



LPRA committee meeting – 21st February 2024.

Present: Rupert Keppel-Palmer, Christine Belton-Brown, Lewis Howard, Gary Slinn, Kelly Welch, Ian & Marie Whale.

Apologies: Emma Found, Reiss Braniff.

Agenda

- **Surrounding roads – programme of improvements – update**

GS & CBB provided a detailed update on the recent meeting with MP Tracey Crouch around the ongoing lack of movement by stakeholders including the Parish Council, KCC and other bodies with regards to traffic levels, speeds, pedestrian safety, crossings on NHL, relocation of bus stops and other traffic mitigation measures including speed bumps. The following actions were agreed –

- A) An official response to be drawn up and sent to the Parish Council, KCC, Panattoni and MP Tracey Crouch detailing our concerns and requirements for inclusion on the Parish Council's Highway Improvement Plan as follows –
- B) Installation of speed bumps by Blu3 to assist in traffic calming / speed control given the ongoing concerns of safety of pedestrians crossing NHL by the Papyrus Way roundabout
- C) Installation of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on New Hythe Lane to improve pedestrian safety
- D) Relocation of the two bus stops currently located on New Hythe Lane by the Papyrus Way roundabout to an alternative location either on Bellingham Way or Papyrus way
- E) A request for resurfacing on the northern end of New Hythe Lane between Leybourne Way and Papyrus Way given the very poor condition of the road due to heavy traffic use.

Other outstanding traffic / pedestrian related concerns to be retained as an agenda item for future discussion with relevant bodies.

Thereafter dependent on the official response from the respective bodies, further escalations through MP Tracey Crouch, media and local groups to be made in order to push the case forward proactively.

- **Communication with the Parish Council**

A detailed discussion held on current efforts to progress the above-mentioned concerns through contact with the Parish Council. This included a conditional offer of associate membership of the RA made to Parish Councillor (and former resident) Ray Haffenden last February. Committee discussed whether this arrangement had shown demonstrable benefit. Noted also that Ray Haffenden had not fulfilled the conditions attached to the offer.

Vote held – unanimous agreement to withdraw the invitation with immediate effect – RKP to write to Ray Haffenden to advise of decision.

Agreement that all future correspondence will be through Trudy Dean and David Thornewell given responses from them made to MP Tracey Crouch when requested.

- **Replanting**

Quotes from GI to replant a large area of the estate's dead plants discussed. Prices high – alternative quotes required. To be placed on hold pending further discussions with estate management company.

- **AOB**

Easter egg hunt – agreement that we will not hold one this year but focus efforts and resources on a summer street party – details TBC

Meeting was concluded at 8pm