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Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 30th October 2024, in the Old School Hall at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs K Gardner (chair), N Bess, J Gibbins

Also present – Clerk, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr B Hancy, Cllr S Phillips, 2 representatives of Davidsons Homes and 5 Members of the public

Meeting Start: 7pm

142/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Smethers, Callaghan, Madle and Wilkinson had sent apologies. Apologies were approved.

143/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None

144/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Some members of public to hear presentation from Davidsons homes. Member of public asked about allotments. Clerk to arrange skip. Hardcore used by car park contractor was not suitable. Council to investigate other options for filling pot holes on allotments.

145/24 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 29th July 2024

146/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Davidsons Homes had been invited to explain changes to planning application 2024/0672/MAO. There is a new master plan, but the number of homes and access remains the same. Main change is to routing of bridleway which comes into the site earlier crossing as soon as possible after the roundabout. The bridleway will be 4m through housing but will be 5m on open area. There will be a s278 safety audit to ensure it is compliant. It is hoped that there will be a temporary diversion whilst the diversion is taking place rather than a closure, but it may need to be closed for up to 6 months to ensure safety for users. At one point it might cross private driveways but Davidsons are looking to see if there are other options. Links to Harpole were discussed and planners have asked the footpath is towards Duston rather than Harpole as an urban extension, to protect the rural quality of Harpole. Concerns of residents that Road Hill will be used to get to A4500 rather than SLRR. Drainage of run off will naturally run to the back of the site towards the brook where there will be features to manage. There has been an improvement on the net biodiversity to keep this on site rather than paying an offsite fee. This is mostly due to changes in the green area adding a wildlife area.



Assuming permission is granted this year they hope to start infrastructure by middle of next year. S278 process for the roundabout has already started. Base infrastructure will be in before any housing is built.

Heads of Terms for the S106 is still needed before this can go to Planning Committee at WNC.

Representatives from Davidsons Homes leave.

- b) It was proposed that the council still object to the above application as many of the concerns raised have not changed. Namely safe access to the bridleway, safe access to Harpole, highways measures to ensure traffic is routed away from village unless village is destination. Clerk to draft response and circulate. Cllrs Roberts and Hancy leave, 3 members of public leave.

147/24 STREETLIGHTING

- a) Following site visit the cost for fitting the new lamp post on High Street near Old Bull Pub had increased. It was proposed to accept the increased costs.
- b) No further updates

148/24 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) According to the schedule the public consultation of the Local Cycling and Walking Plan will be published in October. Committee will respond once open.
- b) Clerk had circulated options for gateways for the entrances to the village. Preferred look was approved. Clerk to obtain quotations. It was proposed that this is added to the CIL listing.
- c) Resident from Northampton Road had contacted the council with regards to footpath in front of a row of properties. It seems unclear whether the path is the responsibility of the home owners, Grand Union or West Northants Council. This is not in the remit of the council but clerk to see if she can facilitate discussion to get a conclusion to the issue.
- d) Footpath towards bus stop on A4500 was reported. Clerk to report on Fix my Street.

149/24 ALLOTMENTS

- a) It was proposed that the clerk contact usual contractor for cutting of hedges along allotment boundary. Contractor to be asked if he is able to cut the conifers on school boundary back a bit further.
- b) It was proposed that the clerk has delegated authority to work through the process of notice and termination of plot holders that do not attend to plots.
- c) Clerk to obtain quote for new gate at school end of the allotments
- d) New lock purchased for pedestrian gate and all locks now secured by chain. Pot holes on site are still an issue and one area has got very muddy as someone well meaning has filled with inappropriate materials. Clerk to obtain quotes.

150/24 STREET FURNITURE

- a) Designer for new map had asked a couple of questions. It was proposed that the wider map would be better. Council happy to pay extra for the extra pictures above original quotation.



- b) Both bus shelters on the A4500 look like they need a paint refresh as the paint is peeling. Bus stop near Turnpike on A4500 also needs a gutter on the front. Clerk to ask handyman to take a look.
- c) Clerk advised that the handyman had undertaken a survey of the benches. All in fairly good condition but need cleaning and painting. This will be done within hours for cost of materials. Cleaning can start but painting will have to wait until Spring. It was proposed that metalwork benches are Green.

151/24 CHURCH

- a) Extra security is needed on the church roof due to scaffolding and the church have asked if the council can split the costs. It was approved that the council would add up to £2500 to the cost of the project for this.
- b) The church do not want the offered land as the bishop will not consecrate the land due to the buried animals. Clerk needs to further investigate Council obligations and land availability.
- c) Church have received quote for works to churchyard hedge for £1100 and have asked if the council can pay for this. This was approved.

152/24 WASTE DISPOSAL

It was approved that the parish office should have a council bin at a price of £234 a year.

153/24 BUDGET

Committee came up with some projects to look at in the next financial year. Some of these could be added to the CIL listing rather than needing to be added to the precept budget.

- Extra litter bins in the village (clerk to find out ownership of current bins and frequency of emptying).
- Burial Ground
- Play Equipment
- Gateways
- Footpath from Kislingbury roundabout to country park
- Street light between Kislingbury roundabout and the bridge

154/24 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Grass cutting contracts to be added to next agenda

Meeting closed 8.55pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 28th October at 7pm

Signed