



## LITTLEBOROUGH CIVIC TRUST

### Committee Meeting

### 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Via Zoom

Members present

Ian Jackson, Michael Price, Gillian Price, Nick Andrews, John Kay, Vivienne Ashworth, Tom Besford, Barry Cropper, Ann Stott, Daniel Ames, Robert Clegg

#### 1. Introductions and welcome

Ian Jackson opened the meeting at 7.05 pm

#### 2. Apologies for absence

Janet Emsley

#### 3. Submissions for AOB

Consultation on Community Engagement

#### 4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed  
No matters arising

#### 5. Treasurers Report

Bank balance £3463.69  
More detailed report at the next meeting  
Renewal of .org domain is due

## **6. Planning applications update**

The resubmission of the planning application for New St increases the number of houses from 92 to 102 dwellings. It was agreed that this should not happen (TB) but more worrying is the request to cap the Artesian Well as it is thought that the water will only come up in another place causing problems in other areas. On observation of the River Roch the water is clear near the ABC steps but as you get nearer the Yea Bridge on Smithy Bridge Road the water becomes dirty and muddy in appearance. MP asked if it warranted a letter from LCT to the Environment Agency stating these observations

## **7. Canalside Development Group**

Work on the boat is suspended due to illness.

An email has been sent to Bob Weatherly enquiring if he knows of any boatyards who may be able to quote for the work yet to be done

## **8. Safe Our Greenbelt**

Activities have been limited due to Covid-19.

A new member of the group has social media skills so will be managing their sites. This expertise can be rolled out to LCT if they so wish. This offer was gratefully accepted

## **9. Flood Resilience Group**

A Zoom meeting took place with NFF, the topic being Flood Re, an organisation that helps with home insurance for victims of flooding. MP will post relevant information on LCT Facebook and Discuss Littleborough

## **10. Declaration of Interest**

At the last meeting JK declared an interest in the development of the site at Dearnley Old Hall. He has asked that this declaration be noted in the minutes.

It was decided that Declaration of Interest should be a standard item on the LCT agenda from now on.

Anyone making a declaration should leave the meeting whilst the item is discussed by the other members and should refrain from influencing the decision made.

## **11. New High School**

TB gave an update regarding the building of the school.

A site for the school still needs to be decided by the Department for Education and it is this that is delaying progress. They will then dictate the timescale for opening the school in conjunction with Star Academy.

On present numbers there will be a deficit of school places, as follows:

2020 intake 80 place deficit

2021 intake 79 place deficit

2022 intake 77 place deficit

2023 intake 103 place deficit

RC asked if these numbers were based on the population as it stands now. The answer is yes, therefore as more properties are built this number will increase

MP will email Star Academy for their input into this matter

A suggestion was made that if the Akzo site is not viable for housing would it be viable to build a school also in the GMSF provision has been made for a Primary School off Hollingworth Road ? could this be site be considered for the High School

## **12. Constitution – Trustee updates**

For clarification, the Trustee updates can only be registered after the AGM

## **13. Gap Analysis response and letter to RTPI**

Surveys have been taking place at the Akzo site in recent days

All agreed that the letter should be sent to RTPI asking for advice

## **14. Rochdale Rail Corridor Strategy**

The Chair opened the item by reading out a list of interests from the Councillor who has written the strategy. All of the information is in the Public Domain. It was deemed that this information was not relevant to the item under discussion.

All members present at the Zoom meeting raised concerns as to the effect this strategy would have on Littleborough and the surrounding area. It was suggested that the LCT should be prepared for when this goes out for Public Consultation by having their own Strategy and Vision for Littleborough. We should take a collective approach and speak as one, engaging with RMBC and partners. The residents of Littleborough and surrounding areas should be approached for their views and be involved in the consultation process also.

The Chair agreed to write a Strategy which he would send to the membership for their approval.

## **15. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flags**

There was concern that the colours on the flag design for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had too much black on them. NA asked if the background could be in a lighter colour with the LCT logo in the centre. MP will ask the designer to produce some more samples to this effect.

## 16. AOB

Can the Community Engagement Document be an agenda item at the next LCT meeting

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm via Zoom**

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

Canalside Development  
Group



Registered Charity No. 1174714

