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NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE**

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

27th October 2022

Present: Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)
Councillors Astbury, Dawkins, Hudson and Shreeve

J Bratton	Barnoldby Le Beck Parish Council
P Fieldgate	Healing Parish Council
J Gale	Immingham Town Council
A Moss	Waltham Parish Council
D Raper	New Waltham Parish Council

Also in attendance:

Tanya Kuzemczak	Parish Clerk – Waltham Parish Council
Ian King	Spatial Planning Manager - Equans
Paul Thorpe	Operations Director – Equans
Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

LM.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Kiddle Bailey (Waltham Parish Council), Councillor Mumby (Waltham Parish Council), Councillor Breed (New Waltham Parish Council), Councillor V Turner (Bradley Parish Council), Councillor Pettigrew (North East Lincolnshire Council), Councillor S Swinburn (North East Lincolnshire Council) and Chief Supt Paul French (Humberside Police).

LM.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LM.15 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee held on 7th July 2022 were approved as a correct record.

LM.16 COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

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

It was noted that the first meeting of the working group that had been established to review the Town and Parish Charter would take place on 7th November 2022.

With regard to planning training being provided to parish councils, it was noted that planning officers had previously visited individual parish councils and online training had also been provided. They were happy to repeat this if parish councillors felt that it was required. There was no further training planned at present as this was mostly done at the start of each Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That the action plan be noted and those actions marked as complete be removed.

LM.17 POLICING MATTERS

This item was deferred to the next meeting of this committee.

LM.18 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

The committee received an update on the Local Plan Review consultation process.

Mr King explained that the review was currently under way with an initial stage of informal engagement. He commented that much of the current Local Plan was working well but there were some significant changes arising from national policy and local circumstances. These would be picked up as part of the review. The review process would take approximately three years and would involve the production of a draft plan and submission plan, further consultation and examination by an independent inspector prior to being adopted. The informal engagement was due to close on 7th November and would establish the scope for the review, identifying any issues that need to be addressed. A call for sites was also being undertaken and the sites submitted would be assessed along with any stalled sites within the current allocations. As far as parish councils were concerned, Mr King urged them to consider the consultation paper, identify what they would like to support as well as areas of concern. He felt that it was important to think wider than single parish areas and also consider the implications of developments potentially taking place somewhere else if they could not go ahead where originally planned.

Councillor Moss queried whether land already allocated as part of the current Local Plan could be removed as part of the review.

Mr King confirmed that sites already under construction or with planning consent were fixed but stalled sites would be subject to review and it was possible to de-allocate sites. However, that wouldn't happen just because they had to received comments.

The Chair enquired whether there would also be a review of the five year housing allocation.

Mr King responded that this was still under consideration. He noted that the current requirement set out in the five year supply assessment was quite aspirational and would be calculated in a different way from March 2023. He explained that this would result in a lower figure for North East Lincolnshire and he hoped it would end the recent trend for speculative applications.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.19 HIGHWAYS/TRAFFIC UPDATE

The committee received an update on highways/traffic matters.

Mr Thorpe explained that the committee would receive these updates from Mr Anthony Snell in future as he had recently been appointed as the Transport and Traffic Manager. Mr Thorpe reported that there had been a trial run of the Winter services with the gritters on the previous evening as part of preparations for the winter maintenance of the highways network. In response to a query from the Chair, Mr Thorpe noted that grit bins would be topped up across the Borough but if individual parishes needed more then let him know.

The Local Transport Plan was progressing well and he was happy to update parish councils on what was planned within their area. On electric vehicle charging points, a bid for funding from the Department for Transport had been unsuccessful but this was mainly as a result of them wanting to prioritise larger authorities. However, it was noted that we were ready for future funding opportunities. Mr Thorpe updated on transport management plans for Remembrance Day.

Councillor Gale enquired whether highways work was carried out across local authority boundaries.

Mr Thorpe offered the recent example of improvements to the A18 and noted that highways schemes were developed here, and contributions sought from neighbouring authorities where appropriate.

Councillor Bratton reported that there was a dangerous section of road running through Barnoldby Le Beck that they would like to see reduced from the current 60mph limit to 40mph.

Mr Thorpe agreed to look into the issue.

Councillor Dawkins enquired about the likelihood of future funding bids for electric vehicle charging points as he was concerned that the area would be left behind.

Mr Thorpe responded that it was difficult to say for certain, but he hoped that there would be further opportunities in early 2023.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.20 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

There were no development issues for consideration at this meeting.

LM.21 REFERRALS TO SCRUTINY

There were no matters referred to scrutiny.

LM.22 URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Fieldgate noted that at a recent ERNLLCA meeting a matter had been raised regarding public rights of way being over-ridden. He enquired whether there could be an opportunity at the next meeting of this committee to discuss this further. It was agreed that Mr Windley would look into this with a view to an item being included on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED – That the possibility of an item on public rights of way being included on the agenda for the next meeting of this committee, be further investigated.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.41 pm.