

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Wednesday 6th March 2013
Commencing at 6.00 p.m.
In the Council Chamber, Staveley Hall

Present:

Councillor B. Dyke
 Councillor O. Cauldwell
 Councillor J. Bacon
 Councillor J. Webley
 Councillor S. Bagshaw (substituting for Cllr. D. Collins)

In attendance:

Graeme Challands – Town Clerk and Financial Officer
 12 Members of the Public
 Robin Stonebridge Chesterfield Canal
 Dr. Geraint Coles Chesterfield Canal

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595/12	<p>The Chair welcomed Members of the Public to the Meeting and reminded all present that meetings were recorded.</p> <p>PART ONE: PUBLIC BUSINESS</p> <p>PUBLIC SESSION Roger Davenport asked why the whole meeting was not set aside for discussions on the High Speed 2 proposals, as agreed at the last meeting.</p> <p>The Chair explained that the Town Council at the last Ordinary Meeting had agreed that it would be more sensible for our local Members of Parliament to arrange for a public meeting. This was because initial consultation with HS2 was to be via MPs and in addition they had access to Government money to arrange and publicise meetings.</p> <p>This would save the Council Tax Payers of Staveley Town Council and provide a better outcome.</p> <p>The Town Clerk added that he understood Natascha Engel MP and Toby Perkins MP were organising a Joint Public Meeting in Staveley on March 23rd, probably at Netherthorpe School in the afternoon. Publicity would be issued as soon as matters were definite.</p> <p>Dennis Skinner MP may or may not also take part in the</p>	

	<p>Public Meeting – he had indicated his total opposition to the HS2 proposals. Roger Davenport felt Staveley Town Council should take a position on the noise issue. It was agreed trees, if they were to provide an acoustic barrier, would need to be planted as soon as possible and would need to be evergreen.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the areas affected by HS2. The meeting was informed that Markham Vale were in talks with HS2.</p> <p>Councillor Cauldwell declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: his son was affected by having buildings alongside the proposed route.</p> <p>The Town Clerk proposed that if the issue of noise from HS2 was to be appreciated a site visit to the Medway viaduct on HS1 may be an idea – paid for by HS2.</p> <p>Details of the inaccuracies contained in the HS2 paperwork were discussed.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Robin Stonebridge who outlined the position of the Canal Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2 proposals go right across the Canal proposals and would stop the Canal restoration proposals not just in Staveley but Renishaw Killamarsh. There it would ruin the unique structures of the 1776 Brindley Loops. <p>It blights developments both a foundry and housing</p> <p>If it continued to follow the current line it would obliterate £1/2 billion of investment. It would affect Markham Vale.</p> <p>The Canal Trust is not against HS2 as do not wish to be regarded as NIMBY.</p> <p>Written to HS2 explaining the issues. Not much response from them as yet but lots of media interest. HS2 have said they are now aware of the Canal issues and will work to address them.</p> <p>The Chesterfield Canal Trust are working with local MPs, other Canal Trusts and Societies and the Canal and River Trust to co-ordinate the response over canal projects from Birmingham northwards – they had already been involved from London to Birmingham.</p>	
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Dr. Coles joined the meeting at this point, giving his apologies for his late arrival.

They are asking for

- If HS2 damages a canal to ask for replacement and betterment
- From a heritage point of view any listed structures to be preserved on site or if it has to be moved, HS2 pay.

Blight concerns us most of all – individuals and businesses. As soon as the route was announced restoration funders immediately withdrew funding – for obvious reasons.

HS2 are working to remove the anomalies and obvious errors now before the scheme goes to public consultation. The further north the route goes the less planning has been done. He hoped substantial changes would be achievable prior to this.

Roger Davenport hoped that the route would be able to be moved where possible. He cited the Ffestiniog Railway as one that had benefitted from changes in their area.

He felt opencasting may take place now.

He wanted the Canal to be restored by HS2 at least to Renishaw now.

Robin said they had been discussing mitigation up front – done first. A restored canal corridor would help offset the decrease in biodiversity due to HS2.

Dr. Coles then spoke about their summary of the Engineering impact and the five key sites affected.

There were solutions to all and HS2 could come up with them and to pay for them.

With his Chesterfield Borough Council hat on he had met with HS2 at a meeting coordinated by Derbyshire County Council.

