

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL
LARGE SCALE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting 8.2.2021

Present:

Martin Hassall (Chair), Ramune Mimiene (Clerk), Hamish Masson, Allan Jones, John Thelwall, Stan Studd, Anne Howell-Jones.

Ramune Mimiene, the Clerk

Apologies: Mark Ward

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

2. Actions

All actions from the previous meeting were completed except actions:

a. Network Rail and Offords Crossing

- i. It was agreed the Buckden and the Offords should try to work together on the traffic issues associated with the Offord Crossing. **ACTION: AHJ to set up a meeting with the Offords Parish Council to agree a way forward following the making of the Buckden Neighbourhood Plan**

3. A1 Roundabout discussion next steps:

a. Approach to HE 28th February deadline

- i. It was noted that following the release of the BPC Roundabout Safety Audit to Highways England (HE) that HE have conceded the safety risk of increased speed through the southbound carriageway of the roundabout. They are proposing to put a 30 mph speed limit on the southbound approach to the roundabout to address this. The Committee challenged that such a change would require Parliamentary approval, which may not be forthcoming. **ACTION: MH to ask Eric Cooper of Highways England if the above assertion is correct and whether a speed limit can be**

- b. Roundabout Plans - Ref 18/02753/OUT - Parish Council to detail any contributions they might seek from the development.
 - i. **ACTION: AJH to compile list for sending through to the Planning Authority**
 - c. Response to Aaron Sands re: his refusal to put forward Congestion / Low Emission Zone to Highways England
 - i. It was agreed that Aaron Sands's response to the proposal was erroneous, but a responding was of a lower priority at this time. The Committee expressed disappointment that an alternative proposal, put forward by the Parish Council, to the Roundabout traffic light proposal was effectively ignored and buried by HDC.
- 4. Stirtloe Lane junction complaint to Highways England and approval of Safety Analyses purchasing
 - a. It was agreed by the Committee that Committee budget would be used to fund a traffic safety assessments and associated reports with Vectio Consulting for the Stirtloe Lane junction following a similar assessment of the proposed changes to the roundabout. Three quotes were obtained as part of a process to select Vectio as the preferred supplier.
 - b. Once the Vectio Road Safety reports have been received the Committee will review and decide next steps on any complaint to Highways England.
 - c. Recording of near misses and monitoring by Highways England
 - i. To be raised with Highways England in association with delivery of the Vectio Stirtloe Lane Safety Audit.
- 5. CCC Next Steps
 - a. It was agreed that a focus on the impact of the Neighbourhood Plan requirements on local roads and the Offords crossing was needed. **ACTION: MH to get in touch with the Chair of the Offords Parish Council to obtain traffic data produced by OPC in 2019.**
- 6. Neighbourhood Plan update
 - a. The Committee noted that, to date, following the HDC cabinet approval of the Buckden NP, no indication has yet been given that the NP has been considered with regards to the Silver Street or Mill Road planning applications. In particular, HE and CCC Highways have ignored the Transport Policies included in the plan. JT alerted the Committee on the potential for 'Calling In'. **ACTION:**

AHJ to request that HDC respond on how they are going to give 'Significant Weight' to the Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: JT to investigate how and when the action of 'Calling in' can take place.

7. Flooding update

- a. It was agreed that any independent flood risk assessment for the village would be put before the Committee prior to approval. Advantages of such a report would be concluded when other measures being carried out by CCC Flooding, HDC and Anglian Water were better understood.

8. Letter to Anglian Water re: sewage

- a. MH sent a letter to Anglian Water asking if there was sufficient capacity in the Buckden Sewage System to cope with the additional dwellings associated with the current planning applications.

9. Press Coverage

- a. MH informed the Committee that a reporter from Cambridgeshire Evening News was interested in discussing a potential story related to the safety issues associated with Stirtloe Lane and the Roundabout.

10.AOB