

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 14th October 2024

CALNE WITHOUT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

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

John Barnes (Chair)	P	John Armstrong	A	Lucy Campbell Rogers	A
Pauline Crane	P	Sue Deedigan	A	Rob Hislop	P
Jurgen Kronig	P	Bruce MacInnes	P	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 sent his apologies.
Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne Rural) Ashley O'Neill attended.

457/24 Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr Rees, Armstrong, Deedigan, Campbell Rogers and Nugent.

It was unanimously resolved to accept all apologies and reasons for the apologies.

458/24 Public participation/ Correspondence

458.1/24 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

Public participation started at 19.35.

A member of the public addressed the meeting in relation to the play equipment proposals; Speak as a grandparent, children and dog, surprised no playground, parenting is intense need for constant activity, dog likes a run around, so do children, currently don't take children to petty acre, drive them to Chippenham, Petty Acre is a recreational area for the village and should be shared with children and dogs, the benefits given are clear and obvious, both parents and grandparents benefit, Proposed plan is unobtrusive, will offer so much more than a magnet for problems. Change is difficult, but the change should have happened years ago.

A second member of the public addressed the meeting in relation to the play equipment proposals; the previous sentiments were seconded, village is aging, playing on street is getting more and more dangerous, encouraging children to petty acre is right and safe, village is growing and it's the right thing to do.

A third member of the public addressed the meeting in relation to the play equipment proposals; Crossing the A4 to go to the other play area seems to unsafe, need something in this side of the village, not healthy to be getting into a car to play outside, don't want to teach them that a car ride is the only option for outside play, want to give them healthy risk, we do use petty acre when dogs are there and dog owners are respectful already.

Think it is brilliant that this is finally happening, want to say thank you to all your hard work, Facebook comments not representative of what the village feels. Feel so happy to live in the village would like the infrastructure improved.

A fourth member of the public addressed the meeting in relation to the play equipment proposals; I have two young children and have lived in the village for 3 years. My 4 year old is scared of the main road so won't go to Studley gardens play area so now have to use the car to go to play equipment, would be a huge benefit to have a facility in the village.

Public participation ended at 19.42.

458.2/24 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was no additional correspondence to report.

459/24. 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.

Cllr Turton declared he is on the Derry Hill and Studley Community Heartbeat group.

460/24. Chairman Announcements

The chairman reminded everyone it was a packed agenda and hoped all councillors have read papers in advance,

Cllr Price is ready to take over if Cllr Barnes loses his voice.

461/24. Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on Monday 9th September 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 that the minutes were a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed.

462/24 Clerk Report

For the clerk to update on actions noted in the previous month's minutes.

The clerk provided a couple of updates on ongoing projects, the work to implement the 40mph limit through the Studley crossroads has been ongoing, the traffic regulation order stated the new speed limit is effective from today, so hopefully the works will be completed soon.

With regards to the defibrillator project, the first four of the agreed defibs have been ordered and received, they are now preparing to be installed in the agreed locations.

463/24. Playground report from the working group

To consider the [report](#) and recommendation from the working group.

Cllr Barnes gave a brief introduction into the work of the working group.

Background into the plans that have been produced, noted that the equipment was intended to be low impact, No swings or roundabouts had been included specifically to help to avoid antisocial behaviour.

A summary of the survey and the survey responses was provided.

The meeting was opened up to views from councillors;

The discussion points included;

- Think once established it will work well.
- No lights, so use timings of equipment shouldn't be a problem.
- Dogs shouldn't be off lead if they don't have recall so dogs shouldn't be a worry.
- Studley Gardens play equipment doesn't have a fence and there have been no issues there.
- This was first raised 38 years ago, has been discussed/ requested all that time.
- Its essential that every village should have equipment to get children outside.
- Bit disappointed that there are no plans for children and adults with disabilities.
- It was noted that inclusive equipment tends to be very expensive so would have taken the project over budget, but also this equipment would generally be swings and roundabouts which was against the brief. Such equipment could possibly be considered in future if more money is received.
- It was suggested that the play equipment working group stay active to review the accessibility issues in future. It was noted that alternative funds would be required and infrastructure would need to be considered.
- Equipment looks really good. Would like to think that this is a first step towards a plan to add additional facilities to make it accessible for more people.

Statements of support were read out from two councillors who were unable to attend the meeting.

Recommendation: it is recommended that the Council implements the installation of play equipment on Petty Acre, as outlined in Option 4 from ESPPlayParks, together with a picnic bench and waste bin, to a budget of £21,477, and makes further provision within its budget for future years for insurance, safety inspection, training, bin emptying, grass cutting and maintenance. Further that the working group continues and looks at the feasibility of improving access to petty acre to wheelchair user and the provision of equipment suitable for wheel chair users as a future development and reports back to full council.

