

CALOW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 28 October 2024 at Calow Community Centre

Present:

P	Councillor S Addison	P	Councillor M Buxton
P	Councillor P Kerry (Vice Chair)	P	Councillor J Sabido (Chair)
P	Councillor D Whitworth	P	Councillor S Whitworth
		P	Charlotte Taylor (Clerk)

6 members of the public, 3 representing Calow Cricket Club

Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence were received.

Declarations of Interest

None received.

Matters Raised by Members of the Public

Members of the public raised the following issues:

Concerns with the variations to the Dark Lane housing development and request for an update, the Clerk confirmed no updates have been received from the District Council.

Two residents raised concerns with rubbish that has been piled up behind the containers on the Recreation Ground, along with the trees on the site which require some maintenance due to overhanging branches. The issue of parking on Oaks Farm Lane was raised, with vehicles blocking access to the resident's property and parking on double yellow lines, it was agreed that the Clerk will contact the football club to ask them to be considerate when parking. Finally, the residents requested support with ongoing flooding and surface water issues on their site, the Parish Council have put some mitigation measures in place, but there is further clearance to be completed on the park; the residents are also experiencing ongoing issues with a neighbouring property and Derbyshire County Council not enforcing actions, the residents requested further support from the Parish Council to resolve this matter. It was agreed to send a letter to the residents sharing details of potential support options.

Calow Cricket Club provided an update on the installation of a footpath, lighting and CCTV at the Recreation Ground; the weather has caused delays to the schedule of works, which is being completed by volunteers at the club. The duct work is complete, with cable to be installed over the winter, two CCTV cameras have been installed, and temporary solar lights will be installed until the full installation is completed. The laying of concrete is likely to take place next spring due to current ground conditions on site.

The Club confirmed that they hold a Club Licence and have recently been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating. They also reported ongoing issues with antisocial behaviour and dog fouling on the outfield, it was agreed that the Clerk will contact North East Derbyshire District Council to get some Public Space Protection Order signage installed so officers can issue notices to offenders.

Cllr D Whitworth reported issues with road cleaning, on behalf of residents, Top Road has a significant amount of dirt from local developments and the road sweeper only cleans up to the roundabout, it was recommended that residents report all incidents to the planning authority, North East Derbyshire District Council.

Minutes of the Meeting

Cllr Kerry approved of the minutes from the Council meeting and the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 23 September 2024 seconded by Cllr D Whitworth.

033/24-25 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 23 September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

034/24-25 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Highway Matters/ County Councillor Update

Cllr Jack Woolley was not in attendance from the County Council and no report was submitted.

Following reports of ongoing issues with parking, traffic and speeding around the village, the Clerk confirmed Derbyshire County Council Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs), the school and local PCSOs have been contacted to raise issues and request support in dealing with inconsiderate parking and driving around the village; this includes a meeting with all services to discuss options to tackle these issues and investigating options like School Street Schemes.

The Clerk confirmed that the police have responded to say they would be willing to attend, subject to availability, and in the meantime advised all residents to report issues, including photos via 101.

November's agenda includes Traffic Regulation Orders for Chesterfield Road, Church Lane and Blacksmith Lane which will increase powers for CEOs.

- I. Calow Traffic Regulation Orders; Chesterfield Road, Church Lane and Blacksmith Lane.

035/24-25 It was RESOLVED to approve the Traffic Regulation Orders for Chesterfield Road, Church Lane and Blacksmith Lane, as previously agreed with the Highways Authority, and request for extensions on North Road.

District Councillor Update

Cllr Kerry reported that the Clay Cross Active Sports Centre appointed contractors Alliance Leisure are working to appoint a contractor to complete the project.

Clerks Update

The Clerk reported on the following items:

- I. Review of 5-Year Council Plan

036/24-25 It was RESOLVED to add works to the entrance and car park at the Recreation Ground to the 5-Year Council Plan.

- II. North East Derbyshire Call for Sites

037/24-25 It was RESOLVED to request locations for recreation and allotments.

- III. Additional Play Equipment – Eastwood Park

It was confirmed that monies from the following developments are now available 17/01104/FL, 19/00907/OL & 21/00773/RM, totalling £58,443.59.

038/24-25 It was RESOLVED to note the Clerk's Report.

