

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL
LARGE SCALE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting 11.11.2019

Present:

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

Apologies:, Mark Ward, Hamish Masson

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 reported that she has now met with our MP Jonathan Djanogly, but all actions taken with regards to the A1 bypass will not be taken forward due to the upcoming General Election.

3. Additional objection to Mill Road in relation to Local Plan:

The additional objection, post HDC Local Plan approval was produced and submitted to HDC planning

4. Lucks Lane:

Following the removal of a 200-year-old hedge, it was agreed that a letter would be produced to inform the DMC of the contravention of planning permission in this respect.

Action: SS to draft the letter and AHJ to send

Raised level of land, etc. **Action:** MH to meet with (Hilary Ellis Principal Sustainable Drainage Officer & Flood Risk Contract Manager Flood Risk & Biodiversity Team) to discuss their planning objections to the Bloor development and its impact on the drainage from the site.

5. A1 Roundabout discussion next steps:

Action: MH to try to contact owners of Facebook petition to try to understand their objectives, technical awareness of current proposals and to discuss the latest Emission Zone proposal.

Next steps with Highways England – MH reported that Eric Cooper from Highways England has put him in direct contact with the modelling lead at Pell Frischmann Transport Consultants **Action:** MH to produce an introductory note requesting key parameters required by the Parish Council and residents be included in the modelling.

6. Local Transport Strategy

- a. Buckden was mentioned in this in relation to Buckden roundabout. Buckden Parish Council commented. The consultation ran to Friday 27th September 2019 - MH collated the Parish Council's feedback and submitted it to the consultation.

7. Network Rail and Offords Crossing update:

The Committee noted that traffic counting apparatus has been installed across a number of exits from the village including the Offords Crossing, High Street and Perry Road. This action was welcomed as previous traffic counts appeared to be inaccurate or estimated. **Action:** MH and SS to find out who has implemented the measurement and to see if it is part of the Highways England, Pell Frischmann modelling.

8. Position on Silver St to Brampton Road proposal:

It continues to be agreed that the Committee will maintain a holding pattern until HE comes back with an update on the Roundabout proposal

9. Sandy / A428 and A1 Safety Committee update:

AHJ reported that a new Committee would be put in place with AJH as Chair and MH as Parish Council representative. The first meeting will be in early January 2020.

10. Stirtloe Lane junction complaint to Highways England:

Action: MH to collate evidence, circulate for comment and submit to HE independent complaint process when agreed to do so by the Committee.

11. CCC Next Steps:

The Committee noted that focus to date had been on the A1 and the Buckden Roundabout. It was agreed that a list of non-Highways England outstanding issues be compiled and a meeting organised with David Allatt, etc. from CCC to discuss these issues. **Action:** SS to compile list of CCC highways outstanding issues.

12. Political pressure opportunities update HM:

No update was provided

13. AOB

MH presented a A1 Low Emission Zone proposal to the Committee as an alternative to other potential solutions to the Buckden Roundabout Traffic issues. **Action:** MH to circulate the softcopy of the presentation to the Committee for comment and feedback.