

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5th February 2007

Present:	E Jones (Chair)			
CWPC Councillors	R.Aylen	S.Baker	J.Barkley-Smith	G.Brown
	N.Cole	J.Cook	D.Eadon	S Hare
	Lord Lansdowne	B Miller	B.Satchell	
District Councillors	C Crisp	D Evans		
Clerk	G.Turner			
Apologies	J.Field	R Hislop	A Warner	B Vines
	N Bryant			
	(County/District)			

1. Public Questions

Mr Owens attended seeking update on traffic calming for Church Road. No information had been received since November. Clerk to follow up with sub group WCC contact.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of meeting 4th December were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising From Minutes

.1 Spur Road Lansdowne Arms/A342

Lord Lansdowne advised that Bowood Estates own the land and will be installing two wooden posts at one end of the spur.

.2 Weavers Bridge

Work still being assessed by WCC. Clerk will continue to progress until resolution.

.3 Church Road Contractors vehicles

Contractor's signage now in place, initial feedback is that signage is being followed.

.4 Traffic Calming

Lower Compton and 30mph for Ratford, Stockley and Lower Compton have been submitted for prioritisation and decision early March. Clerk will ascertain decisions with WCC mid March.

4. Planning

Councillors received copy of planning applications, detailing consent positions. Councillor Brown identified interest in 06/3162 and 06/3293. No queries on planning applications.

5. Finance and Accounts

Councillors received copy of the monthly reconciliation report.

Current Account Balance	£11476.46
Cemetery Account Balance	£383.31
Cheques Approved :	
Parish Clerk (Dec/Jan Salary)	£518.18
Petty Cash	£100.00
Lansdowne Hall (Feb)	£12.50
Total available in Treasurers Account	£11077.98
Total available to Parish Council	£6843.64

Accounts were agreed unanimously and signed by the Clerk.

6. Committee Reports

Parish Plan

Councillor Miller advised questionnaires will go out in March. Any volunteers to assist with distribution please contact Councillor Miller.

7. Steward Requests

Until a new steward is in place; requests are being taken forward by other departments and stewards. No pothole work was being undertaken by the Stewards.

8. Precept

Councillor Jones explained our estimate had been increased to cover traffic calming funding, as agreed in December's meeting. Precept agreed unanimously as £8000, signed by Chairman, Clerk to advise WCC.

9. Funding Requests

After discussion on the requests from Pewsham FC, Splash and Bobby Van, it was agreed unanimously to support Bobby Van for £150. Clerk will advise requestors accordingly.

10. WCC Transport Improvements

Councillors supported the shared use footpath between Calne and Avebury, but wished to register support for footpath between Chippenham and Avebury. Pedestrian crossings in Church Road should be considered as part of traffic calming plans for that area. Council were unsure how crossings on Devizes Road could be placed safely. Clerk to advise WCC accordingly.

11. Derry Hill Bus Stops

Discussion on various problems and solutions with the proposed plans for bus stop changes at Derry Hill. Councillor Barkley-Smith also raised the Bus Shelter change which happened without our knowledge and that we had not officially raised our dissatisfaction.

Lord Lansdowne suggested that we should try and get the person responsible for such changes to attend our next meeting, to explain the problems with the current bus stop plans. We should ensure that all future changes are made known to Council before they are implemented. Clerk to organise.

12. Quality Councils / Training

Councillor Jones appraised Councillors of his attendance with Councillor Ayden to the recent Focus 5 meeting on the future of Quality Councils. Councillor Ayden thought we should be deciding now which services we would manage before the decisions being made for us. Lord Lansdowne thought Quality Councils might not take place at the speed we might expect. Training for the Clerk was agreed unanimously.

13. Audit Standing Orders / Financial Regulations

Auditor's end of year reports had identified that we should have in place Standing Order and Financial regulations. As a result we requested drafts which have been updated to reflect our working practices and submitted to our Auditors for approval, when to hand we will copy to Council for approval.

14. Correspondence

Councillors received copy of relevant correspondence.

There were no requests to view the detail of other correspondence.

Councillor Jones updated Council on item 15, Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act, advising further information would be available prior to next Area 5 meeting 27th Feb 18.00.

15. Any Other Business

.1 Councillor Barkley-Smith asked Lord Lansdowne about recent reports that Bowood Estate was abandoning the Bowood Action Plan with WCC and if true what impact that would have on future developments. Lord Lansdowne explained the rationale for withdrawing, confirming that the strategic plan remains in place with future developments taking place in due time and pace.

.2 Councillor Miller reported that at the recent meeting of the Hills Resource Liaison Committee, Hills Group had agreed to support the Lower Compton traffic calming proposals.

.3 Councillor Baker advised she had contacted Sally Barnett at WCC re bald patches on the recent resurfacing of Stockley Road. While it had been agreed that the remedial work was necessary no progress had yet been made. Councillor Jones raised the resurfacing at Norley Lane which had not taken place to one end. Clerk to write to WCC to determine when the works would be completed.

Meeting closed at 20.25.

Next meeting 19.30 5th March 2007 Lansdowne Meeting Room.