

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 1ST August 2024

CALNE WITHOUT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

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

John Barnes (Chair)	P	John Armstrong	A	Lucy Campbell Rogers	P
Pauline Crane	X	Sue Deedigan	A	Rob Hislop	A
Jurgen Kronig	P	Bruce MacInnes	A	Jay Nugent	A
Doug Price	P	Ioan Rees	A	Keith Robbins	P
Andrew Turton	P	Philippa Todd	P		

Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne South) Sam Pearce-Kearney did not attend.
Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne Rural) Ashley O'Neill attended.

429/24 Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Deedigan, Nugent, Rees, Hislop, Armstrong and MacInnes

It was unanimously resolved to accept the apologies and reasons.

430/24 Public participation/ Correspondence

1.1 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

1.2 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was no additional Correspondence to circulate.

431/24. Declarations of Interest

Declarations from Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest (Standing Orders 13b) or other interest (Standing Orders 13c) in respect of matters being considered by the Council.

There were no declarations made.

432/24. Chairman Announcements

The Chairman thanked everyone for the support at stand on village fete and those who helped at the circus of science event.

433/24. Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 8th July 2024 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the Committee and the discussion that took place and that these be signed by the Chairman as such.

It was resolved by majority to approve the minutes as a true and fair reflection of the motions.

434/24. Accounts

6.1 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

Oakford Technology	Business Standard Licence	£162.43 (Inc VAT)
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It was unanimously resolved to approve the payment.

435/24. Planning

To consider the planning applications currently out for consultation. List below.

<p>PL/2024/05649 Land North of Forest Gate Solar Farm, London Road, Pewsham, Wilts</p>	<p>Laying of an underground cable linking Forest Gate Solar Farm to Chippenham Substation. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ30000071tvO</p>
<p>Representative of the company presented a short statement including the following points; 4.8km route buried underground, no visual impact. Cycle track kept open at all times during construction, avoids built up area of Chippenham, 3-4 months to be done next spring/ summer, No trees to be removed, Land reinstated when completed.</p> <p>The councillors discussed the application and asked the representative further questions.</p> <p><i>It was unanimously resolved that the Council supports the planning application as it will provide connectivity for the approved Forest Gate Solar Farm to connect to the Grid, providing renewable energy into the network, in accordance with Wiltshire Core Strategy Policy 42. We would add our support to Wiltshire Council’s condition that access along the Route 403 cycle track should be maintained for users throughout the construction period.</i></p>	
<p>PL/2024/06123 & PL/2024/06454 (listed building consent) Nuthills Farm, Sandy Lane, Chippenham, SN15 2PY</p>	<p>Works to Byre Outbuilding consisting of internal remodelling; Re-roofing with new rooflight; Replacement window; Relocate existing plant & new ASHP; New doors to external store; Boarding to external store ceiling. Works to General Site consisting of new / replacement external lighting; New greenhouse.</p> <p>https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ3000007NZwE</p>

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The councillors discussed the application.

It was unanimously resolved that the council would submit a response of no objections.

436/24. Pre- Application Consultation 48-49 Church Road, Derry Hill

To consider the pre application information and [site plan](#) provided by the developer.

The developer attended the meeting and provided an update on the plans and changes following the community engagement event.

The councillors discussed the detail of the plans and requested clarification on a number of items.

437/24. Lime Down Solar Park

To consider the information provided as part of the EIA scoping process and consultation.

The Chair outline the request from the planning inspectorate.

Following a short discussion it was proposed that we thank for invite to comment but we wish to offer no comment on the environmental impact assessment.

It was unanimously resolved to not offer a comment on the Environmental Impact Assessment.

438/24. Valencia Solar Farm Community Benefit agreement

To consider the attached [document](#) recently added to the planning portal in relation to planning application PL/2024/01599

The councillors discussed the document.

- Pleased they have come up with the plan, acknowledged the document with Cherhill, they would like us to feedback with developers until point of exchange. Think its good that they have done this, looks like a standard document that has been provided,
- There may be grounds to consider a bit higher payments.
- Most of the contract looks pretty good, but concerned about clause 4.6 required the council to produce a report every year detailing the approved projects, but 7.2 says that if you miss a report that's the contract terminated. Feel like that needs amending to give the Parish council a notice of failure to deliver the report before you get cut off.

- 7.1 agreement lapses if electricity not exported within a year, that isn't in the PC's control and therefore should not result in termination.

Proposal- wait until we are consulted but we agree in principle. Broadly happy with it higher rate per megawatt and terminal clauses 7.1 and 7.2 redrafted so that they are less likely to make the agreement null and void.

The proposal was unanimously resolved.

439/24. Sustainability and Wellness event

To consider the attached [report](#).

The Council discussed the initial proposals.

Recommendation; the Parish Council approves the principle of a joint Sustainability and Wellness Weekend, organised with the Derry Hill and Studley Committee. It is further recommended that the Climate Emergency and Environment Working Group is authorised to continue joint planning work and to return to Council in September with a budget for approval.

It was unanimously resolved to support the recommendation.

440/24. Agree time and date of next meeting

Monday September 9th 2024 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20.48