

ASTON FLAMVILLE PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting held at the Parish Church, Aston Flamville

WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2018

Present:-

C Dickens
M Jones
M Lindop

B May
K Palmer
M Palmer

R Smith
C Train
R Wilson (Chairman)

Officers present:-

Mrs D Johnson – Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:

Iain Hewson – District Councillor

Sheila Scott – District Councillor

Maggie Wright – District Councillor and Leicestershire County Councillor

Apologies:-

P Adams
E Bryan
G Bryan
J French
J Hewitt
R Hewitt

1. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2018 ,as circulated, were approved as a correct record subject to the amendment on page 5, second paragraph to read” The Chairman said that an Environmental Impact Statement had been published and he advised the meeting that the Aston Flamville response was that it would be supporting the Sapcote Parish Council’s Submission, as well as making additional points.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI)

Since the last Parish Meeting I have made responses to the Developer’s draft Environmental Impact Assessment requirement and the Developers draft consultation proposal. The Developer has indicated the following key planned timescales;

- Informal Public Consultation – October 2018 to December 2018
- Formal Public Consultation – March 2019 to April 2019
- Submission of Application for Development of Consent Order – September 2019

Public Meetings/presentations will be held locally in Burbage and Sapcote as part of the Consultation process.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following public exhibition drop – in sessions;

- Friday 26 October , 2pm – 8pm - Elmesthorpe Village Hall
- Saturday 27 October, 10am – 1pm - Elmesthorpe Village Hall
- Monday 29 October, 3pm -8pm - Burbage Millenium Hall
- Wednesday 31 October, 2pm – 8pm – Sapcote Methodist Church
- Friday 2 November, 1pm – 7pm - Stoney Stanton Village Hall
- Wednesday 7 November, 2pm – 8pm - The George Ward Centre
- Friday 9 November, 12pm – 6pm - St Francis Community Centre
- Saturday 10 November 12pm – 6pm - St Francis Community Centre

The Chairman also advised that all of the above details and further information could be found on the website – www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk or by emailing the consultation team at hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk

Councillors and parishioners discussed this item at length and agreed that it was important for everyone to have their say and attend the Public meetings and presentations and submit their comments in respect of material considerations such as infrastructure, green space, and noise and traffic implications to db symmetry.

Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan (FVNP)

The Chairman reported that representations received as a result of the second public consultation have assessed and any necessary changes are in the process of being approved by individual Parish Councils as appropriate, in their October meetings. No changes were deemed necessary in the Aston Flamville segment. The FVNP village representatives will meet at the end of October 2018 to formalise it's agreement, so that the complete document can be considered and authorised by Sapcote Parish Council (the lead council for FVNP) in their November 2018 meeting, for submission to Blaby District Council who will then control the balance of the approval process.

Cllr Sheila Scott advised the meeting that the plan was still with the consultants at the moment and she also explained the process once the plan had been submitted to Blaby District Council.

Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan

The Chairman reported on the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan and advised the meeting on the issues in respect of this item.

He advised the meeting that Blaby District Council would be considering the plan at the Council meeting on 13 November 2018.

The plan was discussed by the Parishioners and Councillors who responded to questions.

The Chairman's comments on the plan are as follows:

1. The overall housing NEEDS are calculated at 90,516 with Blaby DC's NEED shown as 6859 ie 7.65% of the total, yet Blaby DC's Total Delivery Target is 18890, ie 21% of the total with 15500 of these "strategic sites"
2. I presume "strategic sites" means around the proposed A46 Express Way. As Blaby DC representatives on the working group "volunteered" these 15500 homes, I presume they must have assumed some locations in order to establish the feasibility of the plan, has this information been shared with any of the parishes involved?
3. The press release on the possible Whetstone Pastures Garden Village indicated that up to 3500 houses could be provided on the 1089 acre site. Using this density it follows that 18890 houses (Blaby's proposed commitment) would require 5877 acres or 9.18sq miles.
4. Blaby DC covers an area of 50 sq miles. This plan will consume 18.36% of Blaby's TOTAL area and clearly a much higher percentage of the existing rural area, in order to meet the City of Leicester's

housing needs.

5. In addition more land will be required to meet employment needs, not quantified within the plan beyond 2036, to cap it all the plan states the 2011 – 2036 Employment Land Needs does NOT appear to include requirements identified in a separate study relating to logistics and distribution. As the area is deemed to be in the “Golden Triangle” for Logistics & distribution this requirement is likely to be significant. Has the requirement been quantified with respect to Blaby(or am I misinterpreting what the plan says?)
6. The proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) , outside the scope of the plan consumes 0.87 sq miles of Blaby DC countryside.
7. The Parish of Aston Flamville, bordering Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, is highly likely to see the green wedges between the village and Burbage and between the village and the A5 squeezed by HBBC’s growth plans on the one hand, HNRFI on the other hand, and if the A46 link road meets the M69 at Jnc 2 it will complete the concrete ring around the Parish.
8. I have great difficulty believing Page 25 of the plan, where it states, under the heading of Our Villages & Rural Areas – in recent years our villages & rural areas have been under intense pressures for growth. The strategy proposes that in future, there will be limited growth in these areas consistent with providing for local needs.
9. So why are Blaby DC proposing to build 18890 homes when the need is stated as 6859?

I sincerely hope that Blaby District Council reject the plan at the forthcoming Council Meeting.

