

MINUTES OF PARISH LIAISON MEETING

Wednesday 27 November 2019, 5pm – 7pm

Attendance

Attendees

Emma Bird, Appleby Magna Parish Council, Cllr
Lindsay Swinfield, Appleby Magna Parish Council & Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford PC, Clerk
Jack Fargher, Ashby Town Council, Clerk
Andrea Robinson, Ashby Woulds Town Council, Clerk
Eddie Shephard, Ashby Woulds Town Council, Cllr
Patricia Thomas, Ashby Woulds Town Council, Cllr
Ray Morris, Breedon on the Hill Parish Council, Cllr
Jim Morrison, Breedon on the Hill Parish Council, Cllr
Colin Burton, Castle Donington Parish Council, Cllr
Fiona Palmer, Castle Donington Parish Council, Clerk
Maureen Havers, Charley Parish Council, Cllr
Jenny Moore, Charley Parish Council
Andrew Hogsden, Coleorton Parish Council, Clerk
Richard Hughes, Coleorton Parish Council, Cllr
Michael Specht, Coleorton Parish Council, Cllr
Naomi Jayne, Ellistown and Battleflat Parish Council, Cllr
Steve Pettitt, Heather Parish Council, Cllr
Jan Shepherd, Heather Parish Council, Clerk
Vicky Roe, Kegworth Parish Council, Clerk
Dawn Roach, Measham Parish Council, Clerk
Paul Bailey, Normanton le Heath Parish Council
Andrew Bate, Osgathorpe Parish Council, Cllr
Helen Foster, Swannington Parish Council, Cllr
Paul Holliday, Swannington Parish Council, Cllr
Chris Robinson, Swepstone Parish Council, Cllr
Carole Bramley, Worthington Parish Council, Cllr
Cathy Tibbles, Whitwick Parish Council, Parish Manager
Ray Woodward, Whitwick Parish Council, Cllr

Presenters

Paul Sanders, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC), Head of Community Services
Andrew Woodman, NWLDC, Portfolio for Community Services and District Councillor for Measham North
Chris Brown, NWLDC, Stronger and Safer Communities Team Manager (CB)
Louise Bennett, LCC, Special Projects Coordinator, Environment & Transport Department

Officers

Emma Trahearn, NWLDC, Community Focus Team Leader (ET)
Catherine Ridgway, NWLDC, Community Focus Team, Coalville area
Gillian Squires, NWLDC, Community Focus, Northern parishes
Daphne Robinson, NWLDC, Community Focus, Ashby, Measham and Moira area
Amy Bennett, NWLDC, Stronger and Safer Communities Team Support Officer

Apologies

Sam Lockwood, Breedon on the Hill Parish Council and Long Whatton and Diseworth PC, Clerk
Nicola Land, Ibstock Parish Council, Clerk, and Worthington Parish Council, Clerk
Colin Manifold, Measham Parish Council, Cllr
Alain Skelding, Normanton le Heath Parish Council, Clerk
Sue McKendrick, Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council, Cllr
Martin Buczkiewicz, Osgathorpe, Cllr
Annie Callingham, Swepstone Parish Council, Clerk

