

DUNHAM HILL & HAPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Working Group

Tuesday 2nd February 2021, at 7.00pm, via Zoom.

NOTES OF MEETING

Present: Cllr D Cowap
Cllr R Johnson
Cllr C Green
Cllr K Bradley - Chairperson
Cllr K Holmes

Clerk: Mrs T Ryall-Harvey

Cllr Bradley welcomed everyone to the Working Group, he outlined that a number of subjects had been circulated prior to the meeting and these would be looked at individually and discussed.

Peel Forum

It was outlined following the last Parish Council meeting where the Parish Council had requested a letter be sent to CWaC seeking clarification on the consultation process for a planning application at Ince Resource Recovery Park. CWaC had responded to outline that prior to planning applications being submitted they were discussed at a Forum which is run by Peel, where they discuss the ongoing operations at Protos 'Peel forum'. The Parish Council suggested that further information should be sought regarding if it was possible for a Parish Councillor to sit on this form and brought to the next Parish Council meeting for approval.

It was also highlighted that there was also opportunity to bid for grant funding from this forum and this could be discussed further in future.

Broadband

Claire reported that she had tried to contact the Gigalot Company but had not received any response.

Claire has also explored the 'Barn' – she reported that to follow this up you would need someone to have the box for the system situated on their land – perhaps the Village Hall car park. The benefit would be that there would be free broadband provided to the Village Hall and any community facilities – the downside to this is that it appeared to be a cable system so landowners permission would need to be sought to install this system.

Concern was raised as to if there were enough residents interested in a scheme to benefit. it was suggested that clarification be sought about the number of residents who would need to sign up to this sort of scheme to make it cost effective.

Richard to contact Gigalot for an idea of how many residents would need to sign up to make it a feasible scheme.

Claire to contact The Barn to find out similar information.

Planning Review

Kevin reported upon a recent Planning Strategy presentation organised on by CWaC and highlighted that a new planning structure was being consulted upon regarding a Government White Paper. He highlighted that the Parish Council needed to start thinking about putting together a planning structure.

Kevin undertook to put together some recommendations and circulate prior to the next Parish Council meeting for comments and consideration.

Kevin also reported that the next Mere's Edge Masterplan Meeting was due to take place on 17th February and he undertook to attend.

Rural Mobility Fund

It was reported that Hugo Deynem had sought the Parish Council's views upon setting up a discussion meeting to discuss the Rural Mobility Fund Trials. The Parish Council confirmed that they would be interested in attending the any discussion meetings. Keith felt it was important to include residents from Hapsford within this discussion, and Kevin highlighted the need to also include the Caravan Park as the residents there were regular users of the bus service.

HS2

The Parish Council have received information regarding a consultation under clause 60 of the High-Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill as amended in the House of Lords.

The Parish Council felt it was not appropriate at this time to get involved with the consultation.

Waste Consultation

Following a recent Waste Consultation, it was agreed that a simple flier should be distributed across the Parish raising resident's awareness to CWaC's consultation.

Richard undertook to draft a flier and print for circulation around the Parish over the weekend.

Trees for Climate funding - Parish Councils

It was reported that the Parish Council had received information from CWaC regarding a 'Trees for Climate' scheme they were running. This is a partnership with Mersey Forest which focuses on new woodland creation schemes to help with offsetting carbon emissions. The eligible criteria is land can be either be private or public land, there is a minimum area of 0.5 ha required and it must be for new woodland creation but not gapping up. The funding pays for the purchase & planting of the trees as well as a small contribution towards ongoing maintenance whilst the trees establish.

It was agreed for Kevin to forward this information to the Boshaw Centre to see if this was something, they may be interested in getting involved in.

Or could this be of interests to the Wetland Area within Hapsford – suggest Esther to explore.

The Parish Council agreed that they needed to concentrate on the planting of the trees they currently have within the Parish.

Projects for the next 12 months

Keith sought consideration of two projects that the Parish Council could focus on, to undertake within the next 12 months for the benefit of the community.

Suggestions were received for a '*lending library*' potentially in the Village Hall Car Park. Kevin undertook to speak to the Village Hall to see if this was a viable project.

Improving the Village Green in Dunham Hill before Christmas

Kevin undertook to seek costings for a Christmas lights for Dunham Hill. Claire undertook to draw up a timeline and circulate to ensure this project was achievable within the next 12 months.

Bench for Talbot Road

It was confirmed that the WI had been approached to donate money towards supplying a new bench at the turn into Talbot Road. They had confirmed that they were not able to contribute toward this as they were disbanding. It was suggested that Gowy Landfill be approached to see if they would donate a bench for Dunham Hill and then one in Dunham Hill could be moved to Talbot Road.

Litter Picking

It was suggested that potentially a 'socially distanced' litter picking event should be organised for when the lock-down is eased. It was suggested that Gowy Landfill be contacted to see if they could donate some more litter pickers and high viz jackets.