

Final Minutes of Meeting
Date: 23 November 2016

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Clowne Methodist Hall

1. **Apologies** Steven Raison, PCSO's.
Attendance was 35 people.
2. **AGM for 2016 taken first and is Minuted separately**
3. **PCSO** – were due to attend tonight but must be at an incident

As usual the message is any sightings or worries **RING 101 with any concerns.**
The community are the eyes and ears for the PCSO and the Police.

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4. DATES FOR 2017

Committee	Meetings
4 January	18 January
1 March	22 March
3 May	24 May
5 July	19 July
6 September	20 September
1 November	22 November

5. Parish House and Coop sign

The Clowne Parish house on Mill Street is now For Sale – as Offices. The question is being asked if anything is in place to protect the old Coop sign that was built into the wall on the frontage of the property. It is said a covenant will be included in the sale to protect this piece of history. However a letter to the Parish is proposed asking for it to be protected. Also to suggest to the Parish that as it is understood that the Parish are now taking over responsibility of the area of landscaping at the front of Dominos/Ashgate Hospice on North Rd – where the old Coop used to be - that the sign and date stone could be relocated now as part of any works to update that area and thus give more certainty to the long term future of these pieces of Clowne history?

Agreed Letter to be sent.

6. New Bolsover Local Plan and Community Association response

The Local Plan is again out for consultation with a deadline for comments of Monday 12 December 2016 at 5pm. A series of public exhibitions are taking place.

The consultation document shows a housing target of 3,600 houses over the period of the plan – till 2031 with some 3,030 existing planning approvals and 240 pa target each year. Clowne North is included at over 1,000 new houses and 20 hectares of economic development (in the Green Belt). It is felt that there is no justification made for the proposals. It proves very difficult to get to grips with the raft of documents put out and available on line and understand where Bolsover are pushing policy. There was a statement of existing planning approvals a year ago but this has not been updated and there is no statement about the simple housing numbers and why if we need 3,600 over the plan period and have 3,030 or so existing approvals then should only need 600 or so new. Why then are over 1,000 being imposed on Clowne.

Clowne has only 8% population growth projected and already has 12% existing housing growth approved and yet more is projected way beyond in this document. This

is all about Bolsover balancing its numbers not about what is right for Clowne. We have infrastructure problems already and none of this is answered by the new document. None of the issues of principle that Bolsover Council themselves set out when they rejected Clowne North as a Strategic site option in 2012 have been answered in any way in this consultation document. These were issues including loss of good quality agricultural land, no connectivity into Clowne, impact on wildlife areas etc. In addition the plan shows an allocation for 500 houses at Clowne North beyond the plan period – with no justification. A Garden Village designation is blithely attached to Clowne North when in fact it cannot be such as this designation can only apply to a discrete separate settlement – not part of an existing settlement. There is a Sustainability Assessment on line to view as well as a whole host of other documents that Bolsover rely on as their case for the plan draft. They have another six months from now to prepare more evidence after this current consultation stage and then will submit the Draft Plan(mid 2017) for Examination prior to adoption and so at that point any objections we might still have would then go forward to the Inspector for Examination at Enquiry into the Draft Plan.

Commented that Harlethorpe Dam is at risk from any potential development. The Dam is subject to regular inspection by Panel Engineers who have said that if there is ever talk about building below the dam say no. The water below the dam has nowhere to go, it cannot take any more water in this area.

NPPF- National Planning Policy Framework There are a series of these documents that set out for all Councils the national policies of Government that they must comply with including Economic and infrastructure provision, Environmental protection and pollution. None of this is in the Local Plan. Improvements to infrastructure should go hand in hand with any development. According to the Local Plan there is no need in Bolsover as a whole for more employment provision and yet they are proposing 20 hectares to be in Green Belt!

3,600 new houses are all to be in Bolsover and Clowne. They have not accounted for existing developments being built now.

What happens to the Local Plan when boundary changes happen in 2020 if it becomes Bolsover and Dronfield?

And there is the risk of the Sheffield City Region take over.