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1	<p>WELCOME – Councillor Andrew Woodman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Sanders introduced Councillor Andrew Woodman, Portfolio for Community Services and District Councillor for Measham North, who gave thanks to all parishes in how they shape the meetings, develop resilience’s within their communities and how the district council values the role of the parish councils. • Parishes were encouraged to share any ideas or thoughts for future parish liaison meetings on their evaluation forms. 	
2	<p>ZERO CARBON ROADMAP – Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In June 2019, the UK committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and North West Leicestershire District Council declared a climate emergency. • NWLDC are trying to find the right route to net carbon zero. There are many new initiative and technologies that are being developed and we need to decide when and how we can use them. • NWLDC have contracted a company called Etude (since June) to assess what the district council can do to become carbon neutral by 2050. • Some of the activity the district council are currently doing can support some of that i.e. Recycle More and the recent commencement of the food waste trials. • Bigger areas to impact are things like transport and the district council are looking at electric points throughout the district and purchasing of electric vehicles. • A fully costed business plan with an action plan is being created to support the work required at the district council. The assessment that has been developed by Etude will be going out to members in a workshop in January 2020. • The district council has a responsibly to look at our own impact, which is quite low. What we need to do is understand how the council can help residents or businesses look into more sustainable options for living and working. <p>Questions and Answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Sanders stated that 47-48% of waste is recycled via kerbside and the rest goes to landfill. Osgathorpe Parish Council raised the question of how much goes into incineration. ACTION: Paul Sanders to feedback. • Coleorton Parish Council raised concerns that when recycling calendars are distributed through letterboxes, officers responsible for delivering should ensure they post the calendars fully through the letterbox to avoid loss of heat energy. • Swannington Parish Council expressed satisfaction in their recent tour of the waste depot and would encourage all parishes to visit the site to learn more. • Castle Donington Parish Council queried how parishes could go about purchasing charging points. NWLDC have used Pod Point after going to tender and can provide contact details if requested. • Oakthorpe, Acresford and Donisthorpe Parish Council asked what the district council have done to lobby central government and what are housing developers doing to make homes more insulated. Paul Sanders responded that NWLDC are encouraging standards of new housing and if they can get this into local policy then everyone can lobby the central government. 	

<p>3</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT UPDATE – Louise Bennett, Special Projects Coordinator, Environment & Transport Department LCC</p> <p>Louise Bennett explained that due to constrained budgets, the Environment and Transport Department at LCC could only provide limited support but are now trying to work more with parishes after recent feedback.</p> <p>Flooding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding is the responsibility of a number of people. Floods from rivers, streams, and ditches are the responsibility of the landowner (legally termed riparian landowner). • LCC is the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). The LLFA investigate but do not solve the issue and have a responsibility for strategic flood risk management planning. Contact details are 0116 305 0001 or flooding@leics.gov.uk. • Kegworth Parish Council encouraged other parishes to get a community response plan as parishes will benefit greatly from them. <p>Gullies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC clear 64,000 gullies each year. This was found to not be effective, as kits were not being used as they should. LCC trialled the system last year with the risk based approach and are developing a routine programme that prioritises high-risk gullies. • LCC have contracted gully cleaners so this has freed LCC to do reactive responses. <p>Grits/Salt Boxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC have a duty to make roads safe during winter. However, LCC do not have to provide salt bins. • In the 2009 winter policy review, if parishes wanted a bin and to be placed on networks, LCC would provide salt but had to meet certain criteria. • In 2015, the director provided grit bins (not yellow) to those who asked. These were provided by LCC and maintained by a third party. • Whitwick PC expressed thanks for LCC’s support in their recent purchase of grit bins. <p>Structure Licenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A structure license is required for street furniture such as benches, bins, bollards, etc. Once the site has been evaluated and assessed for safety then there is a £75 charge for the license. There is no charge for cultivation licenses. • LCC are reviewing current licenses in the next 6 month and will be providing a free service until the review is complete. <p>Climate Energy Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May 2019, LCC declared a climate emergency with the aims to be carbon neutral by 2030. 	
<p>4</p>	<p>UPDATE ON OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE – Chris Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Brown provided a brief update on Operation London Bridge and expressed importance for each parish to provide two contact details in the event of Operation London Bridge so that the district council can notify of the death of a significant figure. 	

ACTION: If parishes have not already supplied contact details of two people to contact in the event of Operation London Bridge, please could you provide contact details, both email and phone number to community.focus@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

If there are any future agenda items you wish to have at parish liaisons, please let us know at community.focus@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.

Future Parish Liaison Dates

Wednesday 4 March 2020 – potentially a Neighbourhood Plan event

Wednesday 3 June 2020 – Parish Liaison

Wednesday 2 September 2020 - Clerks meeting

Wednesday 2 December 2020 – Parish Liaison

