

## Clowne Community Association

### Final Minutes of Meeting

Date: 18 January 2017

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Clowne Methodist Hall

1. **Apologies** Pat Thorpe , Mr Clarke, Jean and Avril (Boughton Lane), Carol Sibring

**Attendance was 28 people.**

2. **Allan noted that there will be an election for the single Parish Council vacant seat in Clowne South and to confirm our Association non political stance.**

3. **PCSO** – were due to attend tonight but may 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. **The Minutes of the previous meeting 23 November 2016 were approved as correct.**

**Matters Arising:**

5. **Buses** Cllr Anne Western said at the Parish meeting that D2N2 has hit the buffers and so it is difficult for the DCC to pressure Stagecoach on this. There may be other ways however for DCC to go but it doesn't look hopeful. There are lorries from the Coalite reclamation using the Coalite bridge – so what weight restriction limit issue is there?

6. **New Bolsover Local Plan and Community Association response submitted to Bolsover DC for the deadline of 12 December 2016- Greg Lindley**

A screen presentation was made of the submission that was made to Bolsover DC on behalf of the Association. This had been shared with the nominated group of Association members although inevitably there was not enough time to do justice to the breadth of the content of the many and varied documents involved in the consultation.

This was indeed one of the key points that we put back to BDC- that we found it extremely difficult as a group to get to grips with what we were being consulted on. For the sub-group Greg and Dave had talked with Rob Routledge BDC Planning Officer to check whether at least the outline of our submission was on the right track and that we were not wide of the mark in our interpretation.

So key points were that:

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. Our argument that Clowne does not need this level of growth, even if BDC does, and that it would be damaging to Clowne given the infrastructure issues that we already have and that would be made worse by these new development pressures

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 and this may make the Local Plan fail at Examination stage. 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. Next steps are that in six months time BDC aim to have a Draft Plan at Submission Stage and any objections we may have at that stage – assuming they change nothing - would then be submitted to the Inspector for Examination at Enquiry into the Draft Plan.

**Q** Are the residents of North road aware of the proposals.

**A** People ought to be aware but won't be informed any more directly than the general Local Plan promotion until the developer submits a planning application.

We hope to place the submission on our web site.

### **7. HS2 High Speed Rail presentation- Greg Lindley**

A plan showing the new route of HS2 just issued for consultation was shared on screen. This now runs across the bottom of Bolsover hill where the Bolsover Industrial Estate is and crosses roughly where the old Coalite offices were on the hillside . It then cuts across the motorway and runs northwards along the western side of the motorway towards Barlborough junction 30 bypassing the edge of the Dusty Miller pub garden . It appears to take out the row of cottages between Dusty Miller and Barlborough. It also shows a maintenance depot line linking to Staveley running west from the M1 along the line of the proposed DCC Greenway – a position that DCC are obviously aware of and are accepting of given the wider economic issues involved. Presumably, they will find alternatives for the Greenway route at this part of the route.

The HS2 plans are understood to be in the Library.

### **8. Coalite Clearance Contact**

On the monitoring of the Coalite reclamation works it is understood that they are monitoring VOC ( Volatile Organic Compounds) and not monitoring Dioxins etc. The River Doe Lea was highly polluted over the life of Coalite plant and an EU dispensation was given to leave it as it was as to disturb it would not have had a solution that was safe. The old tips are hugely polluted. There is an office Bolsover DC log record. After a previous explosion at Coalite material was taken away to Tibshelf somewhere to a secure site.

Eric noted previous experience at Coalite plant site. Waste water was pumped to lagoons on top of the tip that was allowed to filter down through the waste tip and then into the Doe Lea River- only later was a proper filter system added. Coalite was emitting pollutants on the night shift deliberately when no one was aware of the fact.

### **9. Greenway Planning Application by DCC- Greg Lindley**

The County Council have submitted a Planning application - in parallel with a funding application (including European funds.) The Association, and Clowne in Bloom and others, have submitted letters of support for the application. The plans are available to view on line via DCC site and via BDC site who have been consulted.

