

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 14th April 2025

CALNE WITHOUT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

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

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

Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne South) Sam Pearce-Kearney attended
Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne Rural) Ashley O'Neill attended.

547/25 Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Armstrong, Deedigan, Rees and Kronig

It was unanimously resolved to approve the apologies

548/25 Public participation/ Correspondence

548.1/25 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

Member of the Public Richard Aylen addressed the meeting to say thank you from Inspire magazine for the recent funding, thank you for renewing the signs on Aylen Way, thank you to the council for all the superb work that has been done in the last four years.

Wiltshire Cllrs Pearce Kearney and Ashley O'Neill also addressed the council to say thank you for all the incredible work that has been completed in the last four years.

548.2/25 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was no additional correspondence to circulate.

549/25. 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.

No DOI were made.

550/25. Chairman Announcements

Thank you for attending this final meeting of Calne Without Parish Council, after 135 years of serving the rural area around Calne, this chapter of local government is drawing to a close.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank our parish councillors and our Clerk for their hard work and service over the past four years. I also wanted to say that it has been a privilege to be a parish councillor over the past four years and an honour to serve as Chairman over the past two.

I think we can be proud of what we have achieved over the past four years. This includes:

- The first playground in Derry Hill, and an incredibly popular one.
- Speed reduction on the A4 through Studley Crossroads.
- Wiltshire Council agreement to 20mph speed limit in Studley and Norley Lane.
- Signage improvements on the Devizes Road, Sandy Lane, Mile Elm Road, Ratford and the minor road past Blackland Crossroads.
- Procurement and operation of two speed indicator devices.
- Community Orchard in Studley Gardens.
- Energy Saving and Environment days.
- Free tree scheme and free thermal imaging camera loan scheme.
- Defibrillator project, putting defibrillators into Calstone, Lower Compton, Pewsham, Mile Elm and Cherhill View.
- Footpath maintenance and repairs work at multiple locations.
- Support to a wide range of community groups and organisations.
- Substantial revision of the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan.

I suspect there are things that I've missed out from this list, but it's nevertheless a record that I think we can be proud of, and I'd like to once again thank everyone who has contributed to these successes.

551/25. Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 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 unanimously resolved to approve the minutes as a true and fair reflection of the meeting.

552/25. Clerk Report

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

- Assets have been handed over to successor councils
- New bin contract has started and appears to be going well.
- No parish council elections as less nominations than seats, two seats that we can co-opt one for Derry Hill & Studley and one for Bowood and Sandy Lane.

- VE day road closure has been approved by Wiltshire Council.
- We have the parish steward today and tomorrow, so please let me know asap if there is anything that I can pass to him.

553/25. Accounts

553.1/25 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

Walc/Nalc membership	25/26 subscription	£761.71

And any other payments received since the issue of the agenda.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payment.

553.2/25 Balance and Expenditure

To consider and approve the [balance and expenditure](#) for the period ending 31st March 2024.

Recommendation: That the Committee approve draft year end accounts ([Receipts and Payments](#), [Payments over £100](#) and [Grants](#)), for submission to the internal auditor

The Balance and expenditure report was unanimously approved.

The Draft year end accounts were unanimously approved.

553.3/25 Proposal for additional routine meeting.

To consider adding an additional routine meeting on Wednesday 30th April 2025 to consider the signing of the AGAR for submission to the external auditor.

It was unanimously resolved to hold an additional meeting on Wednesday 30th April 2025 to consider the signing of the AGAR for submission to the external auditor.

554/25. Planning – Cllrs

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

PL/2025/02352 Proposed replacement of existing structure with Annex and Games Room, together with relocation of access and associated works.	HOLLYDITCH FARM, MILE ELM, CALNE, SN11 0PY https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000DDWqb
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The councillors discussed the application, there as a query if this was technically an annex or a new house.

Mixed. Calne Without Parish Council has no objection to the proposed plans, subject to Wiltshire Council Highways confirming that the proposed new exit onto the A3102 meets the required standards for visibility splays

The recommendation was approved by majority with one abstention.

PL/2025/02351

Proposed Garage Conversion

15 MORGANS ROAD, CALNE, SN11 0FH

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000DDWoz>

There was a discussion about parking standards for the property and established that there was 3 parking spaces available at the property after the proposed works are completed.

It was unanimously resolved that there was no objection to the planning application.

PL/2025/01888

Development of three new buildings comprising a kiln, a new boiler house and timber storage building as part of existing operation of sawmill and timberyard

STUDLEY SAWMILLS, STUDLEY, CALNE, SN11 9NH

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000D4fDB>

Cllr MacInnes noted that he has spoken to residents and none seemed to have any objections, away from residents and other side is a farmers field,

Cllr Robbins noted that he visited and spoke to manager, old kiln being replaced, development to side and back, not overlooking anything, not extending perimeter, money means continued employment and investment in the area. Would recommend support.

Cllr Barnes noted that- sawmill on site since 1921 predates houses.

