

## Clowne Community Association

### **Final Minutes of Meeting** **Date: 20 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Venue: Clowne Methodist Hall**

1. **Apologies** :Steven Raison, Ross Walker, David and Margaret Hewitt, Susan Hursthouse, Pat Thorpe, Judy Robinson, Tony Loach, Ken Hough.
2. **Attendance was 30 people.**
3. **AGM November – noted that the next meeting on 22 November is our AGM and any nominations for Committee please to be sent in.**
4. **Wreath for Remembrance Sunday – Agreed for Ross Walker to lay this for the Association.**
5. **PCSO were due to attend - but presumably away at an incident**

The community are the eyes and ears of the Police- please pass on anything you see. As usual the message is any sightings or worries **RING 101 with any concerns.**  
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### **6. Stanfree Valley Preservation Group opposition to Low Rd development proposals - Speaker Melissa Rose**

The group are involved in trying to enhance Oxcroft Screens site – Harworth Estates ownership - for wildlife conservation. Derbyshire Univ. are also involved and pit top area. Campaign group are against Avant Homes 1,000 homes proposal. Met a few weeks ago at Oxcroft Centre. BDC have consulted 22 and have received 233 objections so far. Loss of countryside- pressure on resources, hospitals, schools etc. trying to protect smaller communities, drainage impact, roads and traffic impact, pollution, protection of the limestone ridge, biodiversity and wildlife issues.

On The Edge Avant Homes removed mature hedgerow and loss of wildlife habitat. Wildlife Trust wanted a 2 to 1 ratio of replacement but BDC only required 361m hedge replacement and there is no mature biodiversity habitat in that obviously. The loss of hedgerows and trees and biodiverse habitat and also the impact on flooding where trees are able to help soak up high rainfall and limit flood risk. Pollinators and insects impact, oxygen generation by mature trees and CO2 soak up. A wildlife inventory of Stanfree Farm has been done by volunteers and has been submitted to DWT. They have Biodiversity Action Plan species present here at Low Road.

The infrastructure of Clowne is inadequate for the current development capacity. A further 600 new housing development proposals just put in in the last 3 weeks. Roads can't cope – pedestrians can't cross the roads now as it is. Doctors and schools aren't capacity for any more. No bus services and sewerage system can't cope already.

Tesco shops are drawing shoppers into Clowne but roads aren't up to it. 1800 housing proposals in North of Clowne. Dangerous roads on High Street and at The Angel junction. No infrastructure is put in place before new housing – it is always only to deal with a problem created by new housing.

If you wish to comment **Low Road Application number is 17/00417**  
- Clowne North scoping enquiry **Application number is 17/00430.**

## Questions/ Comments raised

**Q.** STWA don't have an influence/input to decisions on housing – they just have to cope with the new connections being made

STWA spokesman at our meeting in the past said they should be informed and they are not. They are in denial .

**Q.** Bolsover Council are in denial about the impact on schools etc.

**Q.** CIL money ( Community Infrastructure Levy) the money goes to the Council and the Council also get additional rate income benefit too from Govt for new houses.

**Q.** The Bolsover town north development will also come to Junction 30 – despite the developers saying it will go to Junction 29A of the M1.

**Q.** We have 900 empty houses in Bolsover – at the same time as all the new housing is being built. If all agricultural land is lost how will future generations feed themselves?

**Q.** Suggest invite Dennis Skinner MP to attend and support objections to development – but he has already said Clowne is a hot spot and we will just have to put up with it! We need him on our side.

**Q.** We have 3,500 existing dwellings at present in Clowne . The plan is for 2,500 more – so two thirds as big again as currently- the impact will be massive change and impact on all aspects of the town. The roads in particular in the centre can't cope as it is.

**Q.** Rotherham Road – the 69 new houses development – Gleeson- has had a huge traffic impact on Rotherham Rd from the no. of cars speeding along . The pollution impact is and will continue to be huge.

## **7. Bolsover 5 Year Supply of Housing sites Review- Greg Lindley**

Margaret and David Hewitt asked at the last Parish Council meeting about the 5 year supply and the Local Plan.

