

MINUTES OF PARISH LIAISON MEETING

Wednesday 1 December 2021, 5pm

Hybrid meeting - Council Chamber and via Teams

Attendance

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council - Melanie Mitchell
Ashby Woulds Town Council - Cllr Laurence Ordish
Belton Parish Council - Cllr Nicola Burbidge-Mullen
Breedon on the Hill Parish Council - Sam Lockwood
Coleorton Parish Council – Cllr Ann Stafford
Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Parish Council – Simon Weaver & Cllr Russell Johnson
Kegworth Parish Council – Cllr Ray Sutton & Carol Sewell
Lockington cum Hemington Parish Council – Gill Simkiss
Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council – Sam Lockwood
Measham Parish Council – Cllr Colin Manifold
Normanton le Heath Parish Meeting – Alain Skelding
Packington Parish Council – Alexandra Stretton
Swepstone Parish Council – Cllr Paul Cook
Whitwick Parish Council – Cathy Tibbles & Cllr Leon Spence

Presenters



NWLDC, Community Focus - Jessica Lloyd-Davies
LRALC, Chief Executive - Jake Atkinson
Leicestershire County Council, Programme Lead HS2 - Bernard Evans
Leicestershire County Council, Change Manager - Rachael Marsh

Councillors/Officers

NWLDC, Portfolio Holder for Community Services - Cllr Andrew Woodman
NWLDC, Head of Community Services - Paul Sanders
NWLDC, Community Focus - Gillian Squires
NWLDC, Community Focus - Emma Trahearn
SLC Rail, consultant supporting NWLDC & LCC re HS2 project - Kym Smith
Leicestershire County Council, HS2 team - Sam Cooper
NWLDC, Leisure Service Manager - Jason Knight

Apologies

Clerk at Ashby Woulds Town Council, Clerk at; Castle Donington Parish Council, Coleorton Parish Council and Swannington Parish Council, Clerk at Ibstock Parish Council and Worthington Parish Council, Clerk at Measham Parish Council, Clerk at Stretton Le Field Parish Meeting, Clerk at Swepstone Parish Council

	Detail	Actions
1.	<p>OPENING OF THE MEETING – Paul Sanders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS opened the meeting and introduced Cllr Woodman to say a few words. <p>WELCOMING GREETINGS – Cllr Andrew Woodman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr AW welcomed and thanked parishes for their contribution over the two years recognising the challenges in this uncertain climate. Congratulated Ashby de la Zouch Town Council for being re-accredited the Quality Gold Award by the Local Council Award Scheme. 	
2.	<p>THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – Jessica Lloyd-Davies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JLD introduced parishes to a new grant which will be available for parishes, constituted community groups and schools to enable events and activities that celebrate the Queens Platinum jubilee. Application will be open from Monday 31st January 2022 on the district council ‘grants and funding’ page. <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>JLD Queens Platinum jubilee.pdf</p> </div>	
3.	<p>Apologies from Inspector Richard Muldoon, Leicestershire Police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any questions for Insp Rich Muldoon please contact Community.Focus@nwleicestershire.gov.uk. Insp Rich Muldoon will look at doing a piece in the parish newsletter so any questions he can provide some answers that unless it relates directly to your parish. 	
4.	<p>LRALC UPDATE – Jake Atkinson, Chief Executive, LRALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JA highlighted some of the information in the attached document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity of clerks or cllrs to sit on the Board of Directors of LRALC We say a fond farewell to Ja’Neen, leaving LRALC end of January JA recapped some of the financial training and support that has been offered and is available for parish <p>Q: A question was raised regarding the pilot precept spreadsheet which parish/town councils have been asked to complete this year to evidence the precept amount they would like.</p> <p>A: JA said he would ask Ja’Neen to get in touch with Whitwick PC to discuss.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Document</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>LRALC Update.pdf</p> </div>	
5.	<p>HS2 UPDATE – Bernard Evans, Programme Lead (HS2), LCC</p>	

- BE informed the liaison group that HS2 Ltd had released the Integrated Rail Plan which confirmed that Phase 2b Eastern leg which goes through North West Leicestershire will go ahead.
- BE shared what we know from the document and what was still uncertain about
- BE spoke that the IRP timescales for completion of the line (pre IRP 2033 to 2035) have changed to seemly 2036 to 2043. Therefore, LCC and NWLDC are considering a hybrid bill for the HS2 West to Eastern leg to be completed in 2025. Please note the exact timescales are still ambiguous.
- In the new year, LCC and NWLDC will be considering further parish and wider stakeholder engagement
- BE reminded the liaison group of the various way they can contact LCC HS2 team for more information.

Presentation



HS2 update from
LCC IRP Publication.

6. GIGAHUB BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY – Rachael Marsh, Change Manager, LCC

- RM presented an opportunity for parish and town council to put forward community facilities such as community centre, village halls, civic centres to potentially be awarded funding towards improving the broadband infrastructure to be more connected.
- RM shared that North West Leicestershire has poor fibre broadband and therefore keen to make sure parishes didn't miss this opportunity to put forward community asset which could really benefit.
- The deadline is February 2022.

Presentation



BDUK GigaHubs
LCC.pdf

RM would like to invite you to express your interest.

Do you have potential sites in rural areas that may benefit from this opportunity?

If yes, please email to Rachael.Marsh@leics.gov.uk

What will happen next?

Rachael will contact you and provide further information on what is required

Will I be committing to anything?

Not at this stage

Need more information?

Please see the attached slide

