

POTTERS MARSTON PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023

Present:-

George Holt (Chairman)

Sarah Helmer

Mel Holyoake

Officers present:-

Isaac Thomas

Democracy Support Officer

Also in attendance:-

Cllr. Maggie Wright

Cllr. Neil Wright

Apologies:-

Cllr. Luke Cousin

Julie Jones

Mervyn Jones

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Democracy Support Officer invited nominations for the election of Chairman for the Annual Potters Marston Parish Meeting.

DECISION

That Mr George Holt be elected Chairman of the Annual Potters Marston Parish Meeting until the Annual Parish Meeting in June 2024.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2022, as circulated, were approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI)

Cllr. Maggie Wright gave an update on the timeline for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange and reminded residents of the upcoming deadline to register as an Interested Party by completing the Relevant Representation form on the PINS website by Friday 23 June 2023. She explained that becoming an Interested Party would permit residents to submit more detailed comments and be invited to hearings later in the process.

Cllr. Maggie Wright then outlined further milestones in the HNRFI timeline, including the opening of Preliminary meetings on 23rd August 2023, the final deadline in February 2024, and the decision by the Secretary of State in August 2024.

Cllr. Maggie Wright explained that Blaby District Council has submitted its own Relevant Representation in response to the Rail Freight, which outlines the key areas of concern that the Council has at this stage. She also outlined the representation made by Leicestershire County Council in relation to the HNRFI's negative impacts on Highways & Transport, Strategic Planning Policy, Public Health, Net Zero and Sustainability, Socio-Economics, Ecology, and Flood Risk & Drainage.

Sandpit Farm

Cllr. Maggie Wright explained that there was nothing to report on Sandpit Farm as there were no updates since the last meeting in December 2022.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fosse Villages Growth and Development Forum

Cllr. Maggie Wright updated residents on the Fosse Villages Growth and Development Forum, which was set up through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) through to 2025. She explained that, with a large amount of developments and proposals in the area, the forum was set up so that the Fosse villages could collaborate and determine their future.

The suggested work programme for the forum was set to include:

- Croft Quarry New Dig
- Croft Quarry Restoration
- Exogen battery farm in Thurlaston
- Solar Farm in Aston Flamville
- Land West of Stoney Stanton
- HNRFI

Residents discussed the impacts of the above applications and raised concerns about the urbanisation of the local area. Cllr. Maggie Wright also gave a quick overview of Blaby District Council's financial situation.

District Councillor Update

Cllr. Neil Wright introduced himself as the newly elected Councillor for the Fosse Stoney Cove Ward along with Cllr. Luke Cousin who sent his apologies for the meeting.

Cllr. Neil Wright informed residents of the monthly report that he and Cllr. Luke Cousin intend to produce each month as a summary of their Councillor activities and any other areas of interest. Cllr. Neil Wright encouraged residents to contact him with any issues they are facing.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Meeting to be arranged in consultation with the Chairman for a date in May 2024.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.19 P.M.