

Yateley Common Management Committee meeting notes

Wednesday 6th March 2019, 7.00pm, Derby Green Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Hammersley (YTC) - Chair
 Cllr Adrian Collett (HCC)
 Cllr Chris Barnes (YTC)
 Cllr Jenny Cole (YTC)
 Cllr David Simpson (HCC)
 Nicki Paton (HCC)
 Anthony Hocking (Yateley Society)

In Attendance:

9 members of the public
 Rochelle Halliday (YTC)

Apologies:

David Boddy (HIWWT)
 Peter Tipton (Resident / Yateley Commoner)

	<u>Action</u>
<p>1. Apologies & Welcome</p> <p>Apologies were received from David Boddy and Peter Tipton.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>3. Notes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising / Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Stroud Lane</u>: speed signs, traffic calming, pot holes: the signs have now been installed. Nicki Paton is in discussion with the legal team. • <u>BCA Enclosure</u>: no update since last meeting. • <u>Airport Decommissionation</u>: Cllr Hammersley thanked Cllrs Simpson and Collett and Peter Tipton for their comprehensive submissions ahead of the inquiry. • <u>Gravel on Cricket Hill</u>: the paths were infilled with gravel, though this work is not typically undertaken at this time of year. HCC to be informed if any new complaints are received. • <u>Holly Stroud Lane</u>: the fire risk piles have mostly been removed. • <u>Letter to HCC regarding Airport Decommissionation</u>: Cllrs Collett and Simpson have robustly questioned HCC's stance to remain neutral, using some of the information contained in Cllr Barnes' submission letter. HCC is reviewing their position and some positive movement is expected. • <u>Digging on Stevens Hill</u>: no update since last meeting. 	
<p>4. Questions from Local Residents</p> <p><i>A resident asked who is responsible for the bridleway by the Red Cross Centre leading up to the disused airfield?</i></p> <p>Nicki Paton confirmed that HCC Rights of Way maintain bridleways so any defects should be reported directly to them via their website https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem Residents were advised that HCC rely on members of the public to report issues with paths and roads as fewer routine inspections now take place. It is also faster to report issues direct via HCC's website, rather than through Fix My Street.</p>	

<p><i>A resident asked what is delaying the decision regarding the bridleway package at Vigo Lane as this project is taking a significant amount of time to come to fruition?</i> Action: Nicki Paton to find out from Jonathan Woods. It may be to do with agreement of the crossing points.</p> <p><i>A question was asked about HCC events for children, in particular pond dipping, and whether the HCC budget cuts will reduce these types of activities?</i> Nicki Paton confirmed that HCC have not held many bookable children’s events over the last few years due to lack of demand. Previous events had been well publicised, including via the schools. The Rangers will be working with the Thames Basin Heaths Warden to deliver some events for children. Limited resources and a small team restricts the scope of work with community partners. Cllr Simpson suggested linking activity with the Hampshire Library Service.</p> <p><i>A resident asked if HCC manage the River Blackwater as there are several items dumped into the river along with bottles and other debris?</i> The river is maintained by Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust and any matters of concern can be reported directly www.bvct.org.uk/contact-us/</p> <p><i>A resident asked for an update regarding the installation of CCTV to help with the fly tipping offences?</i> Nicki Paton confirmed that HCC are currently finalising the locations for the cameras and organising the relevant signage. It is hoped that the cameras will be installed by mid-April. The process of setting this up has been quite long and complicated. Cllr Simpson offered to assist with talking to the HCC officers in future as it may speed up the process. Action: Nicki Paton to provide details of the CCTV process to Cllr Simpson.</p> <p><i>A resident queried if HCC maintain the hardstanding along Minley Road as this area has become very muddy due to cars parking there?</i> It was confirmed that this is part of the Ministry of Defence land and they should be contacted directly.</p> <p><i>A resident commented that given the apparent reduction in HCC open spaces events for children, perhaps HCC should submit an objection to the Bracknell Forest Horseshoe Lake development.</i> Cllr Collette confirmed that all parties will have the opportunity to comment on this development once it is a live planning application.</p>	<p>NP</p> <p>NP</p>
<p>5. Site Manager’s Report</p> <p>Nicki Paton ran through the main points from the Hampshire Countryside Service report. The following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ely should be asked to ensure that measures are put in place to ensure that a sewage leak does not occur again as it is a health hazard. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Big Spring Clean on Yateley Common on 2nd March was a huge success with over 170 people attending. <p>Nicki Paton was thanked for her report.</p>	
6.	<p>HIWWT Report</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the HIWWT update report and it is positive to see that grant funding has been secured.</p> <p>Action: Rochelle Halliday to request an update on what the new funding will be used for and for more specific site plans.</p>	RH
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No matters raised.</p>	
8.	<p>Meeting Dates for 2019</p> <p>The next meeting dates were confirmed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd July 2019, 7.00pm 6th November 2019, 7.00pm 	

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.