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NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE**

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON COMMITTEE

23rd January 2020

Present: Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)
Councillors James, Pettigrew, Shreeve

B Purchon	Ashby-cum-Fenby Parish Council
J Bratton	Barnoldby Le Beck Parish Council
A Poppleton	Bradley Parish Council
J Keyworth	Habrough Parish Council
A Pagram	Habrough Parish Council
C Hewins	Healing Parish Council
D Robinson	Humberston Parish Council
J Gale	Immingham Town Council
B Barford	Laceby Parish Council
D Johnson	Laceby Parish Council
S Greenbeck	Laceby Parish Council
G Baker	New Waltham Parish Council
R Breed	New Waltham Parish Council
D Raper	New Waltham Parish Council
T Crofts	Stallingborough Parish Council
M Archer	Waltham Parish Council
K Kiddle Bailey	Waltham Parish Council
L Mumby	Waltham Parish Council

Also in attendance:

Councillor Shepherd	Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities
Helen Isaacs	Director for Communities
Paul Chaplin	Trees and Woodlands Officer - Engie
Martin Dixon	Planning Manager – Engie
Duncan Ferguson	Transformation Manager – Engie
Damien Jaines-White	Acting Assistant Director Regeneration
Guy Lonsdale	Deputy Section 151 Officer
Winston Phillips	Senior Project Manager - Engie
Deb Swatman	Traffic Team Manager - Engie
Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

LM.30 Apologies

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Turner (Bradley Parish Council), Councillor Lawrance (Great Coates Village Council), Councillor Bailey (Humberston Parish Council) and

Councillor Fenty (North East Lincolnshire Council).

LM.31 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by any Committee Member in respect of items on this agenda.

LM.32 Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee held on 24th October 2019 were approved as a correct record.

LM.33 Community Speed Watch

With the permission of the Chair, the committee considered an item of additional business providing an update on the Community Speed Watch scheme.

Mr Wayne Goodwin, the scheme co-ordinator, reported that the scheme was currently being rolled out across the region to as many locations as possible. The scheme involved teams of volunteers undertaking high-visibility roadside operations aimed at educating speeding drivers, with a view to improving driver behaviour, and also reporting to the Police the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speed is of concern. This would enable the police to then issue warning letters and conduct follow up action. He welcomed interest from the town and parish councils.

RESOLVED – That further information on the Community Speed Watch scheme, including Mr Goodwin's contact details, be sent out to the town and parish councils.

LM.34 Issues Raised by Town/Parish Councils

Stallingborough Parish Council

To discuss the closure of the A1173 and how to mitigate large diversions and impact not only on Stallingborough and Immingham but also on hauliers having to soak up increased costs for six months.

It was noted that representations from Great Coates Village Council had also been received on this matter, principally relating to lack of consultation.

Mr Jaines-White provided a brief overview of the South Humber Inward Investment Programme, which included the creation of the Stallingborough Industrial Estate, involving the closure of the A1173 as part of the required major infrastructure works to open up the land. This would be a nine-month programme involving the creation of a roundabout and would require fundamental traffic management. Mr

Jaines-White acknowledged the need to further engage with hauliers and informed the committee that works would now commence on the roundabout but without any road closures for the first three months. It was noted that the scheme had been the subject of wider public consultation.

Concerns were raised about lack of enforcement of heavy goods vehicles ignoring weight restrictions in the Stallingborough area. Mr Phillips agreed to pass on these concerns to Humberside Police.

Councillor Croft noted the need to consult with the parish council as well as hauliers but was pleased that discussions were taking place. He felt that there were other options to avoid road closures.

LM.35 Committee Action Plan

The committee received an update on the action plan for the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.36 Finance and Commissioning Plan 2020/21 – 2022/23 Post Local Government Financial Settlement

The committee received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources outlining how North East Lincolnshire Council plans to deliver its agreed financial strategy over the coming three-year period.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

LM.37 Hedge and Tree Removal

The committee received a presentation from Mr Chaplin on the legislation relating to hedge and tree removal.

Councillor Purchon enquired when hedgerow regulations cease to apply.

Mr Chaplin responded that when a property has been built and the hedgerow becomes the boundary to the property.

Councillor Archer commented on the difficulties parish councils have when commenting on planning applications and seeking conditions relating to the retention of established hedgerows.

Mr Dixon responded that parish councils needed to consider the importance of the hedgerow in the context of the development and the parish. If concerns are made clear in the comments from the parish council then officers would seek advice from Mr Chaplin and conditions can be added to planning consent.

Councillor Breed enquired about enforcement as he was concerned that developers considered that the land benefit would outweighed any potential enforcement sanctions.

Mr Chaplin noted that there were very few instances of unauthorised removal. He added that legislation is clear on what is acceptable, and replacements have been sought and obtained in the past.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be received with thanks.

LM.38 Planning Enforcement

The committee discussed general issues regarding planning enforcement.

Mr Dixon noted that planning training continued to be provided to parish councils and this did include enforcement matters. If individual parish councils had yet to be offered this training, then they were asked to contact Mr Dixon via email.

Councillor Archer welcomed the training provided for Waltham Parish Council but was surprised at how little enforcement was undertaken, noting the public interest requirement.

Mr Dixon commented that enforcement action would only be pursued if the development was causing harm.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.39 Portfolio Holder Update

The committee receive an update from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities on activities being undertaken within his portfolio area that may impact on town and parish councils.

Councillor Shepherd referred to enforcement work being undertaken, including the use of fixed penalty notices. Prosecutions for fly tipping were also being pursued. New technology was also being looked at, including battery operated rural enforcement cameras. Councillor Shepherd reported on the use of Public Space Protection Orders and noted that they were looking to extend these to cover dog fouling and littering.

Councillor Archer reported issues relating to fly tipping in an area of Waltham covered by CCTV but where it was proving difficult to get someone to investigate. He would welcome a more proactive response on such matters. He also raised concerns about the new litter bins that

had been provided as it was difficult to get waste into them. He suggested that top loading bins would be more appropriate.

Councillor Shepherd noted the concerns regarding the litter bins but noted that there had been issues with vandalism of previous top loading bins. He added that parish councils should contact their ward councillor if there were any issues over location of litter bins and this would be looked at.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.40 Highways/Traffic Update

The committee received an update on highways and traffic matters.

Ms Swatman reported on progress with the introduction of verge and footway parking traffic regulation orders. Orders for Healing, Barnoldby Le Beck and New Waltham had now been approved and were expected to be operational by March 2020. The Order for Humberston was currently out for consultation and expected to be presented to the portfolio holder for decision in March 2020. Progress was also being made on making sure that existing school traffic regulation orders were enforceable. There had been some delays with lining works but only a couple of schools were now outstanding. Ms Swatman would be continuing her one to one meetings with parish councils and noted that she had still to arrange meetings in Laceby, Habrough and Immingham.

Councillor Pettigrew raised concerns about consultation on the A18 road safety improvement works.

Ms Swatman responded that there had been extensive consultation, but she was aware that there had been some issues, which were being taken up by the project manager.

Councillor Archer noted attempts to highlight the need for more information on diversion signage, including for heavy goods vehicles.

Ms Swatman responded that traffic management plans had been looked at and this would be taken into account.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.41 Member Development Update

There were no member development matters for consideration at this meeting.

LM.42 Referrals to Scrutiny

There were no matters referred to scrutiny.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.41 p.m.