

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, Boughton

Present: -

Cllr John	Shephard	(JS)	Ward Councillor Daventry District Council
	(Chair)		
Jayne	Bunting	(JB)	Clerk to Boughton Parish Council
Steve	Ellis	(SE)	Daventry District Council
Paul	Watson	(PW)	Preston Hedges Academy Trust
Cllr Russell	Wilson	(RW)	Boughton Parish Council
Richard	Wood	(RW)	Daventry District Council

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Millar (Daventry District Council), County Cllr Judy Shephard (Northamptonshire County Council), Cllr Steve Potter (Boughton Parish Council), Cllr Terri Wright (Boughton Parish Council), Cllr Rosie McDonnell (Boughton Parish Council), Paul Doyle (Bloor Homes), Alun Isaac (Joint Project Manager), John Matuszewski (Martin Grant Homes), Andy Leighton (NCC Highways).

2. To sign the Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes from the last meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2018 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Update on Buckton Fields Primary School

- a) JS updated the meeting and stated that the general perception was that Buckton Fields Primary School would open in September 2019 and that had then been put back to 2020. Representatives from Preston Hedges Academy Trust (The Trust) had spoken to the Parish Council just over a year ago.
- b) PW stated that the opening dates for the school and the development of the project, up to this point, were not matters that The Trust could control. For the last 12 months The Trust had been waiting for the government arm that provides Free Schools to move the project forward locally. Consequently, there had been little information to share.

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c) A meeting was being held on Monday 28 th January 2019 and the team delivering the project will meet the contractor with a commitment to opening the school in September 2020. This will be a key meeting. There will be a site visit. PW agreed to update JS following that meeting.	PW
d) The School will open for entry into Reception on a phased intake. There will be two classes in Reception. Places will be allocated, as a priority, to pupils who have additional needs. Priority will then be given to families from the Buckton Fields development. PW stressed that it was important to serve the local community. The Department for Education (DfE) and the Education Agency will align locally.	
e) PW confirmed that The Trust will have no input into outstanding issues such as planning and this will be done by local partners. Once through the planning process the build will begin and it will be critical to get the necessary infrastructure in place. The Trust's ability to influence to date has been limited. However, their aim, was to provide high quality education.	
f) A consultation will be held in early summer 2019 which will identify such issues as traffic, car parking and local sensitivities.	
g) From September/October 2019 prospective families will be able to look around Pineham Barnes Primary School which was one of the schools in The Trust. The others being Parklands and Preston Hedges.	
h) PW will disseminate further information in March 2019 and the school website will be updated and there will be further community engagement.	PW
i) Following a question from JS, SE agreed to find out from NCC the education payments to date secured in the S106 agreement for Buckton Fields. SE confirmed that this money should be ringfenced and NCC were obliged to use the funds in accordance with the terms of the s106 agreement.	SE
j) PW confirmed the name of the representative from the DfE who will lead and facilitate the project. The Free Schools team will sub-contract to Gleeds who will lead the project on behalf of the DfE.	
k) PW reported that they are hoping to see the final plans on Monday 28 th January 2019. The plans will be a modular design so substantial changes to the design were "not on the table".	
l) The Trust will be responsible for recruitment and PW confirmed that they will be unable to recruit staff until they know when building will commence. However, the key date was November 2019.	
m) In October 2019 the Trust will recruit a Head Teacher which will enable them to take up their post by Easter 2020.	

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n) There will be two classes per year and seven years for pupils aged 4 to 11. Consequently, it will take seven years to get up to a fully viable school and although there will be a staged approach the building will be finished by the first Reception intake allowing the school to be a safe environment for the children. In addition, this phased approach would minimise the impact on other local schools in the area as pupils could migrate in from other schools all at the same time.	
o) RW enquired if the school will be available for local community use for meetings etc.	
p) PW stated that community use during the day may be complex but could be a possibility at weekends if it could be achieved in such a way that would not compromise the school. PW would be keen to promote the idea and to work with local stakeholders. For example, there was a controlled area at Pineham Barnes Primary School and he suggested that this could be looked at further when he was in receipt of the plans.	PW
q) SE confirmed that Daventry District Council (DDC) had received some indicative drawings via Gleeds in September 2018 and that he would welcome some pre-application discussions on matters such as design and car parking. He stated that school car parking could be an issue but there had been solutions where there was a local centre adjacent to a school (as is the case here) which could also be used as a school drop off/pick up point. In advance of the local centre, one possibility was the provision of a temporary facility, as is the case with the Monksmoor SUE in Daventry.	
r) There was also a Park & Ride facility earmarked on the development which could be used as temporary parking. Any temporary arrangement would likely need to be agreed by NCC, as landowner.	
s) JS stated that Buckton Fields was a good quality development and he expressed some concern regarding the possibility of a modular design.	
t) SE agreed to chase Gleeds for an update on submitting a planning application for the School. It was important that the planning process went smoothly. He would update JS.	SE
u) SE stated that the completion of the spine road will be delivered by the developers and that was needed for the timely delivery of the School. It was not in NCC's interests for the spine road to be delayed. However, the spine road only needed to be extended for a short distance for the School build. The alternative was to have a haul road from the Welford Road. SE will chase NCC for an update on the progress of the School.	SE
13. Any Other Business	
None	

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14. Dates of Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, Boughton.

The meeting closed at 12.05 p.m..

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