In North East Derbyshire there are 5 Neighbourhood Plans – they have encouraged them. They listened to the community – this gives control over development proposals. Ashover and Dronfield have a Neighbourhood Plan. Dronfield have a housing target of only 285 homes and some are already covered by existing approvals!

Why by comparison has Clowne got so many- we are not dissimilar towns.

HS2- High Speed Rail- this is not reflected in the plan?

The route of this has changed and has just been issued

Main route is west coast through Crewe to Manchester and Glasgow/Edinburgh. The east coast route stops at Newcastle . Where previously it ran along Staveley/Renishaw valley straight through the Sitwell Arms it now runs alongside the M1 from bottom of Bolsover hill across Shuttlewood and across the M1 to cross the other side of Barlborough immediately alongside the Dusty Miller Pub then follows up M18. Route through Chesterfield / Sheffield not decided yet. A maintenance depot at Staveley is to get access via disused Greenway route- DCC owned line.

Councillor Duncan McGregor Bolsover DC has apparently commented that "people will love the gentle curve"!

Infrastructure Impact?

If there are 100 new houses pa in Clowne then that is an extra 200 cars per year- where will they shop and where will they park. Again we are a 21st century town with a 19th century road system.

Agricultural Land loss and need for future food production is not featured.

Agriculture is a national priority

National NPPF has it as important

Housing Bill / Act July – any Local Plan has to encourage small agricultural enterprise in their area. How can that be happening here when we are losing the very land such businesses would rely on?.

Q. Asked

What happens from the extra money that Bolsover DC are getting from the housing growth fund to make Clowne a better place?? Were told this would be selfish and that the money goes Borough wide. The plan says B and C options picked because they are the most sustainable but this is not defined in the document. It is left to elsewhere in a separate sustainability assessment to explain this.

Green Belt. - it says there is a precedent elsewhere for the use of Green Belt land and it plays down the grade of agricultural land quality- as though its not the best.

Car Park for the village?- contributes to minimising need to travel by car to services by sustainable modes of transport to places of employment and services. Outlined a lack of bus services and how do you get people out of cars.

Conservation Area is on the At Risk Register.

Regeneration Display in Chapel some months ago – but it was not a locally based company and so not understanding local perspectives nor well grounded in reality of local potential and reality.

Comments Notes Circulated for Association Members to fill in and Inform our submission.

CLOWNE NORTH strategic proposal- Voted and all but 2 people against it.

Agreed that the Association is not supportive of this proposal and the comments to Bolsover DC should be framed against it . Delegate comments to the nominated group to submit by the deadline of 12 December.

New Bolsover Local Plan – Association Cttee/Forum

These people volunteered to be the Association group looking at this:

Eric Blackwell, Dave Hewitt, Simon Nissenbaum, Paul Mangle, Steven Raison,
Allan Bailey, Greg Lindley.

Greg/ Others to contact BDC Planning about consultation to confirm understanding.

7. Councillor Anne Western presentation

Street Lighting

The street lights will not go out in Clowne. The Conservatives were consulting with villages and some said yes to this idea and they were switched off at night. Labour have invested in LED lighting which is more energy efficient and plan for changes over the next two years. And now they wait for failures and respond to these to replace with new LED's rather than automatically replace bulbs that are still working ok. This saves money - as of 15 November some 5,000 have been installed- 6% of the system and these have saved around £400,000 pa.

Gritting

No changes or cut backs to gritting have taken place in the last 3 to 4 years. DCC have invested in new vehicles. The routes are the same as before- prioritised routes.

Q. Gritting bins are these cut back? There was one at Mitchell Street corner near ramp?

A There is no policy to remove them – Anne will check this location.

Q. Why aren't lamps solar powered?

A again Anne will check.

Q Why don't DCC insist on solar panels on all new houses?

A The planning rules are a District Council matter – But Anne agrees that this should be generally included in all policy. We need a Local Plan with the relevant policy in to drive this.