Calow Recreation Ground

The Council considered the following items at Calow Recreation Ground.

- I. Update on Pavilion Refurbishment

The Council received an update on the progress of the refurbishment works at the Pavilion.

II. Update following site visit held on 19 October 2024
 The Clerk is organising meetings with contractors to discuss relocating the containers and extending parking provision in the existing car park.

Eastwood Park

There were no additional items for consideration at Eastwood Park.

Applications for Planning permission made to and determined by the District Council and Derbyshire County Council

None received.

Planning Appeals

None received.

Delegated decisions received from the District Council and Derbyshire County Council

None received.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- I. DALC October Newsletter

Matters raised by Councillors

- I. Cllrs Addison and Sabido – Recognition of achievements of Calow residents, Cllr Addison shared an example of criteria for a Freedom of the Parish.
- II. Cllr Addison – Guidance for public attendance at Council meetings.
039/24-25 It was RESOLVED to adopt the Guidance for public attendance at Council meetings.
- III. Cllr Buxton – Approval of quarterly payment to Calow Gardening Group.
040/24-25 It was RESOLVED to approve the quarterly payment of £250 to Calow Gardening Group.
- IV. Cllr Addison – Parking, speeding and traffic around the village.

Matters for discussion at the next meeting

- I. Additional play equipment.
- II. Criteria for Roll of Honour/Freedom of Parish.
- III. Salary award.
- IV. 2025/26 Budget and precept.

Outstanding items from previous meetings

Reference	Item	Update	Progress
01	Defib	Consider locations for additional units.	Clerk preparing map of locations of existing units.
02	Approve the LPA preparing a legal agreement with the developer for £50,000 to be available to be spent by the Parish on relevant upgrades.	LPA progressing the £50k contribution towards enhancements of public open space. The developer is willing to undertake the works if the parish council can reach an agreement with the landowners separately.	Pending reply from landowner regarding meeting.
03	Purchase a new mower and retain the repaired machine as	Cllr D Whitworth liaising with Council employees	Cllr D Whitworth is reviewing with

	a backup.	regarding equipment required (mower and scarifier).	employees next Monday.
04	Award pavilion refurbishment contract to contractor A (Prois UK) at a cost of £139,350 subject to grant funding of £105,480 from the COF and LPA.	Grant Funding Agreement received and signed.	7-week project to commenced on 14 October 2024.
05	Extend planting schemes around the village.	Clerk to check permissions and licence requirements for preferred sites. Gardening Group provided specifications for licence applications. Gardening Group to prepare a draft budget so Council can approve costs for planting schemes.	NEDDC and DCC own sites, licences for planters to be submitted. Group have provided locations and specifications. Pending.
07	Consider options for new play equipment at Eastwood Park, particularly accessible equipment.	S106 Contributions - £8,270.00 - to be used for the provision of new play equipment at Eastwood Park Play Area in Calow. Maintenance contribution: £2,350.00 - to be used towards the maintenance. To be spent by 05/05/2027.	Meeting held with contractor on site – pending proposals and quotes for accessible play equipment items.
08	Investigate options for an additional container for the football club so the existing can be repurposed as a store for Council equipment.	Liaising with Cllr D Whitworth to meet with contractors on site to look at options.	Cricket Club have agreed to temporary storage in pavilion, Handyman is liaising directly with the Club.
09	Clerk to request a progress update from the Cricket Club on the footpath, lighting and CCTV installation.		Project due for completion mid-October (subject to weather).
10	Parking issues; inconsiderate parking, speeding and volume of traffic around the village.	Contact Derbyshire County Council, PCSOs and school regarding ongoing issues, and clarity about who is responsible for what and what is enforceable.	DCC, PCSOs and School contacted to request a meeting for a combined approach to tackle, including School Street Scheme Schools Streets - Modeshift STARS
11	Submit letter to LPA in respect of planning application NED 24/00621/OL requesting that there is no deviation to the plan as previously approved by the Planning Inspector.	Objection letter submitted	Completed.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council is the Ordinary meeting on Monday 25 November 2024 to commence at 7.00pm.

Exclusion of Public

There were no exempt items on the agenda.

Staffing matters

There were no staffing matters raised.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm.