

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on
Friday 12th March 2021 at 7pm**

Present: **Committee Members**

Cllr A Kirke
Cllr N Ireland
Cllr A Muller
Cllr B Payton
Cllr A Whitehouse
Cllr D Neal
Cllr V Hobson

Non Committee Members – Cllr D Smith

In attendance: District Councillors Lisa Brown and David Muller, County Councillor Martyn Ford and 50+ members of the public.

461 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr S Mann.

462 **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr. A. Kirke declared a personal interest in agenda item, Jacksons Lane Planning Application.

463 **Public Speaking** – bullet points of comments made by members of the public:

- Freeport – We should concentrate on what we want, including:
NO road access including personnel vehicles to site from local roads. - A38 and A50 only
Absolute zero carbon site, electricity only from renewable sources
Site could export surplus via high voltage National grid network which is very nearby.
All Road and Rail freight vehicles entering or leaving site to be electric, or hydrogen powered.
All on-site vehicles including cranes and mobile hoists and forklifts to be electric, or hydrogen powered.
No light pollution.
Noise abatement measures, monitoring, and controls.
On site recycling of all waste materials.
No combustion on-site
Surface and all water drainage systems to absolutely prevent any chance of flooding.
Good and attractive design of all buildings.
Maximum screening with quick growing attractive trees.
- Jacksons Lane – concerns firstly over the public footpath going through the allotments and Common End (private land) why do we need this? Secondly, what guarantees the Council have of no one abusing this route, i.e groups of people using substances they should not be and thirdly, dog walking, how can you ensure dog owners will not be letting their dogs off their leads allowing them to foul over front lawns.
- Jacksons Lane (Common End footpath) – do the Council intend to keep the farm gate (which is padlocked), what is happening with the vehicle access gate. Concerns that if the footpath is granted that either the gate is completely removed or left unlocked for pedestrians to

open and close. Concern that other than allotment holders how will this be policed to ensure no one else is accessing this area by vehicle? We could have people parking there for walks etc.

- Freeport – are we able to inform residents who the ultimate decision makers are, who is formulating the plans. (*Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will make the final decisions*).
- County Councillor Martyn Ford – County will be involved in the process, we have no firm details yet however everyone will have an opportunity to have their say. Please do not be alarmed if we are not in touch in the next few week/months, this is a long process, as soon as we know something, it will be communicated down to the Parish Council/residents.
- District Councillor Muller stated there is a District Meeting at Matlock on the 24th March and has put in a question asking for a liaison group to be set up.

464 **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020** – Approved at Full Council meeting.

465 **East Midlands Freeport**

To date, we have no further information to give anyone, other than that reported in local newspapers.

The aim of tonight's meeting is to ensure that the people of the parish are kept up to speed on developments as they happen and we take their comments on board.

Ideas were for communication were -

Primary and Secondary school / Parish Newsletter / Commercial booklet with Hilton and Egginton - Hilton and Dove Valley Life / word of mouth / leaflet drop.

Cllrs Kirke and Muller attended a meeting last week with Toyota and the developers, Goodmans and other local Parish Council Chair and District and County Councillors, this was a preliminary meeting, they were not able to tell us any more than is currently publicised. The did commit to setting up a working group involving the local parish councils.

Leaflet drop –this could involve leaflet dropping the village asking if they would like to be kept up to date with developments via email or paper copy.

Cllr. Ford (DCC) stated the developer will be aware that the onus will be on them to communicate with the local residents/Parish Council.

Cllr. Brown (SDDC) mentioned we have an approximate idea on what the plan that has been submitted with the bid will look like as it is the same as the plan that was produced in 2014. The Parish Council at the time did a great response. She suggested residents write to their local MP wish concerns.

It was AGREED we seek to establish a mailing list, whether that's electronic (preferred) or postal for those who have no computer access. Please contact the Clerk if you are willing to help with a village leaflet drop.

466 **Jacksons Lane Planning Application**

Council have received the links to the latest information on the development.

It was AGREED to raise the following concerns:

- Common End and the track adjacent to the allotment gardens is also not shown on the Derbyshire County Council public map as an adopted highway or public right of way. Common End is owned by the adjacent houses, with the allotments leased by the Parish Council. The only permitted access along Common End being access to the houses and allotments. No permitted access to the field (development site) is available.
- If the footpath in the South East corner to the site boundary is constructed, this will lead pedestrians onto Jacksons Lane where the hedges give poor visibility. Leaving a footpath short of the surfaced road will give a short dangerous non surfaced length. A similar situation has been constructed on the “Bloor” Willington Road development.
- Noise – any extra mitigation for noise levels bearing in mind the Freeport.
- Is a roundabout still planned for Egginton Road?
- Will the 30mph be extended?
- The turning head at the junction of Road 2 and Road 3 shown on the Engineering layout is not utilised in the vehicle tracking drawing. It would appear to be the preparation for a future road to the adjacent field rather than a turning point. This is reinforced by residents recently seeing surveyors in the field.
- If the extension of the site is under consideration, the extension will be outside the current Local Plan village boundary.
- Jacksons Lane is not shown on the Derbyshire County Council public map as an adopted highway or public right of way. Is it permitted to provide footpath access from the estate on to Jacksons Lane?
- The site ownership red line on drawing 2267 – 03 - E Site Layout includes the hedge between the site and the allotments. This is not consistent with the lease dated 02 07 1943 between Etwall Parish Council and the Borough of Burton upon Trent which shows the boundary as the centreline.

467 **Any other business** – none.

468 **Date of Next Meeting** – To be confirmed.

Signed: Date: