

ASTON FLAMVILLE PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting held at the St Peters Church, Aston Flamville

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2019

Present:-

M Evans
M Francis
H Hague
J Hayes
J Hewitt
R Hewitt

C Jiggins
M Jones
D Lanwarne
M Lindop
M Maw
P Maw

C Murphy
M Newman
K Palmer
M Palmer
M Smith
R Wilson(Chairman)

Officers present:-

Mrs Diane Johnson – Democratic Services Officer, Blaby District Council

Also in attendance:

Cllr Iain Hewson
Cllr. Sheila Scott

Apologies:-

Cllr Maggie Wright
E Bryan
G Bryan

Introduction to the Meeting:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and Residents, Councillors and the Officer introduced themselves.

1. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2019 ,as circulated, were approved as a correct record.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

HNRFI

The Chairman reported that the Aston Flamville Parish Meeting is working in co – operation with Sapcote, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Croft, Thurlaston, Huncote, Wigston Parva, Burbage and Earl Shilton Parishes in order to fight against the HNRFI development.

The developer DB Symmetry, now called Tritax Symmetry, has carried out two informal consultations with local residents and was due to carry out a Formal Consultation in November/December 2019, although this date seems to be slipping into the New Year.

Following feedback from the consultation the developer can refine his plans and if he wishes to proceed he must submit his proposals to Govt.Planning Inspectorate and request a Development Consent Order for his proposals. It is anticipated that this submission will be around June 2020, but the timescale is entirely in the hands of the developer, up until the formal submission.

From the point of submission the timescales are controlled by the Examiner appointed by the Planning Inspectorate and the full process can be seen at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

At this point the developer will be instructed to publish timescales during which individuals or groups can apply to make representations to the Examiner and the Examiner also requests that the local authorities (in this case Blaby District Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council) submit Local Impact Reports. Based on a June 2020 submission these activities will take place around August/September 2020, after which the Examiner will call a Preliminary Meeting and publish draft timescales for the Examination which is likely to start in 2021.

What can you do?

Come to the Parish Meeting to express your view to the Meeting which is attended by the Local District and County Councillors.

Write to or email your MP, Alberto Costa MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or Alberto.Costa.MP@parliament.uk

Give feedback to the formal consultation.

Make your views known to Blaby District Council(Peter Gibson, Major

Schemes Officer) to help ensure that the Local Impact Report reflects your views.

Register for representation at the Examination at the appropriate time

The Chairman spoke in great depth on this matter and answered questions from Residents, Councillors also contributed to this item and answered questions.

A leaflet produced by Sapcote Parish Council entitled Sapcote Parish Council is fighting to stop the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – We need your help.

This leaflet was circulated at the meeting and contained a substantial amount of useful information.

Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman explained that the Independent Examiner of the submitted plan has still not published his comments, which are 2/3 months overdue. Once the comments are received and responded to, Blaby District Council will be able to control the completion of the process which will now slip into the New Year.

Cllr Sheila Scott provided further information on this matter.

Blaby District Plan

Blaby DC have commenced the process to extend the Local Plan's horizon to the late 2030's. The consultation on "Issues and Options" closed on 30th September. My major concern is Blaby DC's support of Leicester & Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan which commits the Council to build 17,560 houses in the period 2031 – 50 against a notional need of 6,859, making Blaby District, in my opinion, the City of Leicester overspill area. 15,500 of the 17,560 will be targeted for "Strategic Sites" and all the warning lights are flashing that Junction 2 of the M69 and surrounding area will become one of the "Strategic Sites".

The Chairman, Residents and Councillors debated this issue and provided information.

Cllr Sheila Scott advised the meeting that over 100 replies had been received to BDC consultation on "Local Plan" "Issues and Options". The next consultation will be early next year.

