

**BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**LARGE SCALE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of meeting 25/6/2021**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. 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/MH to set up a meeting with the Offords Parish Council to agree a way forward following the making of the Buckden Neighbourhood Plan**
  - ii. **ACTION: An additional action was added for MH to send photos of Offords crossing issue for submission with JT's complaint to CCC Transport on their non-compliance with the Neighbourhood Plan.**

3. Anglian Water re: sewage – Update

- a. MH reported that Rose Shisler Stakeholder Engagement Programme Lead at Anglian Water had made contact with the Parish Council and had offered a meeting to discuss flooding and sewage capacity issues. The Committee agreed that a virtual or face to face meeting after 19<sup>th</sup> July would be helpful. **ACTION: MH to organise meeting with Anglian Water.**
- b. MH reported that he had followed up with Hilary Ellis, CCC Flood Risk & Biodiversity Business Manager (Acting), re: Attenuation

Basin flood risk on the Bloor Lucks Lane development. She reported that Bloor Homes wished to drain the main flooded basin into a secondary unflooded basin. CCC were currently finding this solution unacceptable. To date no solution has been agreed. Concern was raised over the lack of involvement from HDC Planning Enforcement. JT highlighted that actions to enforce must be 4 years from substantial completion of the development. The Committee noted the possibility that enforcement needs to be watched to ensure that actions are made in a timely manner.

4. HDC next steps following successful NP referendum:
  - a. Buckden's District Councillor update on Sue Ashwell's concerns regarding the HDC Planning Team sent to himself:
    - i. HM reported HDC is doing everything in its power, but slow due to Covid and staffing issues. He suggested that any complaint should go to Joe Lancaster of HDC re: issues with Silver St and due process. **ACTION: AHJ to issue formal complaint to HDC.**
  - b. Meeting with HDC Jon Neish – AHJ again informed the Committee of the continued lack of response from HDC's Councillor, Jon Neish, which is now likely to be a source of complaint to HDC.
  - c. Pollution measurement and impact – following update from Aaron Sands. The Committee discussed pollution and particularly the impact of the proposed new traffic lights on the roundabout. It was agreed that BPC should understand better what pollution monitoring that we do have and how it could be improved. AJ continues to investigate and reported that he was finding it difficult to ascertain what monitoring was actually taking place in and around Buckden. **ACTION: AJ to understand current HDC / Buckden pollution monitoring and propose a way forward.**
5. Stirtloe Lane and Roundabout complaint to Highways England – MH reported that a formal complaint had been made to Highways England by BPC. Their initial response was to appoint Simon Amor who was ultimately responsible for the Stirtloe Lane and Roundabout decisions. BPC immediately expressed concerns regarding the impartiality of Highways England's response to the Silver Street development and the impact on the A1. Subsequently, Highways England have asked Victoria Lazenby, Head of Planning and Development in their Midlands region to undertake a peer review of all matters related to the planning application. This review is expected to be finalised by the end of July. An

offer has been made from Martin Fellows, Regional Director responsible for the East of England to meet with BPC and representatives of Cambridgeshire County Council, the local road authority, once the review is complete.

The Committee agreed that any freedom of information requests re: Stirtloe lane and Silver Street would be made after the report has been issues.

- a. **ACTION: AHJ to agree BPC position on A1 re: roundabout and Stirtloe Lane and raise HE report on A1 bypass with A1 safety Working Group.**

6. Press Coverage

- a. The Committee agreed to publicising the villages flood issues and risk from groundwater to support the recent residents petition and flooding television coverage. **ACTION: MH to produce draft press article for Caroline Underwood.**

7. AOB

- a. There was no AOB.