Broadband Update

The Chairman reported that fibre broadband had now been deployed to the distribution box by the M69 bridge on Lychgate Lane and download speeds of c40Mb/s are being received.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

District Cllr Iain Hewson’s Report

Cllr Iain Hewson reported on the following:

Animal Services held an event on 23 August in Narborough Memorial Park to promote dog laws, family education around dogs and a scheme to assist residents who are struggling due to age or ill health to keep their pets at home.

The Dogs Trust attended to provide information and education to families on how to remain safe around dogs and how to interact with them. Leicester Animal Aid attended to promote their Community Pet Support Scheme which is aimed at supporting anyone with ill health or mobility problems who owns a pet with visits from volunteers to help care for, and exercise their pets. Animal Services had information relating to dog ownership and laws, including a microchip checking service and provided collar and tags to residents to residents to help them comply. Donations were made to the Chairman's Charity Pink Pants and the day raised £54 for the Charity.

The Pavilion Update

The summer months are usually a challenging period within the Leisure Industry and this summer has been no exception.

The recent heatwave, FIFA World Cup and the summer holiday season has certainly tested the Pavilion's resilience. That being said The Pavilion currently sits £7,500 above income business plan to date on income and £21,000 savings on expenditure which is a great achievement.

The Pavilion's sales membership targets of striving to achieve 10 months in a row proved to be one step to far as August we fell just short of achieving our sales target. September has started strongly.

We now move our focus onto Autumn and Winter where the Pavilion will be aiming to keep well ahead of income plan and deliver on our business plan. We hope to hold more events in the future as part of an education and recruitment drive for the Youth Council.

Blaby District Local Sports Alliance Sports Awards 2018

On 14 November 2018 Blaby District Local Sports Alliance will be hosting their ninth annual Sports Awards at Countesthorpe Community College. The evening will celebrate both groups and individuals that have made a positive contribution towards promoting sport and physical activity across their community. Hosted by BBC Radio Leicester's Ian Stringer, the evening will include live performances and guest speakers alongside 10 Award Categories;

- Active 4 Life
- Sports Person of the Year (over 16)
- Young Sports Person of the Year (under 16)
- Sports Person(with a disability)of the Year (over 16)
- Young Sports Person (with a disability) of the Year (under 16)
- Team of the Year
- Young Team of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

BMX Event

After the postponement of the BMX event, the event went ahead on the 28 – 30 September 2018 and was a huge success, members of the public and relatives of those who were competing were so complimentary and hoped future events could be held at Huncote on a regular basis as the course is “excellent”.

A Place to Grow wins International Award

For the third year running A Place to Grow has won the international award. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Councillor Iain Hewson, Portfolio Holder for Health Improvement, Leisure and Regulatory Services raised the flag at the Annual Family Open Day on 11 August 2018. Over 260 people attended the event, celebrating plant and produce grown over the year, family arts activities, health and wellbeing stands and for the second year running an outdoor theatre performance.

Rutland Cycling joins Tourism Partnership

We are excited to announce that Rutland Cycling has recently joined our Tourism Partnership. They will be running a cycle centre, which is scheduled for opening in early Summer 2019 at the new Everards Meadows Leisure site.

Rutland Cycling will be working with us to develop a Cycling Action Plan for the District. This will aim to attract more visitors to the area and also increase

the activity levels of our residents. They are currently checking existing cycle routes and engaging with local businesses to provide a variety of safe and interesting routes within the District.

Event Hire

Across the summer, Health and Leisure Services provided an event hire service which allowed organisations across the Midlands the opportunity to access a variety of inflatable and sporting equipment including Bubble Football, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Arrows Archery. We attended 27 events attracting around 15,000 customers whilst generating £5,000 income.

Alongside these events we also delivered three inflatable fun events across Stoney Stanton, Kirby Muxloe and Blaby. These events showcased our inflatable equipment and promoted local open spaces to young people and families. The events attracted 436 people and generated £632 income.

County Councillor Maggie Wright's Report

Leicestershire County Council

Body Cameras are being trialled by Environmental and Transport Staff who are being subject to increasing instances of abuse, threats and near misses.

As part of the Council's new Highway Asset Management Plan it is increasing the number of roadside drains treated annually (From 64,000 to 92,000 without costs rising).

Three new gritters have been added to the fleet and 6 have been refurbished. All are now equipped with the latest technology.

Consultation planned on residential and Nursing care fees. The consultation will be in 2 stages.

The first will start in November and will focus on simplifying the approach and fees structure to a band for older adults.

The second to start early 2019 and would include the proposed fee rates which would take effect from 1st April 2019.

A new family zone offering arts, crafts, play and story telling has opened at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre (aimed at children 0 to 8).

A 12 month trial to tackle inconsiderate parking outside 32 schools in Leicestershire has been launched. A camera car will patrol and issue £70 fines for illegal parking

An extra £2m is being invested in supporting vulnerable people and will help

to keep 6 more children's centres open than originally planned.

Plans for a new Heritage Hub located at County Hall in Glenfield are underway. This will house records from the current Record Office and five other sites around the area.

Leicestershire County Council have produced an engagement document to consider how a Unitary structure could work in Leicestershire. More detailed information is available on the LCC website and in Leicestershire Matters.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be arranged in consultation with the Chairman for a date in May 2018.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.30 P.M.