County Council don't direct Planning or Housing. But, the County has surplus land and it can sell it off for housing where appropriate. They have now set up a development company and they do now do development through this route. So on a brownfield land site they will build houses to lifetime standards and to best practice standards.

Q Kids from schools have anti-social behaviour, this tends to be youths on bikes going into shops and being a nuisance. Allan has been in touch with the new Police and Crime Commissioner and highlighted this issue. It is hoped that the PCSO can be about on foot.

Q. Pelican Crossing Please ??

Q. Pavements are not Gritted ??

Barton Street Bridge/ Ramp

There are still fencing off of sections to be done- where the steps are not complete for instance.

Allan Bailey has recovered an old Midland Rail cast iron sign from the site and intends to get this mounted on a plinth on the old bridge abutment near the ramp – it has a date of 1893.

The rail line project will take several years and DCC hope to do this in phases. Made sure the centre was started first in Clowne because of the access problem of the bridge. Work contracted with Pugh Lewis – will review contract and money available and hope to get the steps completed soon.

Q.? HS2 Maintenance line on the Greenway?

HS2 will be down to money nationally and work will be there till 2033 Hope it will bring jobs to the area with a maintenance depot at Staveley. But the downside is the loss of property that will inevitably follow the chosen route for the new HS2 line.

The County council is involved with HS2 and will work with them on impacts and effects/adjustments. They hope that as a CC they can minimise the disruption but cannot hope to stop it. And national economy will decide at the end of the day the resource available and the economics.

Council Funds for Need

The County Council have funds for certain places with challenges. The North of Clowne is one of places- with few facilities in the north of Clowne - Wilson Ave area. They are asking people what are the priorities? Access is currently flagged up as an issue. Crossing Creswell Road is dangerous.

Infrastructure

Q? How can Clowne accommodate/ cope with the pressure of new homes? Drains on Mitchell Street blocked and damage to property. Very little drain clearing maintenance? How often is this done? And at the bottom of Church Street?

Q. Crossings at The Edge?

Q. We were promised a crossing and mini roundabout – is it to be done.

A If it was a planning condition it should be chased up

Q. Also seats that were removed on Mansfield Road?

On a positive note the gully at Station Road has worked and Derbyshire work has cleared it out so that now the stream here is free flowing.

A The culvert under Station Road had a right angle turn and had never been cleaned out apparently so it is good that this has resolved this issue.

Q. how much input has DCC highways had into the Local Plan – in respect of infrastructure concerns and the ability to cope of the road system.

A DCC hope that Bolsover Planners are aware of the issues and that they are getting the right views. DCC are a statutory consultee..

Q. Can DCC Cabinet Member for transport Read the Plan and comment on it about the lack of public transport?

A. Anne hopes it will be influenced. Anne is still pressuring on buses and the routes to Chesterfield from Clowne. It isn't running frequently enough. But the world has

changed and Stagecoach etc need to review it. Eg BDC Offices moved to Clowne, Markham Vale growth and the new swimming pool now etc.

If a trial route is proposed by a provider then it needs to be properly advertised and sufficiently regular. Is there a weight limit issue on the Coalite bridge?- 3 tonne limit?

Q. Still concerns over A frames limitations on Linear Park for some disability scooters?

A. These are on Bolsover DC land and its their policy to restrict motorbikes etc. so the community need to pressure them.

Q. No Police presence to our meetings again? If they can't come at least get us some feedback?

Coalite work has now started on site to do the clean up work on site remediation. The Local Economic Partnership have promised £6 million funding and DCC have put in £2 million to help the clean up happen at last.

Creswell Road concerns – the speed of vehicles 60 to 30 mph flashing signs may help to slow down traffic. Crossing the road is difficult – it is too dangerous to cross. The residents group has disbanded but Richard Haigh still has their contacts.

A DCC don't use A frames BDC are concerned about motorbike access They have discussed it over a year ago but not resolved.

Access group to pressure BDC again.

Next year are DCC elections.

8. The Minutes of the previous meeting 21 September 2016 were approved as correct.

9. Next Meeting - for 2017

Committee dates two weeks prior to main meetings

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4 January	18 January