

Whitecliffe Community Liaison Group Meeting

31 May 2023

This meeting was held via Video Conference.

<p>1.0</p>	<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Danny Nicklen, Ebbsfleet ward Cllr Jonathon Hawkes, Ebbsfleet ward (part) Cllr Victoria Akintomide-Akinwamide, Ebbsfleet ward Mrs Raveena Mehmi, Ashmere resident Jason Clitherow, Ebbsfleet Neighbourhood Watch Sheila Eade, Major, The Salvation Army Che Eade, Senior Planning Officer, EDC (part) Craig Morrison, Estates and Community Centre Manager, RMG Adam Owen, Project Director, Camland Consulting Anna Komajda, Project Manager, Camland Consulting Claire Winterflood, Communications Consultant</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1.1</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr Peter Harman, Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council Mark Cawthorne, Castle Hill Residents' Group; Kimberley Short, Property Manager, RMG</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1.2</p>	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>The group welcomed re-elected and new councillors to the CLG, as well as Sheila Eade who is attending her first meeting.</p>	<p>Note</p>

PLANNING

<p>2.0</p>	<p>Public art update</p> <p>Anna introduced Laura and Louise from public art consultants Francis Knight and artist Chris Tipping. The team is working with landscape architects Define, on a public art plan for the Major Urban Park in Alkerden. Chris explained that he is undertaking detailed research into the history of the land to inform creative works and as an archive for other artists who may join the project later. Residents and the wider community will be invited to join workshops to develop ideas on 30 June and 1 July. More information will follow.</p> <p>The CLG thanked the team for the update and they left the meeting.</p>	
<p>2.1</p>	<p>PCSOs</p> <p>Chief Inspector William Lay from Kent police has apologised for the delay in progressing this. A review is being held and Che will pick up with the Police team in a couple of weeks. Jonathon asked for more details on the</p>	<p>EDC</p>

	background to the police provision, which Che will send to both Jonathon and Victoria to bring them up to speed. The contribution trigger date is Q4 2023.	
2.2	Streetlight at Giles Drive Information and contact details for BDW have been passed to Adam Skinner, EDC's Enforcement Lead. Update to follow.	EDC
2.3	Community structure near Lakeside Danny asked if there was a hospitality structure to be installed near the lakeside. Adam confirmed that infrastructure is in place at the bottom of Jubilee Park however there is no operator interested - this is likely to happen later in the programme. A bird hide screening is next to go in place and is awaiting permission.	Note

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

	MINUTE	ACTION
3.0	Communication to residents via RMG portal A discussion took place confirming that not all residents are on the portal and therefore not receiving all comms. Craig will speak to Clarion and Countryside to ensure communications are cascaded to their residents, and for Countryside, to ask that residents are given the RMG portal login information.	RMG/Clarion/ Countryside
3.1	Ayres Drive and Fastrack – This work is programmed in to be done asap. The fault is still to be found.	HC
3.2	Castle Hill Drive traffic lights Plants need to be removed to allow installation of a new duct in the verge. By mid-June the power should be on, to enable the lights to be commissioned.	HC
3.3	Rubbish Bins Both Danny and Sheila confirmed they had been picking up additional litter around the lakeside/picnic areas. RMG will temporarily move waste bins from the plaza area to help with additional rubbish. RMG will review the retail/community centre area... Fryer Group has only just taken over litter pick up in this area and RMG will ascertain how much is being collected and liaise with the Co-op. There are 6 bins in this area. Residents are encouraged to take their rubbish home, particularly when using the picnic area. RMG will liaise re the letter to Ashmere residents re leaving bins outside properties other than on bin collection days.	RMG
3.4	Walker Close RMG is trying to find a supplier that can supply the same road sign design as the existing, but this is proving challenging. RMG will discuss an alternative solution.	RMG
3.5	NPC Parking Management in Castle Hill RMG confirmed signage re new arrangements is up on every phase and communication was sent well in advance to all residents re the new scheme. Sheila highlighted that parking for Blue Badge holders is not the same as with Dartford overall. RMG will clarify with NPC.	RMG

	<p>Sheila also mentioned drop kerbs not being in place - at Whitecliffe Road. Adam explained this is not an official crossing point. On Castle Hill Drive, TW will install a ramp when access to their sales centre is no longer required.</p> <p>The newly elected councillors would like a separate meeting with RMG to understand the new parking scheme in more detail and this will be arranged. In Ashmere, a meeting will be taking place on site next week with NPC to discuss implementation of no roadway parking.</p>	
3.6	<p>Wooden railing around lakeside This was installed some time ago but has recently been sanded and varnished by HC's contractors.</p>	Note
3.7	<p>Inkpen Lane Adam will update on when the roads and footpaths will be finished, but this is some years away.</p>	HC
3.8	<p>Shepherd Neame pub The land for a pub/hotel to be built has been sold to Shepherd Neame and is not under HC control re when construction may begin. This will of course depend on market conditions. HC will ask EDC is there is an update from the brewer.</p>	EDC

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.0	<p>Ashmere entry and exit signs Replacement signs have been ordered and discussions regarding access to the lighting are taking place.</p>	HC
4.1	<p>Roadsign error Cllr Nicklen raised that there is an error on some roadsigns where it is stated it is the Borough of Ebbsfleet. Countryside has new signs on order.</p>	CF
4.2	<p>Contractor parking on Castle Hill Drive Parking restriction signs are now up, and this is now not an issue.</p>	HC
4.3	<p>CCTV near the marketing suite Countryside would not install CCTV to record speeding but will send a letter to residents to remind everyone to be good neighbours. Countryside to confirm if the letter has been sent.</p>	CF
4.4	<p>Stolen plant equipment A resident reported to Danny what they thought was a contractor using their machinery at 11pm one Sunday evening. In fact, it was a digger being stolen. HC asked if the resident could report to the Police as they could be a vital witness. HC will check if the contractor has a crime number. HC will repair the on-site damage caused.</p>	HC/DN
4.5	<p>Dogs on leads Should dogs be kept on leads? Adam will seek a consensus view at the next community board meeting.</p>	HC
4.6	<p>Chicken wire fencing near lakeside Damaged sections are being repaired. This is installed to stop dogs going the lake and from a H/S point of view, owners following them.....</p>	Note

4.7	<p>Salt bin location review RMG has conducted a review and is moving some salt bins around and placed an order for Norman Lane. Craig will send Danny a map.</p>	RMG
4.8	<p>Donations and Grants Danny is already asking for contributions to the Xmas event and is also lending support for local commerce re business grants.</p>	Note
5.0	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 2pm. An online meeting invitation will be sent.</p>	Note