclaim	£2,124.75
Interest	£6,757.62
CIL	£15,436.20
Starting Balance	£259,614.00
Precept	£32,097.00
Total Receipts	£24,319.00
Staff Costs	£15,604.00
All other payments	£35,736.00
Closing Balance	£264,689.00



Income 2023/24



Payments 2023/24



Grants

Organisation/ Charity	Purpose of Grant	Amount	LGAct 1972 S137
Derry Hill Community Committee	website administration	£200.00	£200.00
Derry Hill Community Committee	website administration	£225.00	£225.00
Inspire Magazine	newsletter production	£360.00	
Derry Hill Community Committee	christmas lights	£350.00	
Tommy Croker Memorial fields	playground maintenance	£800.00	
Bristol and avon rivers trust	River marden project 3of 3	£3,374.00	
Friends of Marden Valley	Information board	£681.00	
Calstone Wellington access group	coronation celebrations	£250.00	
Heddington and Stockley	coronation celebrations	£950.00	
Derry Hill Community Committee	coronation celebrations	£950.00	
Lansdowne Hall	cctv grant	£750.00	
Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat	defibrillator installation	£2,200.00	
Friends of Cherhill School	library improvement project	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
		£14,090.00	£3,425.00