



HANSLOPE PARK CONSULTATIVE AREA FORUM

Wednesday 8th January 2014

7.30pm

**Haversham Social & Community
Centre
Haversham**

MINUTES



**MILTON KEYNES
COUNCIL**

Attendees:

Cllr Andrew Geary	Ward Councillor Hanslope Park
Cllr Ian Burgess	Haversham Parish Council
Cllr Pam Furniss	Haversham Parish Council
Mike Morris	Haversham Parish Council
Cllr Phil Ayles	Castlethorpe Parish Council
Cllr Geraldine Sweetland	Castlethorpe Parish Council
Cllr Ken Reynolds	Hanslope Parish Council
Cllr Jeannette Green	Hanslope Parish Council

Also in Attendance:

Rob Ward	MKC Interim Lead for Neighbourhood Engagement
Heather Baker	MKC Engagement Officer
Fiona Tarbit	MKC Senior Planning Officer
Laura Burton	Northants CC

Actions

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the last Meeting (previously Circulated)

Minutes of 24th October 2013 were agreed as a correct record

3. Matters Arising

Pam Furniss is a member of Haversham PC and not Castlethorpe as noted in the previous minutes

4. Minerals Local Plan

Fiona Tarbit explained that MKC are working with Northants CC and Laura Burton from Northants CC would be giving the presentation - See presentation attached

All documents are on MKC website and you can comment online.

The timetable may slip a little due to elections.

MKC are struggling for sites for a 7 year land bank. Looking to get more sites with planning permission. As sites come forward the plan can be extended

Land bank is based on planning permission.

Targets are set by National Government. MK is quite a new town so do not have recycled aggregates.

Spatial strategy in the plan has options.

The 5 sites identified have not got planning permission they are potential sites with the landowner backing if sites are not suitable they will not be included. The landowner has interest and puts sites forward MKC will only get involved with planning.(3 of the sites are sand/gravel and the other 2 sites at Weston Underwood and Lavendon are limestone)

Assessments will be done looking at habitats and environmental issues and consultation and verified by the wildlife trust the environment agency, bat groups etc.

Question asked

- If the present plan expired in 2011 and the next one is not due until 2015 what happens in between? LB replied that the existing plan would carry on; it is not unusual for this to happen.
- Are MKC and Northants working together to make up the amounts? Try to keep within the boundaries of each county, if there are no sites it could be brought in from other counties.
- With the proposed wind farm sites what will happen to the sand/gravel? Areas will be safeguarded and there will be prior extraction.

The consultation closes on 22nd January and parishes were urged to make comments.

6. Neighbourhood Management

RW gave a presentation on Public Realm Service Group year of transition (see attached) informing the forum that Neighbourhood Management is no more and has been absorbed in to the Public Realm Service Group. There have been substantial changes in the last 12 months.

The Highways contract was awarded to Ringway in December and there were a couple of challenges that came in from unsuccessful bidders during the Alcatel period, which are responded to at the moment.

We are currently in the mobilisation period and for the highways contract and Ringway will be taking over as contractor 27th April.

It was asked what financial provision is in place for requested work if everything is to go through the contractor how are issues that have been reported prior and not done by MKC will be resolved. R Kingsley brought in the bidding process where you submit requests this will continue as these are usually traffic management issues and this will continue.

Parishes reported that they had not received feedback from last year's bidding process.

Castlethorpe requested the cycle track be looked at but they were told it was out of scope – what does this mean?

Post meeting note

Not in scope as this is Sustrans Route and not highway

Are people at MKC qualified in procurement and dealing with contractors as this type of work is very different as Contractors may come in lean and mean to get control then will look at changes? RW replied that this is why J Pryor and R Kingsley were brought in. The Highway contract process was audited and given a 3 star rating.

MKC has a very good relationship with contractors i.e. Serco and waste.

Parishes would like to know when inspections are taking place and also get feedback. Parishes believe that the inspections are not working and they do not get feedback as to why work is not being done.

Castlethorpe have reported 3 times damage and faulty street lamp the only feedback once received was abandoned – what does this mean? The streetlamp has still not been repaired. HB to chase streetlamp NS2.

Cllr PA asked if there was an external user group testing and using the public access and could this please be adopted.

It was also asked if you could see other people's accounts when you log in for example if the parish wanted to see what had been reported. The best way would be to set up a parish account. It needs to be checked what would happen if 2 people log in at the same time.

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Post meeting note

Several people can log in at the same time.

If for example a pothole was reported several times by numerous people would this be noted and acted upon as a priority? The first report should be picked up and dealt with in the usual manner it would not matter how many report it.

There are still issues with MKC website there are broken links and more clicks needed to get where you want to go i.e. CMIS

Many items on the website have been removed or there is no information. The whole website is badly designed and the forum asked if previous data could please be put back - particularly planning and previous meeting details and papers on CMIS

Dog mess was reported in Castlethorpe and it was asked if there was any enforcement. RW replied Regulatory Services. It should be reported then Serco will clear if it is on the footpath or highway. If it happens several times inform Regulatory Services.

RW also informed the forum of a website named Shoothill FloodAlerts <http://www.shoothill.com/floodmap/>. FloodAlerts is a free to use application provided by the Environment Agency and developed by Shoothill to provide users in England and Wales with flood warnings. FloodAlerts is a graphical representation of the flood warning data which provides localised updates every 15 minutes, keeping users informed about the potential flood risks in their area.

7. Updates

Highways

Andy Dickinson is working on capital works and intends to publish once approved

Flood Alleviation Tathall End and Devils Dip

There has been a suggestion from residents in Tathall End that the footpath be diverted, this is being looked at.

Devils Dip has been flooded for several days over the Christmas period. Recently Joe Geary suggesting removing some curb stones allowing water to get off the road but nothing has been done, this seems to have worked in Tathall End.

Post meeting note

Drainage Engineer is programming these works for 2014/15

Devils Dip is part of a critical route in both directions both for villages and the Foreign Office and when flooded is very serious as there are blind bends and cars go on the wrong side of the road trying to avoid water and this creates a very dangerous situation.

There are concerns that although money is still in the budget this year that this may be diverted to flood work in places such as Lavendon.

RW told the forum that he would get the full position.

8. Items Raised relating to the Forum Area

Drains in the Crescent need cleaning as water runs down to the bottom corner and when the weather turns cold freezes over and becomes dangerous. Also down the hill towards the pub and High Street and from the other direction down the hill from the Little Linford end.

Post meeting note

RW has had a conversation with drainage engineer. These works will require new drain and road closure. Planned to be in the 2014 / 2015 programme.

Compliments to the work A Jackman sorting out Castlethorpes issues and signage at

RW

Hanslope, also Phil Jeffs for the school signs which were done very quickly.

Compliments also to Serco who did an incredible job over the Christmas period.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. Date Venue and Topics of next meeting

The forum noted the suggested dates of future meetings as follows:

Post Meeting Note

David Hill will be attending the next forum meeting but was unable to attend on 10th April therefore please note change of date and venue. The next meeting will be 24th April at Castlethorpe Village Hall.

Thursday 24 th April 2014	7.30pm	Castlethorpe Village Hall
Thursday 17 th July 2014	7.30pm	Hanslope Recreation Ground Pavilion
Weds 22 nd October 2014	7.30pm	Haversham Social & Community Centre
Thurs 22 nd January 2015	7.30pm	Castlethorpe