

THURMASTON LIAISON GROUP

11th September 2014

Roots and Shoots meeting room, Barkby Thorpe

Ninth Meeting

Attendees

- Owen Bentley - BABTAG
- Lynn Stewart – Duck Pond residents representative
- Pam Green – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council
- Krishna Patel – Hamilton Residents Association
- Norman King – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council
- Richard Wain - Hawksmoor
- Victoria Walker – Beattie Communications

Apologies

- Cllr Seaton – Charnwood Borough Council
- Cllr Lowe – Charnwood Borough Council
- Cllr Grimley – Charnwood Borough Council
- Cllr Raven – Charnwood Borough Council
- Cllr Hampson – Charnwood Borough Council
- Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP
- Cllr Kate Knaggs – County Councillor and Thurmaston Parish Councillor
- Geoff Mee – Leicester City Council
- Rob Gill – CEG
- Nick Baker – nlp

1) Welcome and introductions

OB thanked for holding meeting with low attendance figures as it is useful to be able to obtain answers.

2) Approval of minutes from last meeting

Attendees agreed that the last minutes could be uploaded to the website – **ACTION POINT VW**

3) Action points from the last meeting

VW provided an update regarding website log ons (www.thurmastonurbanextension.co.uk) from July 2013 – August 2014 there were 1454 visits to the website with a peak of more than a 100 when the application was submitted. In the last month alone there have been 189 visits of which 20% were repeat visitors.

VW confirmed all of the previous minutes are also uploaded to the website, as well as the latest planning application documents.

VW confirmed that she will liaise with Cllr Raven regarding the library contribution to see if there is a desire for Thurmaston to seek part of this. **ACTION POINT – VW**

VW confirmed that she has updated Hamilton Residents Association Chair regarding the latest information about the Southern Access Road. KP explained that there is now a new Chair and VW agreed to forward the latest documentation. **ACTION POINT - VW**

4) Newsletter

VW circulated the latest newsletter which provides an update regarding the planning documents, Southern Access and S106 obligations, explaining how to access information and ask questions. It was requested that these newsletters could be posted onto local notice boards. **ACTION POINT – VW** to circulate soft copy of the newsletter ALL to upload to local notice boards/circulate to contacts.

5) Transport

VW explained that the transport statistics/maps circulated at the last meeting had been circulated to members and uploaded to the website. It was agreed that VW would send A3 copies to the Parishes, OB, PG and LS. **ACTION POINT - VW**

6) Questions raised following the last meeting

Q) OB: What does severance mean in the TA?

A) RW: It is to do with Hamilton Lane as although it will be in operation it will be severed at a point and redirected. The redirection will be through the development on a convoluted route before connecting back into Hamilton Lane. .

Q) LS queried if this would affect the Picks Organic Farm Shop

A) RW: Hamilton Lane will be severed north of the farm shop.

ACTION POINT – P29 in the ES reference(532) – RICHARD WAIN TO CLARIFY TERMINOLOGY RE: SEVERENCE

Q) OB – are there any readable charts to give estimated traffic numbers for all of the counter sites in 2016 and 2021 just generated from the estate as until the Spine Road is completed we don't have the statistics. It's the interim figures we require so we can understand the effect on the Duck Pond and Barkby Thorpe before the spine road is completed.

A) **ACTION POINT** – RW will liaise with the transport consultant to see what is available and respond.

Q) OB - Noting the planning application from David Wilson Homes for the Duck Pond area is scheduled for October is there a Plan B should the industrial site be taken for housing?

A) RW - It has not been confirmed if this application will go to a committee in October. The plan that CEG has prepared is the one that best delivers for the area and as such is the one we will continue to pursue. There are still options available if it becomes necessary to look at this.

LS added the Duck Pond residents would like a resolution one way or another. There are local residents who have been about to sell homes which have fallen through as a result of the indecision.

PG raised concerns regarding the lack of information provided by the local authorities.

Q) NK – queried if the Parish should wait to see what S106 contributions are arising for the Parish or if specific requests should be made.

A) RW explained that the Parish should put the request to the local authority by writing to say that the Parish believes the impact of the development means x, y, z for the Parish and what they would like to see as a result included in the S106.

Q) Who will maintain Hamilton Park?

A) RW - It may remain in Hamilton or it could be put into the Lands Trust (or other such form of trust) or green space management solution for the SUE if preferred. It is not all in the Council's ownership so there on-going discussions on this matter.

Q) LS – You have defined bridle path and cycle ways. Sustrans believes that anything a cycle can go on a horse can go on is that the case in Hamilton Park? Will horses still be able to use Hamilton Park as they do now?

A) SO of wyg has confirmed that we will not affect any existing paths but we may propose new pedestrian or cycle ways.

Q) OB asked if the Hamilton Residents Association will be represented on the 24th?

A) KP confirmed this would be the case.

RW added that a presentation was given to Leicester City Planning Committee in early September. VW explained that she had liaised with the Chair of the Residents Association in advance of this to ensure that he was aware.

Q) OB queried if there was a Plan B for the Roundhill Academy playing fields if the Bellway application goes through?

A) RW explained that this does highlight the need to plan strategically. There is another education meeting with Charnwood, County and Roundhill next month. The preference remains to relocate the whole school into the SUE.

LS said that these playing fields were highlighted as green wedge and a valuable part of this. RW explained that he hadn't yet reviewed the Bellway application, but there are potential issues with access on the southern part of the site coming onto Barkby Thorpe Lane in terms of topography and the location of the caravan park so it is certainly not straight forward.

RW added that it is likely to be at least January/February next year before this would be ready to go to planning committee.

Q) LS queried when CEG would be liaising with Number 65

A) RW confirmed he now has instruction to contact Geoff Weston and will be contacting him next week to discuss the proposals. **ACTION POINT - RW**

Q) PG – noticed on the plan recently that the allotments on Barkby Lane (opposite two large detached houses) are affected.

A) **ACTION POINT** – RW to look into this and feedback asap.

7) Lands Trust update

Rob Gill and Richard Wain have visited Land Trust properties around the north of England and they are now in the process of providing further information and a proposal to assist in the interim. We will then invite them to present to the group when this is received.

8) Any other business

RW asked if there were any other queries and explained that we would be happy to answer any questions between the meetings as well.

OB thanked for holding the meeting even though it was not as well attended.

Q) NK – previously the police have refused 20mph limits, could this proposal change at a later date as a result of this?

A) RW said that was very unlikely as due to the amount of modelling work undertaken to identify hot spots there is now a proven need where the speed limits should be reduced.

Q) LS – In the TA there were lists of all of the accidents and the Duck Pond had three. LS has submitted photographic evidence of a number of accidents and this statistic is incorrect.

A) RW explains that we apply for the statistics and they are the provided to us. **ACTION POINT** – VW to liaise with Dean Swann and will feedback which department provides this information so questions can be asked for them.

9) Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed RW would liaise with the Lands Trust and seek to arrange a date before the October meeting. It is absolutely vital this is correct. The developments we have been to see have shown how well the areas are looked after by the Lands Trust. **ACTION POINT.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th October from 6 – 8pm. Location tbc