

DUNHAM HILL & HAPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Working Group

Tuesday 22nd June 2021, at 7.00pm, DH&H Village Hall.

NOTES OF MEETING

Present:	Cllr K Homes	Cllr K Bradley - Chairperson
	Cllr R Johnson	Cllr S Hanson
	Cllr C Green	Cllr E Gibson
	Cllr S Willett	
Note taker:	Cllr C Green	

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.

Housing Development – Mere's Edge Masterplan

Cllr Holmes had attended a meeting in the morning of 22nd June. He provided the group with an update. The infrastructure plan is continuing as part of the housing developments within the area (Tom Whitehead, Town Planning Manager, of Brookhouse Group was leading on this). A number of items were listed. Cllr Gibson reminded everyone that a large part of the development fell in the DH&H parish and also incorporated a large amount of Greenbelt land. This with other developments (ASH) in the area would approach the village of Hapsford from all sides which is concerning.

The outcome of this morning's meeting was that a costed infrastructure plan would be drafted and shared with the parish council to comment. There would then be public consultation about the infrastructure plan. The plan may be available in 2 or 3 months.

Cllr's were concerned about the timescale and how we can best represent the voices/concerns of our community. There was strong opinion that the residents of the parish benefitted as a result of the developments currently being put forward. Cllr Holmes shared that the developers involved in the Mere's Edge are committed to engaging with the local residents. Cllr Gibson would like to emphasise the need for the parish council to be proactive in making sure the residents of the parish were listened to and their needs were not neglected.

Honeywell

Cllr Homes updated the council that a flood plan was being submitted by the developers of the Honeywell site. There was concern expressed at the morning meeting that it is difficult to look at flooding in isolation within a small area due to the flow of the water through other areas and the impact on work in this area would impact negatively on other areas. It was noted that there is no engagement with the public by the developer of this site. Cllr Holmes shared that Hugo Deynem was arranging a meeting with Rob Charnley (planning officer) to put forward people's thoughts for the area.

ASH (incl. CO2 pipeline)

The CO2 pipeline may run across/through the proposed ASH site. Cllr Gibson had travelled the area to assess accessibility to the proposed ASH site. It was noted that access was difficult off the A5117 due to the central reservation. Cllr Gibson was concerned about the increase in volume of traffic (HGV type vehicles) along the A5117 by Hapsford.

The location of the site caused concern as it would further add to the enveloping of Hapsford.

CO2 pipeline – there appears to be two routes for the pipeline to leave the village of Ince. Consultation with landowners has started. Cllr Homes raised the concern that ongoing distribution of the end product may involve the installation of more pipelines. Cllr Gibson raised concerns about future above land developments would be hindered. The land could continue to be used for farming. Currently the development is at the initial public consultation. It was noted that it was a national project so decisions would be made centrally and not locally. Cllr Bradley asked if it would be prudent to involve the local MP. He proposed writing to the MP about local concerns. The first consultation for the pipeline was due early July.

With reference to the above developments, Cllr Bradley suggested them as a priority for the parish council.

Community Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Johnson shared that he had been offered sight of a local neighbourhood plan that could be a useful tool for the parish council in drafting their own or something similar. He would circulate by email. There was concern that such plans may be made redundant by the upcoming planning white paper. Cllr Bradley suggested that consulting with the residents about their wants and needs within the parish would be a useful exercise. Cllr Holmes proposed door-to-door gathering of needs and wants rather than using paper questionnaires posted through doors. Cllr Gibson agreed that this would be a good way forward. Cllr Johnson noted that drafting a structure to the canvassing would be beneficial. There are resources available for this process which has been shared previously (by email) following the meeting with Rob Charnley in late April 2021. Cllrs were advised to go back to these documents in readiness for the meeting September so that next steps could be identified.

Cllr Hanson raised that there had been a plan drafted in the past. Cllr Holmes outlined the previous process. The published document is not fit for purpose under current expectations of a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Gibson felt now was a good time for the above items to be shared in the next parish newsletter. Information about the Mere's Edge and Neighbourhood Plan would be good for inclusion. Cllr Bradley mentioned other local issues to be included in the newsletter such as traffic, footpaths etc.. Cllr Holmes mentioned that the closing of the landfill site could also be included. Cllr Gibson proposed other items related to litter picking; she was hopeful to be able to circulate a draft newsletter.

A.O.B.

Cllr Holmes shared how the local authority calculate capacity for education and health. There was a healthy discussion about the impact of all developments on traffic in and around the surrounding area and its amenities such as schooling, health, libraries etc.

In readiness for the next full council meeting, it was agreed that public participation would be limited to three due to space and social distancing. Cllr Bradley would suggest to the clerk that members of the public book a slot.

Cllr Willett asked for clarification on the signage for Manley Mere. Cllr Bradley explained the current situation and the signs were due to be put up soon. Cllr Bradley provided an update on the situation on the A56 following the recent traffic accident which involved a fatality. There was a review of the A56 scheduled for the autumn. An email had been shared to all Cllrs with further information.