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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ROSSINGTON MEMORIAL HALL AT 6.00 pm on TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2017

Present: Councillors: G Dutton, J Gibson, J Parkin, N Smithard, J Cooke, G Sheldon, A Harper, J Rowland-Johnson, M Volante and R Greaves

Chair: Councillor B Johnson

Clerks: A M Hammond and Z Attridge-Chambers

Ward Cllrs: C Stone and R Blake

Public: 23 members of the public

Guests: Ros Jones, Elected Mayor of Doncaster and the following Officers
Scott Cardwell, Assistant Director Development
Pat Hagan, Head of Service Communities
Neil Firth, Head of Doncaster MBC Major Projects and Investment
Scott Forbes, Team Manager Environmental Protection
Gavin Levett, Senior Environmental Health Practitioner, Regeneration & Environment
Lee Garrett, Head of Service, Highways Network Management
Garry Hildersley, Principal Planning Officer

4754. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr B Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed Cllrs, Ward Cllrs, The Elected Mayor and DMBC Officers and members of the public. A request was made for all questions to be directed through the Chair so the appropriate Officer can respond.

4755. PUBLIC SESSION

Public: A resident produced a lump of steel that was found at the bottom of his drive. He was concerned that if it had hit someone it could have caused catastrophic damage.

Public: A lorry nearly ran me into me.

Public: The mess is ridiculous on the roads from the Great Yorkshire Way up to West End Lane and along Bankwood Lane. We want to know what is going to be done about this.

Mayor: After 2 years of planning, DMBC staff have now altered shift patterns to encompass 7-day working schedules. However, they are operating on a much-reduced budget so whilst they will clean the roads as often as possible, the expectation must be realistic.
As for speed, we have brought in 20 mph speed limits in Doncaster around schools. We have all got our parts to play.

S Cardwell: The businesses on Bankwood Lane have been growing over a number of

years, some from the 1980s. Some of these businesses have upscaled, creating a rapid increase in vehicles to the sites. There is nothing we can do about this. We are not able to put retrospective restrictions through Planning or controls and Highways cannot put sanctions on weight. If DMBC put these in place they could be sued. Therefore, we are taking action when breaches are made or when businesses expand on land where permissions have not been sought.

As for speeding, this is a Police matter.

Our road sweeping team work closely with the businesses on Bankwood Lane. However, I will look into this.

Public: Who would pay for damage done to my car?

Mayor: The lorry owner.

L Garrett: The Police and the Enforcement Team are working along the full length of West End Lane.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk to write to the Police about the issues of speeding traffic.

Public: Where are you with the planning application on the lorry park?

Garry H: We are currently collating information so it can go out to consultation.

Public: How can they operate without planning permission?

Public: They are doing repairs on the lorries in the lorry park every day of the week

S Cardwell: They have not applied for permission to do repairs on lorries, if this is taking place it will give us evidence to take action.

Please look at the Management Plan and give your views.

We had a meeting with 4 Cllrs and Ward Cllrs who compiled a long list of questions which we have responded to.

RESOLVED to note the Clerk to distribute the responses when received.

Public: One of the recycle businesses is operating outside its legal operating hours. We are fed up of living in a filthy hovel.

S Cardwell: We have to follow national guidelines and breaches of planning applications. Some of the fines we can impose are small. We can't just go in and shut the businesses down as this would be a gross misuse of our planning powers. The businesses do have the right to apply for retrospective planning applications. We have to build up an audit trail and follow legal processes, only then can we take action.

Chair: What about all the evidence you have collated over the last 18 months?

S Cardwell: The evidence has to relate to the lorry park. Our Enforcement Team have served notices on other breaches relating to operating times. We have seen compliance, but we have recently been made aware of some potential non-compliance. Our Enforcement Team will look at this again.

Mayor: Members of the public can go along to the Planning Committee meetings. It would be best if you allocate one person to voice your concerns as there is limited time available.

Public: I have seen plans to extend the rail line track to access Ropers Field and what negotiations have taken place with the rail line.

S Cardwell: Discussion around the line would involve Network rail. If there is extra tonnage coming in that would affect their licence that would be a concern. I am not aware of any planning applications for Ropers Field. This is greenbelt land therefore it is contrary to policy unless they can make an economic case to go against this policy. We will take this question to the Environment Agency.

J Cooke: Ward Members are aware of the train movement. The Environment Agency

- was not aware of this. The trains come in with empty wagons and leave full. We are under the impression that Roper's Field is in pre-planning status.
- R Blake:** The retrospective planning application for the lorry park was submitted in November 2016. How much more time are you going to give to Attero to progress the Planning application?
- S Cardwell:** The information is in.
- R Blake:** Can you not give us a date?
- S Cardwell:** Ward Members asked for an extension to collate further contributions from the residents. It will go to the Planning Committee as soon as possible.
- G Hildersley:** The Planning Committee meets once a month. There is a long lead in time so we have a set period for consultation.
- Public:** Can you update us on the development of the new road off the spur at the roundabout?
- S Cardwell:** We have had meetings with Harworth Estates, Attero, Morris Metals, Tony Morris, and Hansons Quarry Products looking for new highway solutions, for financial contributions or access to land.
- N Firth:** I am having meetings with each individual company. We are trying our best to broker a solution but it is a challenge. Some businesses want the cheaper option, some want what is best for their company, some are willing to compromise, some say they will not/cannot contribute. We think we have an agreement on a preferred option. Whilst we have had difficulties we are progressing.
- J Parkin:** We had a meeting with David Richards from the Planning Dept down the corner of Bankwood Lane and West End Lane. The lorry park Management Plan is a joke. Lorries entering and leaving the lorry park and Bankwood Lane have to turn onto the far side of the road which is not safe. The Parish Council has put in objections, we've been doing that for 18 months but are getting nowhere.
- J R-Johnson:** The new bus route going down Holmescarr Road and King Georges Road is making it much worse.
- Public:** Is there a National Department we can go to?
- S Cardwell:** If it's a health and safety issue you could try the H&S Executive.
- RESOLVED to note the Clerk to write to H&SE**
- Public:** Could a camera be installed?
- Mayor:** We will investigate.
- S Cardwell:** We would have to abide by RIPA legislation.
- G Sheldon:** Communities in Control 2016: If 5% of a community sign a petition action has to be taken.
- S Cardwell:** This is new legislation that government are consulting on. I will look into the potential of this and report back ASAP
- Public:** I would like to thank the Parish Council for putting on this meeting. It's good that we've got someone on our side. I have learned more in this meeting than at any other time.

4756. ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLVED to note there were no announcements

4757. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL REASONS FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note the following:

- Apologies were received from C Beaumont, W Reynolds and D Harper which were approved by the Council.
- There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

4758. TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note the Clerk to invite Eric Stevens and Matthew Perrins from the Environment Agency to the March or April 2017 Parish Council meeting for an update on issues that will affect residents, especially on Bankwood Lane with particular emphasis on the impact of waste recycling during the upcoming summer months.

4759. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note a meeting to be arranged as and when DMBC Officers are able to give an update on the Lorry Park and the New Road.