Copies of the plans were supplied by DCC and were on show at the meeting - they have new access points- ramps at Neale Street, Slayley Lane and HoodCroft and onto Linear Park at Hollin Hill. There is an inherent risk to loss of trees in the rail cutting area as the Health and Safety risk is spelled out in the trees document attached to the planning application. The funding decision is not known and depends on ERDF (European Regional Development Fund). This is a match funded programme and if it fails then DCC would have to look at a slower more phased delivery of the path

scheme. Access points at Westlea are mentioned / suggested as possible route for kids to Heritage school but seems risky.

The Greenway links to another part of the area

**Q.** Access points who has decided these?

Is Westlea the best place for a school route with the regular dumping and other anti social issues there?

Possible school access for bicycles is important.

### **10. Clowne in Bloom- Greg Lindley**

The long delay over the Tesco Bags of Help grant is now resolved thanks to the Parish Council allocating a site for the wooden play train at the Community Centre next to the existing play area where other new equipment is to be placed- funded by BDC section 106 planning gain funds. It is hoped to get the play train on site in the next few weeks( once the parish site detail is confirmed) and then likewise to get on with all the other grant items. After the rejection of the play train site by BDC we had received an approval letter from Derbyshire CC for the other rail line and then some weeks afterwards that was also withdrawn!. . The four history signs on either end of Linear Park are to be upgraded using the grant funding along with putting in a fifth new rail history story board on the DCC site that they have agreed to. We have a **Wildflower planting day set for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** with UK native plug plants to be bought.

**Well Dressing this year is set for Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.** Making is in the week of Monday 17-Fri 21 July at Methodists Chapel. We will have small boards from each of the 3 schools as well as Salvation Army so twelve small boards.

We need more volunteers and more plants and shrubs – if you can help please get in touch.

Mitchell Street planting area – thanks were expressed for the tidy up of the area.

**Methodist Choir Christmas Choir Donation of £80** made towards Clowne in Bloom and our thanks go to them for this.

### **11. MUGA on Sidings Linear Park( Multi Use games Area)**

Bolsover DC have approached the Parish Council and asked them to take the equipment but they feel it will not fit at Recreation Close / Community Centre site.

But this is not the only flat safe space in Clowne to site it on. Letter to go to Bolsover Council asking for it to be kept in the centre of the town and suggesting consultation and joint working. Why have BDC chosen what option and who have they asked?.

Harlethorpe is one option suggested – Hickinwood recreation area- provided it passes a safety test after removal. The centre of Clowne is regarded as the best location – rather a better location. S 106 money needs to be spent or some of it may expire in time limit?

**Letter to go to BDC from Community Association** – saying keep it on Linear Park- moved across. . Presumably it's as much to take it down and move it on. Sport England possible grant funding new source just open for applications?- Community Asset fund- possible joint working with the community to suggest? Possible Biffa grant application?. Noted that Council meetings are at 10am.

### **12. Remembrance Memorial Garden**

#### **Seats**

People have nowhere to sit- only the wall or the poppy sculpture. People need to write in to the Parish and ask for seating. The slope on the site may be seen as an issue but not insuperable. There is also no garden in the garden- planted tubs on the shale area would at least add some green/colour. Council van has a compressor and have asked for the poppy to be cleaned again. Ensure people write individual letters.

**13. Elastic FM community Awards** – Nominations are invited with a pending deadline – any local community volunteers that people think are worthy of nominating please let Elastic FM know at the Enterprise Centre Station Road.

**14. Tennis in North Derbyshire**

Discussions are underway by Clowne Tennis Trustees with Creswell Parish Council about possibilities on land near the existing cricket site/youth club at Creswell and involving existing Creswell Family Tennis Club.

**15. Attendance of public at Clowne Parish meetings is encouraged.**

**16. Meeting DATES FOR 2017**

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

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

**Note Drinks and Raffle raised £44.40 and everyone was thanked for their donations.**