



LITTLEBOROUGH CIVIC TRUST

Committee Meeting

30th June 2020

Via Zoom

Members present

Ian Jackson, Michael Price, Gillian Price, Nick Andrews, John Kay, Vivienne Ashworth, Tom Besford, Barry Cropper, Janet Emsley

1. Introductions and welcome

Ian Jackson opened the meeting at 7.10 pm

2. Apologies for absence

Rina Paolucci, Ashley Dearnley

3. Submissions for AOB

To be considered at Item 12

4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed

5. Treasurers Report

LCT £1956

FRG £229

Canalside £1277

The cost for Zoom is £14.39 per month, the first payment has been made

6. Planning applications update

IJ is still concerned regarding Planning by Stealth. There are various planning applications in the pipeline along with work that has already started on various sites:

Jay's Garage 6 properties

Birchinley Manor 47 properties

Dearnley Old Hall 14 properties – site being cleared. NA has concerns regarding the design/layout of the site. As it stands Dearnley Old Hall would be obscured from view
? should the design be reviewed

New St – under construction

Land at Akzo – planning permission has already been approved but the site will go out to tender again in August 2020

Kershaw Farm -GMSF document

Land off Smithybridge Road – challenge to viability

NA has correlated that since 2015 there have been 53 planning applications requesting in excess of 800 units in the area. If land between the canal and Lakebank was approved it would bring it to 1200 units.

BC informed the meeting that he had again been in contact with Homes England and RMBC regarding the Akzo site. He is concerned re the surveys that need to be completed especially a Road Traffic Survey. The meeting was informed that planning permission had already been approved for the site and it would go out to tender in August 2020. The approved developers would have to submit new plans but this would only be an up date as to what would be built on the site and materials used.

Should the LCT wish to have the original planning permission rescinded there is an organisation called Planning Aid that may be able to give advice as to how this could be done.

7. Canalside Development Group

Work on the boat is suspended due to illness.

JK is exploring the possibility of getting quotes from various boatyards to complete the rebuild

8. Flood Resilience Group

Members of the FRG have had meetings via Zoom with the National Flood Forum. These have been very informative and have included various speakers involved in flooding. During Lockdown the University have been taking the Datalog readings at High Peak but as Lockdown is eased FRG will start to take the readings, particularly after the deluges we have seen over the last few days

9. Save Our Greenbelt

No update at this meeting

10. 50th Anniversary update

NA has secured a grant of £2000 from Crook Hill Wind Farm to purchase the celebratory flags and cost of putting them up. The monies will also cover the cost of producing and the of printing a 50th Anniversary Newsletter. It is hoped that 50 trees will also be planted in the year, possible sites are:

Hare Hill Park
Hollingworth Lake
Holy Trinity Church
Littleborough Railway Station
Barkers Wood
Durn Mill site/Lock 36

NA has submitted an application to the Co-op Community Fund for LCT to be considered for donations from its members to provide funding for tree planting at the 7 schools in the area

11. News and Events

None to report

12. AOB

MP asked the opinion of members as to whether it would be appropriate to use LCT Logo when communicating with other organisations by letter, email and social media. The membership agreed on this item

Concerns were raised regarding 'Boy Racers' in the area. Since Lockdown this has become more prolific. Should the LCT complain as a group or is it up to the individual members, if they are affected. The Councillors present agreed to raise this complaint with the Police Committee on behalf of LCT

A member is concerned regarding a lady frequenting Littleborough Centre who appears to be in need of care. The member has enquired as to how LCT could help in this matter. JE is willing to take this on board with Adult Services. If the member contacts JE with more detail ie when this lady is seen and where she will take it forward

JE informed the meeting that bollards have been erected to prevent any activities taking place on the land by The Arches in Littleborough

NA has asked if the Rail Corridor Strategy could be an item on next meetings agenda for discussion prior to any Public Consultation taking place. This will enable LCT to be prepared for when the consultation takes place.

The Chair was disappointed at the number of attendees at the Zoom Meeting and would ask that as many members as possible attend the next one on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm

The link to Zoom will be included on the agenda for the next meeting

Canalside Development
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