

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL
LARGE SCALE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting 06.08.2019

Present:

Martin Hassall (Chair) Anne Howell-Jones, John Thelwall, Hamish Masson, Allan Jones. Apologies: Stan Studd

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

2. Actions

Those with actions assigned at the previous meeting reported on actions taken. AHJ said she had had no response from Jason Ablewhite and is now looking at ways of going direct to the Chief Constable to obtain the Police view on the traffic lights proposal for the roundabout.

3. 6 month trial period of traffic lights on the roundabout

In view of its importance, item 9 was taken next. There was a general discussion about the traffic light proposal for the roundabout. MH proposed that as much pressure as possible should be put on Highways England (HE) to have a 6 month trial period of any traffic lights on the roundabout to ascertain if it achieved the Parish Council's concern that it would enable easier and quicker access onto the roundabout from Perry Road and the High Street.

Actions: HM and the Clerk to contact respectively the Sandy Town Council Mayor and Clerk to obtain a history of the installation and removal of traffic lights at Sandy roundabout. AHJ also to email Sandy Town council for the same purpose.

AHJ to chase HE and ask them not to undertake any decision or enter into any agreement with The Church Commissioners (or anyone else)

regarding the installation of traffic lights on the A1 without having first consulted with Buckden Parish Council.

JT said we must not lose sight of the fact that HE's agenda is the north/south flow of traffic on the A1 whilst the Parish Council's primary concern is the effect of permitted and potential large scale developments on traffic flows in and out of the village and within it, both at the roundabout and Mill Road railway crossing.

AHJ proposed inviting HE CCC Highways and Gavin Sylvester of HDC, with the DMC head, to a simultaneous meeting with this committee, so that all aspects of the traffic issues could be explored. This to be in early September after she returns from holiday on 7th September.

Action: MH to organise the meeting. AHJ to chase HE for a response to her outstanding questions.

The suggestion from Nigel Stevens regarding traffic lights at the junction of High Street north and the A1 was briefly discussed. It was agreed to contact Nigel to discuss his ideas further so that they are more fully understood.

4. Additional objections to the Mill road application

It was agreed to submit a further objection to the Mill Road application immediately on the grounds that it is contrary to the Policies for Buckden set out in the Local Plan.

Action: AJ to prepare this in consultation with Kathy Render.

5. Lucks Lane

No action.

6. A1

Discussed under item 3.

7. Network Rail

The analysis has been sent to Network Rail. No response as yet.

8. Silver Street to Brampton Road road link

The idea of a road from Silver Street to Brampton Road was considered to be flawed due to the cost, Silver Street traffic issues and the potential opening up of other parts of the village to development. Safety Committees

9. HM reports.

Due to summer holidays no immediate responses have been received. Carry forward.

10. Complaint about HE decision on Stirtloe Lane

No action.

11. CCC Next Steps

See above- proposed meeting with HE and HDC

12. DMC

See above

13. Political Pressure

HM reported. It's the holiday season and our MP is in Canada.

14. AOB

Stan Studd be asked to keep a close eye on the DMC website in absence of AHJ and Parish Clerk to make sure nothing is missed particularly in respect of DMC planning meetings.