

Thorpebury Liaison Group

8 December 2022

42nd 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
- Councillor Hugh Asher (HA) – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council
- Mark Pickrell (MP) – Charnwood Borough Council
- Geoff Mee (GM) – Leicester City Council
- Helen Bareford (HB) – DWH
- Joshua Dollin (JD) - DWH
- Will Martin (WM) – CEG
- Victoria Walker (VW) - CEG

Apologies

- Greg Pollard (GP) – Leicester City Council

Introductions and welcome

Action points arising

As all related to transport these are detailed within the transport update below.

Project Update

JD explained that DWH's sales centre is open, and they will have 8 occupations on the 16th December. William Davis is expecting some occupations in the New Year and their sales centre is open. We don't yet have a date for the Davidsons sales centre opening.

WM explained that the landscaping planting is underway the village green/cricket pitch is seeded and landscaping to the northern area is imminent.

LW queried why on Rightmove the Thorpebury development comes up under Barkby rather than Thurmaston. WM explained that sites are registered by postcode so that is how Rightmove has assigned it on its site. He added that the Thorpebury signage will be installed imminently.

OB asked if progress updates about the site could be added to the Thorpebury website. **ACTION POINT** VW agreed to add these to the news items on the site.

WM explained that the Land Trust is now fully contracted, and the team is also readying the school site and looking at the local centre.

OB highlighted he had seen new documents added to Charnwood's website. MP said that the children's play strategy and the site wide framework travel plan are on there as frameworks are agreed and we are looking at the detail as planning conditions are discharged and S106 obligations delivered.

Transport update

JD shared the width restriction diagram to show the width is c2.1m as per the previous restriction. He explained that HGVs had bashed through the gate and damaged it, temporary repairs have been delivered until the contractor can install a new gate. This will be in January as there is an embargo on any highways work in December for Christmas.

OB queried who the key holders would be. JD said it will be a coded locking system and the blue light emergency services are the only ones who will be provided with the code as he hasn't been informed of any other permitted parties.

JD said that in terms of the priority give way and visibility, the work to the gate needs to be completed in January and then the next (phase 3) road safety audit is undertaken by an independent company which assesses everything delivered to date and gives a list of any recommendations. Design work would then need to be agreed with County first before any activity can take place.

OB queried why pruning hasn't taken place where the priority sign is obscured. WM explained that County Council is liable for this, and CEG/the housebuilders are not able to chop down third party hedges. Cllr Seaton explained he had raised this with County Highways and would go and prune.

WM explained that in terms of the Southern Link Road, City is in the final phase of appointing a consultant and an inception meeting is being agreed for January in order to progress. GM explained that due to staff changes and a lack of resources, The City Council has been delayed but was keen to progress this in the New Year.

OB queried the mitigation measures as they were due to be in place pre-occupations as promised by CEG and the Estate. The lack of the gate at the new pinch was also allowing HGV vehicles to access the villages. WM said that he has been trying to progress the mitigation measures with County and he has now had assurance that if there are any further design amends, we will know this week. There will then be a formal consultation and WM will come to the Parish Council to chat through them.

OB queried if county highways could be invited to future meetings. WM said we can extend an invitation but, like the City Council, there are resource challenges at local authorities.

Councillor Seaton shared the Duck Pond proposals and explained that the works are due to take place from the 16th of January and are likely to result in road closures or restrictions.

Date of Next Meeting

11am Wednesday 15th February 2023. JD will confirm if it is possible to meet on site at a show home and Councillor Seaton will organise Elizabeth Park Centre as a back-up. **ACTION POINT**