



NEWPORT PAGNELL NORTH & HANSLOPE CONSULTATIVE AREA FORUM

Thursday 22nd January 2015

7.30pm

**Newport Pagnell Town Council
Offices**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Cllr Jeannette Green	Ward Councillor Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope
Cllr Lynn Patey-Smith	Ward Councillor Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope
Cllr Phil Winsor	Newport Pagnell Town Council
Cllr Joan Sidebottom	Newport Pagnell Town Council
Cllr Phil Ayles	Castlethorpe Parish Council
Cllr John Keane	Castlethorpe Parish Council
Cllr Don Cook	Hanslope Parish Council
Cllr Gavin Lancaster	Hanslope Parish Council
Cllr Ian Allen	Stoke Goldington Parish Council

Also in Attendance:

Rob Ward	MKC Business & Liaison Manager
Heather Baker	MKC Business & Liaison Officer
Mike Hainge	MKC Service Director Public Realm Service Group
Kate Davidson	MKC Project Manager

1. Apologies

Cllr Andrew Geary	Ward Councillor Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope
Cllr Geraldine Sweetland	Castlethorpe Parish Council

2. Minutes of the last Meeting (previously Circulated)

Minutes for Hanslope Area Forum 13th November 2014 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising & Review of Actions

Sustrans Cycle Route – parishes to speak to Ward Councillors to see if they can identify funding Cllr PA sated that he had not approached Ward Cllrs but highlighted this to the ward Cllrs that were at the meeting.

4. Meet Mike Hainge

Mike introduced himself and apologised for not attending the last forum meeting.

- A priority is Public Access and how it works and is working with colleagues to bring about changes. The automated messages are going to be reviewed and improved.
- There is an App being developed, currently in Android but iOS will follow and testing is currently taking place. This will allow you to report things when you are out and about and will integrate with MKC systems. Alpha testing has taken place and beta testing starts on Friday 13th February. Cllr PA asked if personal history will be retained in the app. You will get back what was reported on that device. It will be available through the main app store. PA asked to be including in the testing.
- Landscape contract is working now and we would welcome any feedback on this or waste, street cleaning etc. The Landscape programme is now online and is updated weekly <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/leisure-tourism-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/landscape-maintenance/winter-landscape-maintenance>

**Ward
Cllrs**

RW

- Castlethorpe reported that they had a walk around with Frosts and there were errors on the plans these have been noted and sent to Euan Darling MKC. The forum asked if it was for the Parish & Town Councils to approach Frosts. It is quite alright if Parishes would like to contact them directly.
- Cllr JG asked for updated maps for landscaping RW advised that it was impossible to print maps that showed sufficient detail on paper even A1 size, the best way was to look on My MK RW is happy to help. Printed maps are useful when doing a walk around. It was asked if it was put into PDF format would this still be the case the response was that you would not get enough detail.
- Question asked about where road has been resurfaced where the join down the road between the 2 lanes a ribbon strip is breaking up. Please report this through the helpline.
- GL asked if potholes are prioritised in line with the speed of the road as damage to wheels could occur. This is taken into account when inspected.
- The forum asked if there were still inspectors checking the roads. Yes and it is part of their inspections that can determine future resurfacing programmes. The next one will be published in April. MKC will be advertising shortly how we prioritise work
- It was asked how Creed St was communicated work to resurface the road happened 2 weeks prior to Christmas right in front of shops. Ward Cllrs and the parish were notified this road needed doing.
- Would you consider approaching parishes to pay and if so why was this not consulted on before precepts were set? Unfortunately we are only just in the position to do so now.
- Questions were asked about the speed hump at Hanslope that keeps failing.

MH said he found the forum very informative and that he understands that we need to improve our communications.

5. Flood Alleviation

K Davidson introduced herself as the Project Manager for the Flood Alleviation works at Tathall End. She gave out an information sheet please see attached.

- Stoke Goldington flood bunds are in and working effectively.
- The forum asked if MKC considered that only 1 person used the bridge at Tathall End ridge the right of way could be diverted and there would be no need for a bridge. Order in place for bridge will have to see how far that has gone. Diverting right of way can take a minimum of 6 months and if objections then longer. The forum said the preferred route would be to divert the R of W.
- The Parishes affected have had no highlight reports since November and could they have an updated one, RW apologised and acknowledged that there was not a report in December,
- Littlewood Farm bund – the studies and pre consultations have been done; notice has been served for access to the site and we are ready to build in March.
- The forum asked if work could be completed before the end of the year as this may be too late, could it be completed by the start of the winter. KD reported that there is a lot of work being done concurrently she is aware of the situation and importance of the 3rd bund.
- At Devils Dip there is a field drain that discharges water that can go over the road, further technical advice in needed.

KD

- The road covers fairly quickly and in time could damage the road. Thanks were given for putting in the dropped curbs to drain the water off the road it was asked if more could be put in the north side to also clear that side – this will be added in to the project.

6. Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan

Please see attached.

- PW explained the process that Newport Pagnell Town Council went through to complete their draft Neighbourhood Plan
- Residents in Newport Pagnell wanted a firm commitment and clear leadership.
- Worked with businesses and the community
- Lots of work involved
- Plan to go to a town referendum
- Wanted to share experiences and be a useful opportunity for dialogue with neighbouring parishes

The forum noted there was no transport from the villages. This is a key issue; need to ensure roads are improved.

Newport Pagnell is not happy about introducing parking charges.

The Town Council went down the development brief route and advice followed. They found MKC very helpful.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr PA advised the forum that Castlethorpe are closely tracking the developments of rural Broadband. He has asked Martyn Smith (MKC) to attend the next forum but was advised that May would be the best time so suggested moving the next forum date back into May.

Reduction in bus subsidies 33 is a safe and secure route. The Forum expressed concerns about the proposals for bus service funding.

8. Date Venue and Topics of next meeting

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

14 th May 2015	7.30pm	The Reading Room Stoke Goldington
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