

Buckden Parish Council

9th November 2021

Large Scale Planning Committee Report

1. Silver Street.

I drafted a proposal for the Sec 106 Agreement and sent it Aaron sands for consideration with a request to discuss it and to rest our relationship to achieve a collaborative approach. I have had no reply. I sent a follow up reminder about 10 days ago. I have still had no reply. My next action will be to consider an approach to his line manager to request assistance.

2. Allan, Martin and I had a zoom meeting with Hilary of the LLFA on Thursday 28th October. There were three issues under discussion

- a. Lucks Lane attenuation pond failure. Hilary reported that HDC has said there is no breach of the planning consent except possibly the construction of an unauthorised bund, so they will not take enforcement action. We expressed the view that this is nothing to do with the overfilling of the basin. She agreed that this may be the fault of the design or an aquifer (or more than one) being breached during construction. She is going to take legal advice as to who is responsible for investigating the cause and taking remedial action. This may take some time.
- b. Silver Street. Not a lot is happening as it is very much in the planning stage. We expressed our deep concern that there would be a repeat of Lucks Lane and that therefore the design and construction need exceptionally careful monitoring. Hilary is hopeful that AW will be asked to take over long term maintenance of the basin, rather than have a residents management company do it. AW do not have to take it over, but she hopes they will.
- c. High Street. Plans for works to sort the problem have been drawn up. They are now being checked and on approval will be contracted to Milestone. Our concern is that the work will not happen until well into the New Year and there will be further flooding in the meantime. We have asked her to investigate the possibility of temporary alleviation measures. We have also asked her to contact Highways

England to request that they investigate the reported flows off the A1 which are contributing to the High Street flooding and take action to prevent them.

We have another meeting scheduled for the 3rd November to discuss temporary measures and a further one in December. I do not want to raise anyone's hopes about temporary measures. There are no simple solutions and none may be viable or possible.

It is encouraging that Hilary is willing to pursue the investigations we have requested.

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