Proposal; that we support the planning application, as it is a proportionate proposal to modernise plant in order to maintain the operation of an established rural business that plays an important role in the local rural economy. We note that the proposal is supported by CCNP Policy WS2 as it is a scheme that will support an existing rural-based business.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

PL/2025/02426

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for residential development for up to 300

Land North of Abberd Lane, Calne

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000DFHQs>

<p>dwelling, associated works including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space and landscaping. Construction of a new vehicular access off Abberd Lane and demolition of existing structures.</p>	
<p>Cllrs Barnes and Price have worked closely with Calne Town Council and Compton Bassett Parish Council,</p> <p>A draft response was presented to the council.</p> <p>There was a query about if there were enough school places in the town to support the development.</p> <p>It was proposed that Calne Without Parish Council object to the development alongside the document that was drafted for discussion.</p> <p><i>It was unanimously resolved to object to the application.</i></p>	
<p>PL/2025/03085 Prior approval Part 3 Class Q: Agricultural buildings to dwellinghouses</p>	<p>WHITLEY FARM, WHITLEY, CALNE, SN11 9HD Planning Application: PL/2025/03085</p>
<p>There was a discussion about the pre application consultation.</p> <p><i>It was unanimously resolved that there were no objections to the application.</i></p>	

555/25. Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan,

555.1/25 To Consider the [attached paper](#) and recommendation on the options for CCNP3. **Recommendation that Place Studios be asked to put forward a proposal to provide a facilitated decision-making framework to assist Calne Town Council, Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council and other successor councils in determining a way forward for the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan, and that this shall be funded using some or all of the £3,500 reserved for an early plan review.**

It was unanimously resolved to repurpose some of the £3500 reserved for an early plan review to request assistance from Place Studios in determining a way forward for the Calne Community Neighbourhood plan.

555.2/25 To consider the [proposal](#) to extend the contract for the CCNP administrator.

Proposal The Council is requested to resolve to approve the following proposal: Authorise up to 10 hours per week at £14.13 hr to be undertaken before 17/6/25. Calne Town to pay

90% from S106 money and Derry Hill & Studley 10% of the cost, funded from money put aside for the next review. Maximum cost to each: Calne £1144.53 Derry Hill & Studley £127.17

It was Unanimously resolved to approve the proposal Authorise up to 10 hours per week at £14.13 hr to be undertaken before 17/6/25. Calne Town to pay 90% from S106 money and Derry Hill & Studley 10% of the cost, funded from money put aside for the next review.

556/25. Update from finance committee

To approve minutes

To approve and for the chair to sign the [minutes](#) from the Finance Committee meeting Monday 31st March 2025.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes as a fair and true reflection of the meeting.

557/25. Asset Survey

To consider the [annual survey](#) of Parish Council Assets and consider necessary maintenance works.

Recommendation: that the Council note the works required to replace the grit bin damaged earlier this year.

The councillors noted the updated report and works required.

558/25. Updates from Road Safety Working Group

558.1/25 Studley and Norley Lane 20mph Speed Limit

To note that the proposed Road Traffic Regulation Order consultation concluded on 17th February 2025. As there were no objections to the proposed 20mph speed limit, it was not necessary for a report to be placed before the Cabinet Member for Highways and the project will be implemented as advertised in due course.

The councillors noted the update.

558.2/25 Derry Hill Church Road and Studley Lane Traffic Calming

To note that the bid for Substantive Highways Scheme Funding for traffic calming improvements on Church Road and Studley Lane in Derry Hill has been successful. The scheme was one of eight successful schemes in the 2025/26 bidding round.

The councillors noted the update.

558.3/25 Derry Hill and Studley Shared Use Path

To note that the bid for Substantive Highways Scheme Funding to provide an all-weather surface and lighting, on the shared use path between the A4 and the village hall, was not successful. As the scheme cannot be considered to be “fully approved”, it will be necessary

to release the £16,488 of CIL funding reserved against this project, in accordance with the CGR Transfer of Assets agreement. It is recommended that the Parish Council retains the project in its programme and seeks to secure funding for its implementation in the future.

Recommendation: that the Council releases the £16,488 of CIL funding reserved against this project; further, that the Council retains the project in its programme and seeks to secure funding for its implementation in the future.

The councillors unanimously approved releasing the £16488 of CIL funding.

559/25. Climate and Emergency Working Group Update.

To consider the attached [report](#).

It was resolved to support the nature activity at village picnic.

560/25. Committees in Derry Hill & Studley parish council.

In preparation for the new Derry Hill & Studley Council annual meeting in May the committees and terms of references have been reviewed.

560.1/25 The council are asked to approve the merger of the Finance and Strategic Plan committees, with the finance committee taking on the duties of the strategic plan committee.

The merger of the finance and strategic plan committees were approved by majority with two abstentions.

560.2/25 The council are asked to approve the new terms of reference for the [Finance committee](#) as drafted.

The new terms of reference were approved by majority with two abstentions

560.3/25 The Council are asked to approve the new terms of reference for the [Human Resources committee](#). as drafted.

The new terms of reference were approved by majority with two abstentions

561/25. Update on Petty Acre Mounds maintenance.

To receive a verbal update.

Exposed stones now buried, grass seed has been spread but no rain since, once grass grows the mounds will be reopened.

Note of thanks to working group.

562/25. Derry Hill Post office

To consider the [report](#).

It is recommended that the Council supports the request for the Derry Hill Post Office to be granted local branch status, by writing to the regional Post Office management, and, if necessary, seeking further support from our elected representatives and/or raising a community petition.

The councillors discussed the request and noted the importance of the post office to the village and surrounding areas. They noted the improvements that could be made to the services offered if the status of the branch were to change.

It was unanimously resolved to provide a letter of support to regional post office management.

563/25. Prep for new councillors

To consider the training needs for new councillors and approve initial spending for training courses

Recommendation; To approve £270 for online training for all councillors.

It was resolved by majority with two abstentions to authorise £270(ex vat) to cover training for all new councillors and existing councillors.

564/25. Date and Time of next meeting.

To agree the date and time of the next meeting.

Wednesday 30th April 19.30pm

Monday 12th May 2025.

The meeting closed at 21.21