



Whitecliffe Community Liaison Meeting

Tuesday 23 February 2021

This meeting did not take place in person due to Government advice re Covid-19. It was held via Video Conference.

A comprehensive update report on planning and progress was distributed to the CLG in advance of the meeting.

<p>1.0</p>	<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Danny Nicklen, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr Sacha Gosine, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr Peter Harman, Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council (part) Rev Penny Marsh, SEBA Pioneer Minister for Kent Thameside Susan Saunders, Community Liaison Officer, Countryside (part) Che Eade, Senior Planner, EDC Alex Tayler, Planner, EDC Fraser Pollock, Property Manager, RMG Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, RMG Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1.1</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr Sue Butterfill, Swanscombe & Greenhithe Residents Association Cllr David Mote, Greenhithe & Knockall Mark Cawthorne, Castle Hill Residents' Group Billy Unsworth, Community Warden Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager, EDC</p>	<p>Note</p>

PLANNING

	MINUTE	ACTION
<p>2.0</p>	<p>PCSOs <i>This is progressing well with agreement all round, as the finer details re no of officers, timeframe etc are worked through. EDC will continue to update.</i></p>	<p>EDC</p>

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

	MINUTE	ACTION
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Secured by Design review <i>EDC has been liaising with Persimmon who have suggested a solar option as a solution, as electricity cabling is not in place. EDC is reviewing whether this is practically viable and will ensure that residents needs are met.</i></p>	<p>EDC</p>

3.1	De-Fib Machine for Castle Hill <i>RMG has shared the quote with Cllr Peter Harman and EDC who offered to contribute 50% each of the cost and is awaiting a reply.</i>	PH/EDC
3.2	Southfleet Road pedestrian crossing <i>EDC confirm construction of a raised table will commence on 22 March. This will be around one week's work, with 5 nights of closure allowed for in the Traffic Regulation Order.</i>	EDC
3.3	H & S Assessment of castle structure in play area <i>Following concerns re safety ref potential falls from height, Timberplay instructed their manufacturer to confirm that the surface in place was correct for the height of the structure. They reviewed and confirmed that this is correct and is not unsafe. Installing higher railings would likely encourage climbing at a higher level so this is ruled out.</i>	RMG
3.4	Castle Hill Drive/Motte Lane/Whitecliffe junction streetlights <i>These have now been repaired.</i>	HC
3.5	Lorry park staff parking <i>This has now been sorted and landscaping damage repaired.</i>	HC
3.6	Norman Lane construction issues <i>A cherry picker is parking in resident bays overnight and there is continual debris on the road. HC will speak to Clarion, Chartway and First Port. This has been raised with EDC who is discussing enforcement. Cllr Nicklen suggested that the First Port contact attends the CLG meetings to discuss some of the issues under their management.</i>	HC/EDC
3.7	Street Signs <i>Cllr Gosine is chasing missing street signs for Giles Drive, Bailey Drive and Hoadley End. Penny highlighted that there is still a street sign missing for the top of Embleton Lane/Freeman Close which is DWH's development. Anna will liaise with Adam from HC re getting this resolved.</i>	SG/HC
3.8	Dog bins <i>Quotes are being obtained re additional bins. RMG will check with the Council re installing bins and ongoing maintenance.</i>	RMG
3.9	Securitas patrols <i>Residents have noted that the patrols are now being carried out in unmarked vehicles, which dilutes the presence of security on the development. This is due to a changeover in the security company which will take place in April, as the withdrawal of Securitas' vehicles. RMG will ask Securitas to patrol where possible in their branded vans until the changeover happens. The new supplier will be in branded vehicles.</i>	RMG

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.0	Phase 1 play equipment <i>Cllr Nicklen noted that in the recent bad weather, one piece of equipment was completely submerged. RMG confirmed Timberplay are on site this week and they have asked them to look at this.</i>	RMG
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4.1	Giles Drive streetlight <i>Cllr Nicklen was glad to see the streetlight had been installed and awaits confirmation of when this will be connected?</i>	HC
4.6	Phase 3 grit bins <i>Penny asked when grit bins would be installed in this area. RMG confirmed they have been ordered and will be installed next week.</i>	RMG
4.7	Community Centre reopening <i>RMG welcome the Govt news and will continue to follow the guidelines which is currently 12 April reopening, 17 May classes resume.</i>	RMG
4.8	Countryside at Ashmere <i>Susan confirmed that Countryside is now on site at Ashmere and is preparing their community matrix re engagement. Cllr Harman had received complaints from residents re noise from the road sweeper. The sweeper is operating hourly from 8-5.30pm as it is essential for health and safety, to keep debris off the road.</i>	Note
4.9	Mounts Road roundabout breakthrough <i>Cllr Harman asked about a date and HC confirmed this will be May. The construction access will remain, as the new access will be for residents. HC will confirm how long the construction access will remain open.</i> <i>Post meeting note – the construction access at Mounts Rd will be open until the end of the year and after that an alternative route will be used.</i>	HC
4.10	Chicken Run/Darent Way gates <i>Cllr Harman confirmed a 'K' style gate will be installed suitable for disabled access, prams/buggies but not motorbikes, in the chicken run area. This has been delayed to date due to dormice nesting.</i> <i>Cllr Nicklen raised a similar gate issue re Darent Way. This will need to be reviewed re right gate/right situation. Anna will check with the HC team. EDC reiterated that they will need to approve any changes.</i>	PH HC
4.11	Security/CCTV <i>Che confirmed to Cllr Gosine that Kent Police visited some time ago and had no concerns. Che will share the report with Cllr Gosine.</i>	EDC
4.12	Swann Street flytipping <i>This has taken place in a private area so the Council will not collect. But, Cllr Harman reiterated importance of reporting this to the Council, so that they can investigate re prosecution.</i> <i>RMG is not responsible for this area, but suggest putting up dummy cameras as a deterrent.</i>	SG
4.13	Gritting <i>The contract with the supplier is for gritting the spine roads to take place whenever the temperature drops below zero. Their start time is 7am. Cllr Nicklen has been asked by residents if this can be earlier as people are leaving for work earlier than 7am. RMG confirmed they will ask, but this may mean an increase in cost.</i>	RMG
4.14	Speed limit signs <i>Cllr Harman noted the change in signs from 30-mph to 20-mph in some areas. HC confirmed this was due to concerns by residents of the speed of some vehicles at certain points. These are advisory signs. There are no plans to make the whole area 20mph.</i>	Note

4.15	<p>Farmer Close <i>Taylor Wimpey sold a piece of land that is now in private ownership and the owner has constructed a fence. Cllr Gosine raised the issue of residents jumping over the fence to get round to the lake. HC confirmed they would not do any additional work to this area without Taylor Wimpey's support which was refused. The area at this stage is not publicly accessible.</i></p>	Note
4.16	<p>Resident representative for Valley Gardens/Knockhall <i>The representative has now moved out of the area. A suggested new contact and a response is awaited. Cllr Harman will advertise for any interest from residents in this area.</i></p>	PH

5.0	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 April at 1pm. An online meeting invitation will be sent in due course.</p>	Note
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