

# **CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Present:** R Aylen, S Baker, P Bamfield, C Bell, R French, R Hislop, A Johnstone, E Jones (Chair), M Maddicks, B Miller, B Satchell, B Vines, G Turner (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies:** N Cole, J Cook, D Eadon, Lord Lansdowne

### **Public Speaking**

Calne Action Group a group of local residents spoke on the need to oppose Hills Group Waste Transfer Facility application for Lower Compton.

Objections were discussed under headings

- traffic impact
- air quality
- residential amenity
- local economy impact
- other possible sites
- transport figures of 10.24%
- increase in tonnage
- lack of full environmental studies

Discussion between the Action Group and Councillors explored statements and understanding.

- 2 **Chairman Announcements**

There were no chairman announcements.

- 3 **Hills Group Application 11/02920/WCM**

The planning application was discussed by council.

The outcome of this application would be a pivotal time for the Calne area; the impact would affect the community for generations.

The current proposal would ensure that this site which is currently a temporary brown field site would become permanent site, instead of the current plans for the site to be run down and returned to agricultural or recreational use in 2016. A fear from the local community was that the site would be turned into an industrial park.

There were a number of queries on the current and proposed numbers and tonnage of vehicles.

It was considered that a processing plant of this size would be better positioned closer to better train links, major HGV networks or motorway corridors. Council were advised that they could only respond on the planning application. If it was not suitable in this area, council can not suggest where it should go, as that was not relevant to the application.

Calne already has two of Wiltshire's worst air pollution areas, which exceed EU regulations. Substantial housing development in Calne and Hills Group's proposed increase in HGV traffic would further decrease air quality, causing harm to residents and visitors.

Can only base our decisions on facts available action group spoken well and many residents against the proposal there appeared plenty of reasons to vote against

Calne Town Council was approving objections and had agreed to engage a consultant.

Council voted on the proposal to object to the application which was carried by majority decision.

A draft response provided by councillor Hislop was read to council, which was discussed and a number of changes suggested.

It was agreed unanimously that council would agree actual wording of their objections by email.

Clerk

4. **Any Questions**

Councillor Vines considered council should be taking forward with James Gray MP the problem of individual developer applications without an overall infrastructure plan. Councillor Jones decided this would be added to the next agenda for council to discuss.

Meeting closed at 21.00