Leicestershire County Council-Potential Strategic Development Area – M69 Junction 2

The LCC Cabinet Meeting, held on 13th September 2019 decided that;

Decision:

- a) That the Council's land situated to the west of Stoney Stanton submitted to the Call for Sites Consultation (identified on the plan appended to the report) be promoted as part of the proposed Strategic Development Area (SDA) for inclusion in the future Blaby District Local Plan;
- b) That the Director of Corporate Resources
 - 1. enter into discussions with other landowners to access the best way to achieve delivery of the SDA and in particular the land assembly that will be required to support this as set out in paragraphs 30 -36 of the report;
 - 2. in collaboration with the Director of Environment and Transport and the Chief Executive, formulate an approach for the Council to promote and deliver the proposed SDA taking into account of the resources this will require and balanced against existing and future planned growth projects and demands on the Council's resources;
- c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet on 22 November 2019 detailing the outcome of the work undertaken in (b) above and recommending a proposed approach to development of the SDA.

Our local County Councillor, Maggie Wright, was not consulted by LCC prior to the Cabinet Meeting, and has expressed her strong feelings to the Cabinet not only on the proposals but also the manner in which this proposal has emerged, without consultation.

Village Matters

- a) Residents in Aston Lane requested that the "Aston Flamville" village name sign be moved from its current location near the (M69 bridge) to the point where Aston Lane starts, which is the Parish boundary of Aston Flamville. A request has been made to LCC Highways Authority, and a formal response is awaited.

AOB – Volunteer litter collection- Cllr Iain Hewson said that he will find out about the provision of high visibility vests and rubbish sacks for the volunteers and also whether BDC are responsible for the location of signs, and he will contact the Chairman with his response.

- b) The "Harvest Festival" collection for the Hinckley Foodbank resulted in food with a notional value (Foodbank weighs the donation and values it at £1.75/kg) of £153.80 which was delivered to the Foodbank on 8th October.

The Aston Flamville Christmas Fair will be held in St Peter's Church on Saturday 16 November 2019.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters to discuss.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Sheila Scott's Report

The Council held a minutes silence in respect of Cllr David Jennings, who had passed away recently.

Phase 1 of the Council's Civic area refurbishment has been completed. The new chamber is in use for meetings especially Planning Committee.

The first phase of Everards Meadows. The café is run by Jenno's family business based in Blaby. Everards Meadow's is an exciting addition to BDC providing Health and Leisure opportunities for our residents and from visitors further afield. The next phase of development is already on site and will see the completion of a brand new Everards brewery, beer hall and offices.

Volunteer Litter Picking Scheme

The scheme was a great success, so far over 80 individuals or community groups have signed up to the scheme and have litter picked over 450 bags from our roadside and open spaces.

Leisure Centre Investment Contract with SLM to refurbish both Enderby Leisure Centre and the Pavilion Leisure Centre at Huncote

Phase 1 of the capital works at Enderby Leisure Centre remain on time and on budget.

Improvements as part of phase 1 include;

New fitness suite

New spa facilities

New dry side changing rooms

New fitness – studio

New sports hall floor

New facilities open to the public 28 September 2019

Work at the Pavilion Huncote will commence in the coming months.

Other Activities and Events

Love parks was another successful year at Fosse Meadow, the event supported by partner organisations Menphys, Active Arts, Cyclone Works and others. Over 450 people attended raising over £800.00

Fall prevention classes started 1 October at Enderby Leisure Centre for seniors at risk of falling.

12 Steady Steps classes, offer classes within the district of Blaby. Booking in advance is always advised as there are waiting lists for these classes.

Summer Activity Programme.

BB19 youth workers have delivered activities in partnership with AMPACT part of the family and well being services at LCC.

Cllr Iain Hewson's Report – Chairman of the Council

On the 28th September I held my Civic Walk from Kirby Muxloe to Glenfield and we raised £77.00 for the Charity Community First Responders.