Budget; Community infrastructure

Power; Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 s. 19(3)

It was Unanimously resolved that the Council implements the installation of play equipment on Petty Acre, as outlined in Option 4 from ESPPlayParks, together with a picnic bench and waste bin, to a budget of £21,477, and makes further provision within its budget for future years for insurance, safety inspection, training, bin emptying, grass cutting and maintenance. Further that the working group continues and looks at the feasibility of improving access to petty acre to wheelchair user and the provision of equipment suitable for wheel chair users as a future development and reports back to full council.

464/24. Accounts

464.1/24 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

Rospa	Goal post checks	£93.60
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And any other payments received since the issue of the agenda.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payment.

464.2/24 Balance and Expenditure

To consider and approve the [balance and expenditure](#) for the period ending September 30th 2024.

Recommendation: That the Council approves the balance and expenditure for the period ending 30th September 2024

It was unanimously resolved to approve the report.

465/24. Planning – Cllrs

465.1/24 To consider the planning applications currently out for consultation. List below.

PL/2024/08694 Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)	Reconstruction of collapsed section of roof	https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ3000009Ohxt
The George Inn, Devizes Road, Sandy Lane, Chippenham, SN15 2PX		

Propose that we support the application in principle, as the proposed work appears vital to prolonging the life of the building, and defer to Wiltshire Council officers on the details of the proposed work.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

<p>PL/2024/07539</p> <p>3 Freegard Close, Calne, SN11 8HX</p>	<p>Installation of 14x solar PV panels on the main building, south facing roof.</p>	<p>https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ3000008NQd7</p>
<p>It was noted that the issue of permission being required lacked clarity. Similar properties with similar systems without having applied.</p> <p>Proposal; that we support the application as it is making good use of roof space to accommodate solar panels; should have been provided as standards as part of a new build; and is supported by Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy 41 (Sustainable construction and low-carbon energy).</p> <p><i>It was unanimously resolved to support the application.</i></p>		

465.2/24 Appeal Notification of appeal, spitfire road,

To consider the notification of planning appeal for [PL/2022/07893](#) and [PL/2023/10421](#) and consider if and additional response is required for the appeal.

It was noted that the council should reiterate previous objections with an additional narrative on design of the proposed developments

Proposal; Delegate to PC to reiterate the previous objections and support WC original decision together with additional commentary on the design of the two proposals with support from the chair and vice chair.

It was unanimously resolved to reiterate previous objections and provide additional commentary on the design of both proposals.

466/24. Update from Neighbourhood Plan,

466.1/24 Response to the examiner

To consider and ratify the proposed [response](#) to the queries and amendments to the draft plan to the examiner.

It was unanimously resolved to ratify the response as drafted for submission to the examiner.

466.2/24 Neighbourhood plan training budget request

To consider the [report](#).

Recommendation; that the council allocate £3000 to a neighbourhood plan training budget to be funded from CIL funds.

It was acknowledged in the discussion that training for all new councillors is essential to ensure effective implantation of the neighbourhood plan which has been created with a great deal of herd work by many people.

Recommendation; that the council allocate £3000 to a neighbourhood plan training budget to be transferred to Calne Town Council to be funded from CIL funds subject to Calne Town Councils approval.

It was resolved by majority to allocate £3000 to a neighbourhood plan training budget.

467/24. Offer of coronation living heritage grant approval.

To consider the [report](#).

Recommendation: that the Council authorises the Clerk to sign an Agreement Letter with Wiltshire Council for the Coronation Living Heritage Grant of £2,222.96, so that we can begin purchasing trees and planting from November 2024. With an understanding that we will be responsible for future maintenance and to thank SD for getting the grant funding.

It was resolved by majority with one abstention to approve he signing of the agreement letter to accept the terms of the grant.

468/24. Update from Road Safety Working Group.

468.1/24 To consider the [report](#) re recently received Highway Improvement Forms

It is recommended that the Council:

- Considers the issues raised by the Highway Improvement Request Forms.
- Submits them to the Calne Area LHFIG with the Council's endorsement and a request that LHFIG considers measures to mitigate the road safety hazards introduced by the entrance to the new Alexandra Gate housing development.
- Seeks confirmation from the successor councils of Calne Town Council and Bremhill Parish Council that they will continue to progress implementation of any mitigating measures after May 2025.

The councillors discussed the requests. It was noted that the stretch of road in question has recently been part of the A4 speed limit review and no changes were suggested at that point so it is unlikely to be a good use of resources to push for another survey.

The suggestion of a no right turn as you approach from Chippenham direction was discussed as a sensible proposal to consider.

It was proposed that;

The Highway improvement forms are Submitted to the Calne Area LHFIG with the Council's endorsement and a request that LHFIG considers measures to mitigate the road safety hazards introduced by the entrance to the new Alexandra Gate housing development. Seeks confirmation from the successor councils of Calne Town Council and Bremhill Parish Council that they will continue to progress implementation of any mitigating measures after May 2025.

