

Thorpebury Liaison Group

5 October 2022

41st meeting

Teams

Attendees

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

Apologies

- Councillor Hugh Asher (HA) – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council
- Jim Worley (JM) - Charnwood Borough Council
- Mark Picknell (MP) – Charnwood Borough Council
- Greg Pollard (GP) – Leicester City Council
- Margaret Shutt – Duck Pond residents' representative

Introductions and welcome

Project Update

HB explained that the development is progressing well. There is potential for delay in terms of utilities, but it looks as though the show homes will open at the end of October all being well.

OB queried if the issues coming out of the new Government will set back building progress. WM said that interest rates have been at a record low for some 14 years, they are increasing now and we need some stabilisation with this as well as the new Government in order to understand the effect.

Transport update

WM explained that we have met County highways on site to discuss the B&BT mitigation measures. The plan is now being finalised and then we can share it.

OB queried timing and the consultation process. WM said we need a consultation date from County, and we are keen to get on site asap. County will lead the consultation as it includes vertical measures (vertical measures include speed humps/raised roundabouts for example). However, CEG is happy to present the details to the Parish Council and walk around the area providing detail as preferred.

In terms of the pinch width restriction, County has advised the width represents the same as the previous pinch point, but OB highlighted, they have measured and it is 2.54 rather than 2.1 and lorries are still attempting to get through and, as a result, have damaged it so it needs to be repaired. OB is waiting on County's response and WM and HB agreed to follow this up as well **ACTION POINT – OB/HB/WM.**

OB queried if the gate was permanent. HB agreed to check – **ACTION POINT - HB**

Update provided by HB following the meeting:

The gate is temporary as there were delays in fabrication of a new one. It is fit for purpose in the meantime, however, being the same gate used on the now removed southern restrictor.

We and County Council highways remain confident the width restrictor dimensions are correct. If it were any narrower, I suspect any motorist with a larger car would have trouble navigating it. The kerbing is ramped and therefore the tightest point is at the road surface level, measuring any higher up will make it appear wider. The works have been constructed as per the LCC approved S.278 drawings.

We have reported the foliage overgrowing the signs to our approvals engineer at LCC, but do not have direct contacts within the maintenance team at LCC and wouldn't have sight of timescales for resolution unfortunately. These extend beyond the scope of our S278 works and we don't have authority to work on LCC's network beyond our scheme

OB also raised visibility issued in the dip. Engineer has advised the dip in levels is the same as previous and if in accordance with S278 then this would be a matter for County. **ACTION POINT – WM agreed to raise this with County highways**

OB raised the fact that the priority sign is not visible due to trees. HB advised that this has been raised with County. WM agreed to chase this as well **ACTION POINT – WM**

Duck Pond

MS was unable to attend the meeting but had asked for the Duck Pond to be tabled. OB thought this related to the highways proposals at the Duck Pond junction. Cllr Seaton explained that the mitigation measures were due to start in June and WM asked if there was a plan showing what was proposed. **ACTION POINT – Cllr Seaton to circulate the plan once additional tweaks have been made.**

Cllr Seaton advised that concrete bollards will be removed and then reinstated.

Any other business

The timescales for the Southern Link Road were raised by OB. GM explained that the delay sits with Leicester City Council as they have selected consultants but are still finalising contracts. He appreciated that this was stated at the February meeting with a planned inception meeting in May, but due to the paperwork it has not concluded yet. He expected it would be resolved in the next few weeks and then there could be a meeting with CEG to progress. Cllr Seaton highlighted that she had heard from the mayor who was diverting the delay to CEG and RW said he was preparing correspondence regarding this and would send it to Councillor Seaton early next week. **ACTION POINT - RW**

OB queried if we could alternate face to face meetings with the Teams meetings.

Date of Next Meeting

Virtual meeting to be held on Thursday 8th December at 11am and then the next meeting would be in person.