Bolsover have developed a 5 year supply and Council report from August explains that Bolsover now have a 5 year supply - indeed it is shown that they have up to 8 or 9 years supply of land capable of development in the next 5 years. They are working on a rate of build of 240 homes pa across Bolsover.

The New Local Plan is now delayed until Autumn 2018 .

It leaves Clowne at risk still from Development Proposals that are inappropriate to our town's needs.

David had presented a list of current developments and proposals and this was presented to the meeting on screen:-

	<b>Houses</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>Kids</b>	<b>Cars</b>	<b>Journeys</b>
<b>North</b>	1,187	2,274	1,187	2,274	8,160
<b>South</b>	1,670	3,340	1,670	3,340	6,700
<b>Total</b>	2,857	5,714	2,857	5,714	14,860

We need to Object to the Council and make our views known. Doubling the size of the town is not sensible with 3,000 extra housing proposals – given the infrastructure constraints here.

It has recently been suggested by Bolsover Council that they could knock down 2 Council houses on Mansfield Rd to make a new access to The Arc and this will simply move the traffic problem to a new place – not solve it.

## **8. Parish View- Neighbourhood Plan and development**

On raising it at the last Parish meeting Next Parish raise it again.

No Neighbourhood Plan because the Parish rejected it and we are now suffering for that lack.

Parish Council agreed that they would object to the 3 current Planning applications.- but they usually say very little on Planning apps

Cllr Jim Smith has submitted a strong objection letter to the Low Rd proposals.

Next Parish raise it again.

Plan must have all the services issues included in it. We need Bolsover DC to tell us about the infrastructure issues being raised eg see what STWA view is on the infrastructure pressure and sewage capacity constraints. Need to say enough is enough.

Invite the new Parish Council Chairman to attend our meeting. Invite personally to go to Karen Oxspring.

People are also encouraged to attend the Parish meetings.

**9. The Minutes of the previous meeting 19 July 2017 were approved as correct.**

**10. Street Lights – etc.** Cllr Anne Western says new DCC administration is continuing the changes - they are brighter and cheaper. Feel that shorter columns are not as good for lighting – taller columns are better. Brook Hill lights are buried in the conifer trees. Turning lights off is not on the cards.

Bins on linear walk why haven't they been replaced?

Allan has asked for bins from Cllr Western on the new Greenway.

**11. Parish Notice Board- future?**

Parish will decide on what happens to this when/ if the Parish House is sold. It is being sold because its not used and huge rates cost.

Previously History Society would have liked the building for a Clowne History Centre – EH/Lottery funding was a possible in the past.

**12. Clowne in Bloom**

Well Dressing was w/c Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July and donations raised over £350 and people are thanked for their contributions. Alongside main display were small display boards from all the local schools and Salvation Army juniors.

The Tesco Bags of Help grant £12,000 spend was completed for the end of July spending deadline – with some items still being placed on site. Eg Rail sign ordered from Victory etc.

Play Train is on Parish site at Community centre with safety items required having been done.

**13. Southgate Memorial**

Planning approval given for installation of mining wheel, mining tub and bench. History group want concrete in for the bases before winter frosts. Estimate 7 cu metres and about £6-900 for concrete – so any contributions help. Suggested Capital Refractories may help –John Newsam - Allan is to approach them, as well as other local businesses. Derbyshire Community Foundation approach for funding help. The group have approached Tesco Bags of Help and are likely to be in the next round of voting.

**14. Poolsbrook Country Park - Gym quipment**

They have some excellent gym gear at Poolsbrook site - can we see if the Council will encourage this in Clowne and allow something similar somewhere here.

Need something in Clowne for the young people – they have nothing now since skate park area was taken away.

**15. AGM is on 22 November reminder for next meeting- nominations?**

**16. Meeting DATES FOR 2017 and 2018**

**Committee dates two weeks prior to main meetings**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meetings</b>
<b>1 November</b>	<b>22 November and AGM</b>

**FOR 2018**

<b>3 January</b>	<b>24 January</b>
<b>7 March</b>	<b>21 March</b>
<b>2 May</b>	<b>23 May</b>
<b>4 July</b>	<b>18 July</b>
<b>5 September</b>	<b>19 September</b>
<b>7 November</b>	<b>21 November</b>

**Note Drinks and Raffle - everyone was thanked for their donations- £36.03**