

## Thorpebury Liaison Group Meeting

### 52nd Meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Elizabeth Park Centre Parish Rooms

#### **Attendees**

- Councillor Brenda Seaton (BS) – Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council and Thurmaston Parish Council
- Councillor Owen Bentley (OB) – Barkby & Barkby Thorpe Parish Council
- Councillor Lynn Westwood (LW) - Thurmaston Parish Council
- Mark Pickrell (MP) – Charnwood Borough Council
- Geoff Mee (GM) – Leicester City Council
- Richard Wain (RW) – Hawksmoor
- Joshua Dollin (JD) – DWH
- Victoria Walker (VW) - CEG

#### Apologies

- Maggie Shutt – Duck Pond Residents

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Action points arising from last meeting

The bus strategy update was provided under the transport item on the agenda

3. Project update

Joshua Dollin (JD) explained that DWH now has 108 occupied. Davidsons has 33 occupations and William Davis has legally completed on 44 private plots and handed over 13 affordable plots.

Remediation work in terms of the public open space is on site, including the cricket pitches and ponds and the aim is to hand over land to the Lands Trust in March 2025. RW explained that Barkby Cricket Club has expressed an interest in playing and managing the ground moving forward. The grass is seeded, levelled and drained at handover but takes circa a year or two to settle before it can be turned into a cricket pitch.

Contractor is working on the footpaths through the site and the team is aware of the issues as they are not yet fully topped off. The timber edges will be replaced and there will be some redressing. The team has spent the last few weeks trying to secure a dedicated crew to deliver this work.

There will be a continuous link from Hamilton Lane to Barkby Thorpe Road, along the route of the old bridleway, while muddy it was previously open fields. The top road will be open by December. This will be the northern junction from Hamilton Lane.

Hamilton Lane is now open. There are two sets of speed cushions to go in, but the housebuilders need an emergency permit to undertake this work. There are also some incorrect signs which need removing (e.g. the bend sign).

Speed should be 30mph all the way through. There is currently a 200m section showing 60 which needs to be changed.

The gate has been vandalised again and a replacement has been ordered, awaiting permits so will be post Christmas now to get permission to work on the road and do the repairs.

Cllr Seaton commented that the lack of turning area for hgv's could be an issue and an enforcement camera was discussed as its clear the HGV drivers are ignoring the signs.

JD confirmed he had spoken to Andy Gatwick and RW will chase and cc Cllr Seaton.

The chicane was discussed. JD confirmed that it has been audited and approved by the highways authority. It was discussed that there was a preference to move over the top of the hill but this would be a highway decision. Road widths are a challenge and it was queried if it could be wider.

#### 4. Transport

##### *Barkbythorpe Mitigation Measures*

County is now preparing a report to address any concerns. CEG's transport consultants have responded regarding a design query as well re parking on Beeby Road. RW is chasing an update **ACTION POINT - RW**

OB queried if there was an implementation date yet. RW said we haven't received approvals as of yet.

##### *Bus Service*

RW said there had been a meeting regarding the bus strategy with County and City to run through ideas for phase one routing scenarios and how best to use the subsidy. We had suggested using the haul road as the access at the top of Hilltop as an interim but feedback was that this wasn't a permissible solution. RW has requested an urgent meeting to ascertain why this is the case. County is suggesting a shuttle bus to a bus stop nearby as an alternative.

### *Southern Link Road update*

This is now with City. GM confirmed negotiations are still underway regarding the land disposal. LW suggested as the homes are meeting Leicester City's needs, the City should be willing. GM explained that legally must go through due process and the Mayor is involved. CEG is also negotiating with a further third-party landowner.

#### 5. Any other business

Community Cabin now has planning approval. JD explained doing the foundations and utilities in order to get this in.

MS had emailed regarding HGVs near the duck pond in increasing numbers and this was noted.

LW queried the foul water connection and it was confirmed that this is on Barky Thorpe Road and doesn't go into Thurmaston drains directly from the site. Instead uses existing adopted sewer to Melton Brook for the surface water. RW was going to check the site wide drainage strategy for information to assist TPC. **ACTION POINT – RW**

#### 6. Date of next meeting

6<sup>th</sup> February 2pm - Teams meeting