

EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the council, held on Tuesday 26th March 2013, at Eathorpe, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W. Redford (Chairman), Councillors Mrs M. Weeks, S. Palmer, M. Brooks, Mrs. J. Seaton, Mrs M. Green and M. Burgun.

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Mrs. R. Commander, D. Mynors , Mrs C. Foyer, and J. Hammon
Also District Councillor N. Pratt

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand, the minutes were taken as read. An addition was agreed to item 5, Planning, in that applications received will be forwarded to each individual parish Chairman, for discussion with the relevant parish councillors, with comments returned to the clerk who will then respond to the planning department.

It was also agreed to remove the sentence beginning 'It was noted that'

4. MATTERS ARISING

The old waste bin at the Offchurch bus shelter to be replaced.

Hunningham drains have been cleaned, but not jetted, which is in hand, and the water near the bus shelter is to be examined by Severn Trent. Some drains have been cleared at Offchurch, but not those near Offa House and Park Gates. All Gritting bins need re filling, but the new Hunningham ones are not yet in place.

Speed checks will not take place on Welsh Road as there is no suitable place for police vans to park.

Estimates for repairs to the Offchurch notice board to be obtained

The Local Plan has not yet identified gypsy and traveller sites. This is being looked at to provide 3 sites which are to be near schools and bus routes. Coventry district has been asked for a meeting to examine housing needs for the whole area. Planning application will have to be considered outside the Local Plan. He gave a further report on the difficulties encountered re the green belt. There will be further consultation after June. The cost of 3 sites would be a million pounds.

HS2

We are again indebted to Councillor Burgun, who provided the meeting with an update of the position, including detailed maps, from which he explained many of the logistical issues of the proposed route, and who subsequently produced the following report.

1. Judicial Reviews held in December 2012.

HS2 compensation consultation held to be illegal and must be re-run.

HS2 Environmental case held to be inadequate to date but it cannot be legally challenged until later, during the hybrid bill process.

The judge gave leave to appeal on the Environmental case in due time.

2. Bilateral meeting held 8th February 2013.

Great concern expressed regarding lack of information from HS2.

3. Community forum meeting 19th February 2013

Great concern re lack of information from HS2.

HS2 advise they will provide information on design and reasons at meeting following their end of March design review.

The Community forum passed a resolution against HS2 for their failure on 3 grounds.

4. Meeting with WCC 15th March 2013.

Full discussion ref. the possible closure of part of Long Itchington road between the Fosseway and the approach to Offchurch. WCC are to consider and approach HS2 again on the issue.

5. Meeting with J. Wright MP and HS2 in London 25th March 2013.

Outlined the historic situation (since March 2010) and the current context and status of the project. HS2 will meet with us late April 2013 to present the current status of their design and reasoning.

6. Future dates.

6.1 Bilateral meeting with HS2 ref their design late April 2013.

6.2 Draft Environmental Statement to be published for public consultation May 2013

6.3 Environmental Statement road-show to provide information to the public on a progressive basis arriving in Cubbington at a date to be advised in June/July period 2013.

7. Latest drawings tabled and briefly outlined. It should be noted that they only display work in progress and are subject to change.

HS2 continued..

Councillor Doody attended a mitigation meeting, but was not impressed, the object being to stop it. He explained the financial aspects of funds already allocated and further requirements. Attended the judicial review, still fighting it, but if not successful, trying to get the best possible deal.

The chairman recorded our thanks to Councillor Doody and Councillor Burgun

11.FINANCE

Payments. Chq 064 grant hire £20 . Chq 65 and 66 sand £49.99. Chq 67 grant £100. Chq 68 Gritting bins £507.78. Chq 69 Chairman fee £100, Chq's 70, 71, 72, 73 Churchyard grants £250. Chq 74 Repairs £142.54. Chq 75 Room hire £20. Chq 76 Clerk £240. Chq 77 tax £60. Chq 78 expenses £85.20, Chq 79 Post/stationery £59.69. Chq 80 Mowing £98.50.

12 A.O.B.

Following a recent accident on Welsh Road, the Offchurch village nameplate is being repaired.

Next meeting 21 May at Offchurch

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.