

Meeting of BLTC 05 September 2017

Cllrs' Written Reports to BLTC

Borough Council Matters of Interest Written Reports

Cllr R. Groome

There have been no Borough Council meetings for me to attend in August. However, I do have to attend Planning Policy on Tuesday evening, so please may I give my apologies for late arrival. On the agenda for Planning Policy is future development in Burton Latimer – 18 dwellings.

BL/182 (Land off Higham Road (North of Silverstone Road) – it is proposed that this development is discounted because the access through the Linden Homes site is considered by Northamptonshire Highways to be unacceptable.

BL/044 (Land to the west of Kettering Road) - it is proposed that this site goes ahead. However this is sensitive because it is currently in use as a working farm (Home Farm on Kettering Road opposite Burton Latimer Hall). The officers' report suggests that development of the site has the potential to enhance its appearance through the replacement of utilitarian agricultural buildings with attractive and carefully designed homes.

It would be good to have Town Councillors' views prior to Tuesday evening's meeting.

I shall be attending East Kettering Liaison Forum on Thursday 7th September. There will be an update on Hayfield Cross School, which affects some Burton Latimer families. There will also be an update on health provision for East Kettering. I shall ask for an update on the junctions – Windmill Avenue/ Barton Road and Barton Road/ Pytchley Road/ London Road.

Cllr Smith

Please note I have planning policy meeting to attend which may affect Burton thus please pass my apologies for lateness .

August has been taken up with some work with young people around health and well being with the launch of some work to encourage students to stand for longer periods and thereby burn more energy than routinely sit down.

I have also been involved with a number of planning queries and have assisted with a few enquiries re welfare assistance

There have been no specific meetings relative to Burton Latimer.

County Council Matters of Interest Written Report (Cllr Smith-Haynes)

* My County Council e-mail address is CSmith-Haynes@northamptonshire.gov.uk. I have reported the error on the County Council website

* I must apologise for my late report last month, and my non-attendance. As I had not received an agenda until the day before, I assumed that, like the Parish Councils I attend, BLTC did not meet in August (my bad!). Because of this, I had volunteered to be on call as an Appropriate Adult, and was

at the Criminal Justice Centre in Brackmills until well after 5pm, then became stuck in rush hour / road work delays.

* It has been a quiet month as far as official council business concerned, with only two training sessions for the Corporate Parenting Board, of which I am a member.

* Most of you will be aware of the spate of vehicle crimes that occurred last month. I left a message for Sgt Little (who was on leave until the 16th) which he told me he did not receive. I eventually spoke with him on 30/8/17, and he advised me that the vehicle crime spate was across Corby and Kettering, including Desborough and Burton. Extra patrols have been put in place across the area, not just because of this; there have been a number of other thefts in the area. He also said that nothing had been flagged up to him about this, from the police surgery that was held on 25/8/17.

* I also spoke with him about setting up a Community Warden Scheme in Burton. If there is sufficient interest and volunteers from the community, he is happy to arrange a meeting to share information, etc.

* I spoke to Helen Jennings (assistant to the PCC) to ask Stephens' availability, to attend a community meeting (looking for available dates). Again, I had to ring back, but was told he was fully booked until late November / early December. However, I was invited to a meeting of countywide Council representatives with him, to discuss this and other issues. I asked for CLLr Jerram (as Mayor) to be invited too. This meeting is on 07/09/17 at Wooton hall, so I will give feedback next meeting.

* I have been invited to become a governor at Meadowside School. I will be working hard to get some investment into the buildings, especially the KS2 roof.

Other Town Cllrs' Reports

Cllr C. Groome

The other issue I have spent most time on this month is the upgrading and electrification of the railway line. Mobilisation of the contractors by Burton Latimer is proceeding apace for reinstating the 4th line and I expect the bridge works in Station Road to start shortly. The big news last week was that the Government has agreed to upgrade the electrification from Bedford to London from 100 mph capability to 125 mph.

Cllr Padget

- I attended the full BLTC meeting
- I attended the CCMB meeting and chaired that meeting
- I attended the Farmers Market
- I received the draft Fire Risk Assessment report from Syd Weller and discussed this with Cllr Macdonald
- I set up a meeting for 4th Sept with Syd Weller and Cllr Macdonald to review the FRA and recommendations made in the draft report.
- I spoke with a Business owner on Duke Street about the proposed one-way system and the potential impact on his deliveries.

Highways Report (Cllr F. Macdonald)

- 1) All roads have been inspected for potholes
- 2) Extensive work has been carried out in the Avenues
- 3) NCC will be putting in about 8 weeks time large patches in both Finedon Rd and Cranford Rd
- 4) KBC are examining ways of carrying out the necessary work to create the football area in the TW estate
- 5) The refurbishment of both white and yellow lines is being actively pursued
- 6) Seek approval for the expenditure of £345 to severely prune /cut back the trees in Piggott's Lane these currently obscure the street light and also are in a position where they could damage the roof
- 7) A number of “ Do not park on the grass” notices have been erected
- 8) The non adoption of the cycle way/footpath in Higham Rd is being pursued
- 9) All other activities are covered by other agenda items