



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association AGM Thursday 2nd March 2017

1. Previous Minutes and matters arising

An addition to the previous minutes was agreed as follows: *Bob Curtis asked Cllr Phillips why he was not aware of flooding on the Millers site, and the answer was that he wanted to obtain a response from Bob Curtis. Bob Curtis had written to Cllr Phillips on 23rd December. Cllr Phillips had not seen a legitimate planning reason to vote against the Sports and Social Club reserved matters application. Matters arising: Bob Curtis read the following: "It can be seen from the application on land to the east of Will Hall Farm that there are the same issues with flooding, both pluvial and fluvial in that case. The EA have objected to the reserved matters application. Whereas the fluvial (river) flooding considers the flood plain in this case, it does not in the case of Cadnam Farm. The pluvial flood plain, where identified can be considered to be suitable for development where the topography, geology and political will allow. In my opinion only one factor is positive here. In the case of Will Hall, the EA have stepped in and objected to adoption of reserved matters application. In our case we can only wait and see what transpires from our presents at the EHDC liaison meetings. I have heard nothing further regarding Cllr Phillips' multi-agency meeting regarding flooding in Geales Crescent."*

Action: John Geoghegan & John Field to organise the parking poster going out to Victoria Road East.

Comments were made that the Will Hall Farm site were outside of the remit of this group.

2. Update from Committee

There was no specific update from the Committee.

3. Proposal to formally request of the Portfolio Holder for Alton (Cllr Phillips) to report his objectives

It was agreed that Cllr Phillips would be invited to attend the AGM on 6th April to report his objectives.

4. Proposal for Cllr David Orme to be formally invited to address the meeting to dispel members' fears of flooding from the hills above the town predicted by the Environment Agency

This was unanimously agreed.

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5. Updates: Traffic, flooding, planning

Traffic: There was nothing to update.

Planning: There had been an update from HCC Highways regarding the Anstey Rd/Anstey Lane junction and proposed works there. The Chair had emailed Cllr Joy to seek clarification on why a second study was needed on the subject. The “Curlews Stream” had been known about since 2007.

Cadnam Farm: Construction lorries had been seen on Anstey Lane during school hours. Developers want to know who these contractors are. There were reports of inconsiderate parking at the junction of Gilbert White Way and Anstey Lane. The possibility of a letterdrop to neighbours of the site was suggested. The on-site team were approachable and had responded quickly to issues raised. The group was encouraged to keep raising issues as they arose, and capture as much information as possible (e.g. number plates, company name). The closure of Upper Anstey Lane is temporary at the moment, and no agreement is in place for its permanent closure. Behaviours would change due to this temporary closure as residents use alternative routes.

Miller Homes site: The original access to the site was still being used presently. The compound is under construction. Some on-road issues for a while, but mainly quickly resolved.

Flooding: There had been one incident since the last meeting, a resident from Curlews had contacted Bob Curtis. He reported the fault, which was deemed “resolved” by HCC. It was proposed Cllr Joy was contacted on the subject. Damian Hinds MP has taken up the issue of flooding with EHDC.

6. Any other business

- Through correspondence, the MP Damian Hinds reported that he could not force Thames Water to increase their capacity.
- It was suggested that the developers had no requirement to insure against flooding.
- The Neighbourhood plan would be adhered to, for most things. Exceptions exist, such as the Miller Homes site, where parking considerations were determined at outline stage, prior to the NP’s adoption.
- The monitoring group for the NP meets every 2-3 months. Progress would be reported at the Annual Electors’ Meeting on 15th March.
- There was no update on the funding application to do work on the alleyway between Spitalfields and Edward Rd.
- The annual “Spring Clean” community litterpick would take place on Saturday 4th March, meeting at 10:00 at the back of the Alton Infants School. All welcome.
- The parking issue around the waste & recycling centre may be caused by staff at the nearby call centre, rather than displaced from Victoria Rd, or commuters.
- Business for the AGM agenda: Holding Official District Council meetings in Alton; a possible change of name to “Anstey, Wooteys and Eastbrooke Residents Association”; Frequency, days and times of meetings; change of Chairman and Secretary

7. Summary of actions

John Field and John Geoghegan to revisit old "parking enforcement guide"

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Peter Hicks to follow this up within ATC.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 6th April 2017, 7pm at the Alton Buckle Community Building.

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