

Thorpebury Liaison Group

16 February 2022

Virtual – 38th meeting

Attendees

- Councillor Owen Bentley (OB) – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council and BABTAG
- Councillor Lynn Westwood (LW) - Thurmaston Parish Council
- Councillor Brenda Seaton – Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council and Thurmaston Parish Council
- Mark Picknell (MP) – Charnwood Borough Council
- Helen Bareford (HB) – DWH
- Richard Wain (RW) – Hawksmoor
- Will Martin (WM) – CEG
- Victoria Walker (VW) - CEG

Apologies

- Geoff Mee (GM) – Leicester City Council
- Councillor Hugh Asher (HA) – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council

Introductions

Attendees were introduced and VW thanked everyone for attending.

VW explained that Venilal Parmar had stepped down as liaison group contact from Hamilton Residents Association and VW is awaiting a new contact and will share minutes with the Residents Association in the meantime.

Councillor Westwood highlighted that she isn't receiving minutes and invitations. VW clarified these have been sent to the Clerk's email address. It was agreed Councillor Westwood would supply her preferred email address to VW so this can be added to the database. **ACTION POINT**

Action Points from Previous Meetings

- Housebuilder letter drop was appended to the previous minutes
- Website –landowners approval required and we are seeking to launch as soon as agreed
- Timing of phase one and two of the intervention measures – to be covered in transport section of the agenda.

Project Update – Will Martin (WM) & Helen Bareford (HB)

- WM explained we are working through the discharge of conditions and progressing a timeline for the southern link road.
- HB explained that David Wilson Homes and William Davis Homes aim to have show homes open in August and first occupations in September. Davidsons are running approximately two months behind this programme and aiming to have show homes open in October.
- HB highlighted that there has been a further letter drop to residents and local councillors regarding the S278 highways works which cover the access points. **ACTION POINT – HB will supply VW with letter and map to append to minutes.**
- It was queried if this includes the pinch point and that the Barkby Thorpe Road closure seems to be a new element. HB clarified this with her engineers and confirmed that there

will be a full closure of the road in three phases. The works are likely to take 24 weeks, but this will depend on the working hours which need to be agreed with Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) there is potential it may increase to 30 weeks.

- A copy of the map and letter will be issued to clarify the details.

ACTION POINT – VW to supply contact details for Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council and Thurmaston Parish Council to HB so they receive future mailings from the housebuilders and can inform local residents.

Transport and Traffic Intervention Measures

WM explained the final surveys regarding the intervention measures have been completed this week and details will be submitted to the County by the end of the month. The Council will then run a consultation and WM hopes works will be on site by June.

OB queried timeline and nature of the County's Consultation. WM confirmed he cannot speak on their behalf but hopefully this will be a 6-week consultation. VW suggested B&BT PC writes to the County to invite to exhibit or speak at the Parish. WM agreed to supply contact details once the measures are agreed in principle with the County **ACTION POINT**.

RW queried the Duck Pond Measures the County is implementing?

Councillor Seaton said that County has confirmed it cannot do the T-junction due to the cost of moving BT post in the middle of the triangle so they are looking at alternative measures. As there has been a delay with County progressing this WM suggested that there could be a wider chat about the measures with the authorities once the intervention measures are agreed to see if we can work with County on some solutions. Councillor Seaton agreed this would be welcome and said that the speed restrictions do seem to have made a difference but doesn't want to lose momentum on wider solutions.

RW added that the S278 works will likely deter rat runners from using this route which could also be helpful.

OB queried the southern link road update. WM explained that the land and planning negotiations with authorities continue. Geoff Mee at the last meeting had explained that City needs additional resource to deliver this due to capacity issues.

OB queried a start date and WM explained it is planned for pre 500 home occupations but we are keen to deliver as soon as possible. RW added that there was a recent all parties transport meeting with County and City to progress discharge of conditions and design work so we are progressing now rather than awaiting outcome of negotiations.

Any other business

Cllr Westwood queried the road names progress and process.

WM explained the landowners and developers have suggested names to the Local Authority for each road. OB explained that B&BTPC and BABTAG have also made further suggestions including names related to local field names. MP explained that the building control team will be reviewing these and will respond in due course.

Date of Next Meeting

A site tour would be welcomed – to be arranged for a future meeting. The next meeting was arranged for 11am on Wednesday 27th April. VW to circulate details