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Meeting Wednesday 10th January 2018
St Thomas Church Hall 7.30pm

Minutes

Present: D Nuttall (DN), Sir F Graham-Smith (GS), Simon Browne (SB), R Slater (RS), V Dyson (VD), Mike Wood (MW), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS), J Bayley, A Common (Clerk), Roger Cousin (Chairman Henbury Society)

- 1) **Apologies for absence: PCSO 18/01**
- 2) **Minutes of meeting on 22nd November 2017:** agreed and signed as correct record **18/02**
- 3) **PCSO Report:** Circulated by email **18/03**
- 4) **Matters Arising:** None not covered elsewhere **18/04**
- 5) **Update on Air Quality issues/Strategic Approach on major Planning Apps: 18/05 & 07**

SB gave a summary of current situation regarding Air Quality reports accompanying Planning Applications for developments either side of Chelford Road. Noted that each report had very different analyses of the situation regarding Air Quality around Broken Cross, and neither had used the correct air quality readings. The Cheshire East Environmental Team had recommended refusal on 4277, but not on 4034. Noted that How Planning had updated their Traffic report accompanying 4277 in light of HPC independent Traffic Survey, but they stated that increase in traffic due to this development was not considered significant enough for CE to recommend refusal.

HPC have installed their own air quality monitors around Broken Cross, and SB explained that readings have to be adjusted to reflect actual levels experienced by pedestrians on the pavement. Also noted that the independent report from DTPC, commissioned by HPC, pointed out that hourly figures are required to be taken into account to reflect air pollution levels actually experienced by pedestrians, not just annual figures.

There has been no response from either CE or How Planning to the DTPC report as yet.

CE have installed 5 monitors in the Broken Cross area.

DN felt that many more readings were required before CE could make a decision on these Planning Applications.

There was some discussion about the legality of approving development on such a scale in an AQMA, when no effective action plan is in place to reduce the levels of pollution.

Action: VD to contact Tim Whiteley of SMGB re possible legal challenge.

FGS noted HPC have expressed concerns to CE about treating the 2 applications separately, but have had no response from CE regarding our request that they should be heard together.

DN noted that Robert Law of CE will not commit to a date for the applications to be heard. Also noted his concerns that the decision will likely be made by CE councillors with no knowledge of the area.

RS noted that 4277 has been deemed a flood risk, and acceptance not recommended by CE at this stage.

There are also queries about the road layout for access to the 2 sites, with CE Highways wishing to see a single roundabout to access both. There have also been suggestions that the Broken Cross roundabout layout may be altered to improve traffic flow, however LS stated that it is unlikely any work will take place on the existing roundabout. MW stated that even if Broken Cross roundabout layout was changed, it would most probably just move the problem to the Ivy Road roundabout.

HPC agreed to retain an independent Air Quality Consultant, to provide further analysis. However, SB is concerned about the timing of doing this, as we don't know when the applications will be heard, and there may be further changes to the road layout which would impact air quality modelling.

SB raised the question that HPC may need to retain a Drainage Expert as well.

Action MW – contact expert who has objected to 4034 to obtain further info.

RS questioned impact of bus service reduction on these planning applications. How Planning reports had assumed lots of use of public transport.

VD raised the question of whether HPC have appetite to produce a Neighbourhood Plan as these can be taken into account in Planning Applications. Noted that producing such a plan is a major undertaking, requires additional manpower and takes a long time. Also noted that clearly too late for current applications. MW noted that NP's have been over-ridden in other areas. FGS is in favour. LS stated Marton is a good example. Gawsworth also producing one.

Action: AC Contact Tom Evans of CE and Cheshire Community Action for further info.

6) Update on HPC Meeting with David Rutley MP: 18/06

The meeting with David Rutley had gone well, and he does understand residents' concerns. He has requested a consolidated set of questions from HPC, SMGB relating to the 2 developments, and will then take to CE. RC (on behalf of Henbury Society) noted that DR said he thought nothing should go ahead until a Master Plan for Macclesfield is in place. Also noted concerns there is a risk that CE may approve the developments without any infrastructure (eg schools, doctors, roundabouts) being in place.

Action MW/SB/RS liaising with SMGB to produce questions

7) Planning 18/07

RS raised concerns regarding the fact that CE Planning immediately send HPC comments and reports to How Planning, whilst taking 5 – 7 days to get them on the Planning Portal.

Action: RS draft email for AC to send.

8) Precept & Budget 18/08

Draft Budget Summary & Proposal circulated. Following review of draft budget, agreed to request Precept of £12,000 for 2018-2019.

9) Road Safety: 18/09

- i. Action DN to contact CE to request they visit & suggest sites for location of 2 speed cameras.
- ii. Noted that Pepper Street and Andertons Lane had not been swept. This has been raised with CE
- iii. Lowered manhole outside petrol station – raised with CE.
- iv. **Action AC to draft letter from HPC** to 16 Church Lane regarding permanently parked blue van which is blocking road and damaging verge.
- v. SB noted potholes at bottom of Whirley Lane. **Action SB contact Andy Simpson CE.**

10) Footpaths: 18/10

- i. Footpath 7. Repaired following website article, along with steps.
- ii. Sandbach Farm hedgerows. Enforcement notice issued for some. **Action LS: Seeking further clarification.**
- iii. Noted that a stand of trees has been felled outside Smithy Cottages. **Action: SB to follow up.**

11) Finance: 18/11

- i. Cheques – agreed and signed
- ii. Cash book and bank reconciliation for financial year 17/18 agreed and signed
- iii. Annual Return 17/18. Required to Carry out Risk Assessment within this financial year. **Action AC** ongoing

12) Planning Applications No comments **18/12**

13) Parish Council Housekeeping 18/13

- i. Visit from Citizens Advice not required
- ii. Agreed proposal to retain D. Malley to carry out professional DPO activities now required.

14) Millenium Green Trust 18/14

Action AC to pay customary £500 donation

15) Village Housekeeping 18/15

- i. Dark Lane reclassification – no progress
- ii. Gulleys **Action DN chase up**
- iii. Hedges **Action MW/AC website article re hedges impeding footpath**

16) Environmental Project 18/16

Hedge-planting will be carried out late Feb.

17) Correspondence 18/17

Circulated

18) Dates of 2018 Meetings 18/18

February meeting agreed to change to 21st Feb 2018.

19) AOB 18/19 - none