On 3rd October I opened the Achievements Awards held at the Marriot Hotel Leicester. It was a fantastic evening, listening to the nominators why they had nominated the person or persons for Awards. Highlighting how they help their local community over several years. One lady had given 53 years of voluntary service after she founded the Blaby and Glen Parva Community Service back in 1966.

On the 7th October I attended the Youth Council at the Council Offices. The debate was on Knife Crime. This was an excellent debate, which took two hours, a lot of investigation had taken place from when the first knife crime took place on 15 March 44BC when Julius Caesar was stabbed by conspirators, until the present day.

Also discussed was what was the maximum and minimum jail sentence for carrying a knife, and or for using a knife, and concluding how the youth of the day can try and prevent this type of crime.

County Cllr Maggie Wright's Report

Some highlights taken from the Leaders Statement 25/09/19

The Chairman read out the following from the report:

No Deal EU Exit Preparations

The Council continues to work closely with partners through the Local Resilience Forum to ensure the County is prepared for a No Deal Exit, from the EU should this happen. The County is concerned about the inadequate funds allocated to the county which has to ensure effective traffic management in the area around East Midlands Airport. www.gov.uk/Brexit.

The Unitary Authority Business Case – has been prepared by Officers and

will now be considered by Cabinet on 22 October and at a special meeting of the Scrutiny Commission on 30th October. The Cabinet on 22 November will then consider all comments. The final strategic business case will then be discussed at Full Council on 4th December 2019.

Climate Change – Leicestershire County Council was one of the earlier Council's to declare a climate emergency back in May. Since then over half of the UK's principal authorities have joined. LCC is taking forward ambitious projects to help meet the commitment (examples, investing in a 10MW solar farm at Quorn, having one of the first carbon neutral industrial estates, comprehensive tree planting programmes, developing a plan to reduce emissions from Council vehicles).

Views are being sought on major A511 improvements – People across the County can express their views on plans to upgrade the A511 growth corridor between Ashby and Coalville. The consultation, which runs until Wednesday 23 October is available to complete on line at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/A511 - consultation

The County Council has been awarded almost 1.5M in development funding for the growth corridor scheme.

School Keep Clear Scheme – A 146 schools have joined the initiative. Schools across the county are still being encouraged to sign-up to a scheme to combat the problems of inconsiderate parking. If schools want to be considered for future rounds of the School Keep Clear Scheme, they should email SKCProject@leicestershire.gov.uk

Businesses urged to apply for sustainable initiative funding – Businesses can now apply for funding of up to £5000 to help them implement active and sustainable travel initiatives in the workplace. The grants are available from the County Council and funded by the Department of Transport. The aim is to boost levels of activity amongst staff by promoting active and sustainable travel as part of everyday life. For information about these grants and how the Council's "Choose How You Move Team" can help business visit: www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/forbusiness

Free Trees – The deadline to apply for free tree packs (mentioned previously) is 31 October 2019 and trees and hedges must be planted by mid – March 2020. Parish Councils can apply to www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees.

Dementia Plans – Innovative Plans to provide specialist dementia care facility in Coalville are to be considered. If approved the scheme would see accommodation for up to 36 people built, with the aim of supporting those with complex dementia to live as independently as possible.

SEND Plans – Plans to develop local provision for children with special educational needs (SEND) across the county are on track.

CONSULTATIONS – Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation closes on 25th November 2019.

Domestic abuse and sexual violence services consultation closes on 24th November 2019.

Leicestershire Schools admissions consultation for 2021 entry closes on 29th November 2019.

Any other Business

The Chairman reported that no planning application had been submitted for a Solar Power Farm – Lychgate Lane/ Burbage and that it would have to be considered by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council.

Green Acres- a number of people objected to this application but it was found that the application was invalid.

The Chairman said that he would talk to Blaby Council in respect of rubbish clearing on Smithy Lane.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the Annual Parish meeting to be arranged in consultation with the Chairman for a date in April/May 2020.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.00 P.M.