It was unanimously resolved to support the proposal.

468.2/24 To consider the update re Chilvester Hill Bus Stop Provision.

To consider the updated [report](#)

It is **recommended** that the Council refers the proposal to provide and install two bus shelters at the existing east and westbound bus stops on the A4 at Chilvester Hill to LHFIG. The Council will commit up to 50% of the cost rather than the normal 30%

The final report was discussed by the councillors.

It was noted that the Calne Area LHFIG budget has almost all been allocated so there may be insufficient funds for this to be considered by them.

It was discussed that there are two options other than not going ahead with the project.

Either put into LHFIG and see how we get on or choose to fund entirely ourselves at this point.

It was noted that it was worth trying to get LHFIG to part fund the project prior to committing the full amount.

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It is unanimously resolved to submit the proposal to LHFIG for consideration.

468.3/24 Studley Speed Limit Assessment

Council is asked to note the results of the recent [Speed Limit Assessment](#) for Studley, including Norley Lane, which supports the implementation of a 20mph Speed Limit. This is consistent with the proposed Derry Hill and Studley traffic calming scheme, developed by the Council's Road Safety Feasibility Study and endorsed by Council in April 2023. This scheme is currently being designed by Wiltshire Council's Highways Team and is expected to return to Council later this year for approval as a Substantive Bid. The Speed Limit could otherwise be implemented as a separate project.

The councillors discussed the report. It was noted that there was strong support for a reduced speed limit in Studley.

It was suggested the going through LHFID rather than a substantive bid could potentially speed up implementation of a new speed limit.

Proposal; to approve a parish council commitment of up to 50% of the £9000 for an earlier implementation of the 20mph limit ahead of the additional traffic calming measures

It was unanimously resolved to support a commitment of up to 50% for an earlier implementation of a 20mph in Studley.

469/24. Budget 25/26

To receive the [budget discussion paper](#) from the Finance Committee.

Recommendation; That the Parish Council considers the draft Budget for 2025/26 for the future Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council and identifies changes that it would like to see incorporated into the Final Budget, to be presented for formal approval at the Parish Council Meeting of 9th December 2024.

The paper was introduced to the meeting and a summary of the potential increase in the precept next year.

It was noted that due to the boundary changes the precept will be increasing.

There are two more opportunities to make amendments to the budget in November and December.

470.1/24. Update from Strategic plan committee

470.1/24 To approve minutes

To approve and for the chair to sign the [minutes](#) from the Strategic Plan Committee meeting Monday 23rd September 2024.

It was unanimously resolved that the minutes were a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed.

470.2/24 Review of reserves held

Following a review of the [reserves working document](#) the strategic plan committee recommends removal of the £400 reserve for the Quemerford kissing gate as the project has not progressed.

Cllr Hislip informed the meeting that he will follow in the next month one final time, if nothing done by next meeting then the item will be removed from the reserves.

471/24 Well House Repairs

To consider the [report](#) and recommendation.

**Budget; Equipment and Facility Maintenance
Power; Local Government Act 1894 s8(1)**

That the council approve the £350 quote for the roof work and preapprove the acceptance of a quote for the final works to a value of up to £500.

It was unanimously resolve to approve the £350 quote for roof works and a budget of up to £500 for the final works.

472/24. Bobby van small grant request. -

To consider the [small grant request](#) and [additional information](#).

**Budget; Community Facilities (to be funded from CIL Reserve)
Power; Local Government Act 1972 s137**

It was agreed due to time constraints to defer consideration of the grant request until November's meeting.

473/24. Request from Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat

To consider the request from Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat a request for £124.74 for recent equipment purchased for the existing defibrillators in the village.

**Budget; Defibrillator maintenance
Power; Public Health Act 1936 s234**

There was a discussion about the need to set a mechanism for the draw down from the defibrillator maintenance reserve

It was queried if Derry hill and Studley Heartbeat trust take out a similar contract that has been taken out for the new defibs?

It was resolved by majority to approve the payment of £124.74 in respect of defib maintenance.

474/24. Wiltshire Independent remuneration survey

For the Council to consider if they wish to provide a response to the survey. Questions attached [here](#).

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/4t54cm>

Initial discussion about the questions.

It was agreed that the councillors would respond individually to collate as many opinions as possible.

475/24. Environment and Sustainability weekend.

Update on the organisation of the weekend. To answer any queries from the planning process.

Sat and Sunday. Packed agenda.

Village tidy up 9am-11am

11am – exhibitions and wellness sessions.

Volunteers will split into three groups with a leader to help ensure safe working methods and controls are in place, then the parish council insurance is covering it.

476/24. Confirm date and time of next meeting

Monday 11th November 2024 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.32