The Chief of HS2 had said nothing was tied down. The Engineer had taken a different view. However only 5% of the engineering work had been finalised so now was the time for changes. HS2 are keen to sort everything prior to public consultation.

Local politicians were being very supportive.

	<p>Dr. Coles felt the Staveley IMD may not go ahead – this could be at Toton or Tinsley, Toton being more likely as it was near Derby as a railway town.</p> <p>A complete engineering package will go to HS2 by the end of March and compromise was achievable.</p> <p>In response to a question from the public Dr. Coles explained his role – from the Chesterfield Canal Partnership, Canal and River Trust, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Chesterfield Borough Council.</p> <p>HS2 had had the impact of removing £2.4 million of funding he had been arranging via Heritage Lottery Fund, Viridor and ERDF.</p> <p>He felt it was vital to keep up restoration momentum. There was just 7 ¾ miles to restore but simple miles was perhaps not the best way to measure things – it was better to look at costs such as every A road bridge crossing the canal route cost £3 million whereas other stretches were cheaper but needed water to restore each section in sequence.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution.</p>	
596/12	<p>DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Councillor Cauldwell had previously made a Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest. His son owned property affected by the HS2 proposals.</p>	
597/12	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor D. Collins – attending a training course. Councillor S. Bagshaw was substituting Councillor L. Collins – attending a training course. Councillor E. Tidd – family commitments</p>	
598/12	<p>COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT There were no Councillors not present.</p>	
599/12	<p>MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2013 The Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Committee of Staveley Town Council held on Wednesday 30th January 2013 were APPROVED.</p>	

<p>600/12</p>	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2013</p> <p>539/12</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported on the M1 J28-31 Managed Motorways proposals.</p> <p>He had attended the meeting and had circulated handouts on the proposals to Councillors.</p> <p>He outlined the proposal.</p> <p>Members expressed great concerns about safety when proposal to use the current hard shoulder as a running lane went ahead.</p> <p>Widening the M1 to 4 lanes each way was accepted as a solution to congestion rather than this proposal. Councillor Webley reported on his experience on that section of the M1 as a Derbyshire County Council Highways employee. It was recognised that J28 onwards was a blackspot in terms of accidents.</p> <p>The Town Clerk gave his view that whatever the opinion of the public the work would go ahead this summer.</p>	
<p>601/12</p>	<p>DETAILS OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH BY MEMBERS</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>602/12</p>	<p>A LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED BY CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL</p> <p>The list of planning decisions notified by Chesterfield Borough Council were available on the website www.chesterfield.gov.uk/planningapplications.</p>	
<p>603/12</p>	<p>MASTIN MOOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>604/12</p>	<p>MARKHAM VALE</p> <p>Effect of HS2 had been discussed earlier.</p> <p>Councillor Webley reported an expansion of Andrew Page was likely. Councillor Bagshaw understood that IKEA may</p>	

	be building.	
605/12	STAVELEY TOWN BASIN Nothing to report except effect of HS2.	
606/12	STAVELEY TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN Nothing to report.	
607/12	STAVELEY WORKS SITE Nothing to report – affected by HS2	
608/12	CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN a) Schedule of Main Modifications b) Schedule of Minor Modifications Members had no comments to the changes. The Chair advised if they did have concerns to let the Town Clerk know. The Town Clerk reported the Planners were very interested in the views of Staveley Town Councillors in view of their local knowledge. This had been apparent at a recent site visit to Poolsbrook arranged by Councillor Parsons.	
609/12	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY Members welcomed the response from Chesterfield Borough Council. The Town Clerk explained that the Local Plan meeting had been affected by HS2. The planners had been obliged to react to that swiftly.	
610/12	HS2 Covered earlier in the meeting.	
611/12	ANY OTHER BUSINESS John Webley thanked the Clerk personally for the work he had put in on getting 20 houses to be built in Staveley. It was the Council who he had given him permission to start the scheme but the success was down to the Clerk's hard work. The Chair explained the scheme and the many benefits to our communities.	

612/12	<p>The Town Clerk thanked Councillor Webley for his views: they were appreciated</p> <p>LOCAL HERITAGE LIST ASSESSMENT PANEL RESOLVED- That Councillor Cauldwell represent Staveley Town Council on the Assessment Panel accompanied by the Town Clerk if there was space.</p>	
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