

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GIMSONS REVIEW GROUP AT WITHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD 30th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 2:00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

PRESENT: - Councillors: J Goodman (Chair)
S. Hicks
M. Lager

Committee Members: D. Chignall
P. Goold

Staff: H. Andrews - Assistant Clerk
S. Smith - P.A to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor K. Atwill, Councillor P. Barlow and J. Palombi who all had previous commitments.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

3. INTERESTS

Members gave no interests.

4. ISSUES RAISED BY GROUP MEMBERS

Members had raised several issues over emails which were shown in the meeting, these included:

- The discoveries and conditions of any archaeological findings
- Whether all planning conditions are being followed by Bellway
- An erection of a large fence that included advertising in a conservation area
- A 3ft drop that has been created at pavement level

Members agreed to write to Braintree District Council to:

- Ask for an update on archaeological findings that we understand might have been discovered, for example Saxon and Roman remains.
- Check condition 20 along with associated documents.
- Ask what happens generally with any archaeological findings and if any are discovered can they be kept in Witham.

Members agreed to contact the LPA regarding:

- The large fence that has been erected that displays advertising as this is against conservation area policy
- Condition 26, and what is the state of discussion with Bellway on boundary treatment.
- The 3ft drop at pavement level, and whether this can be rectified.
- What plans Bellway have to redirect the flow of additional water, including the current condition of the area being used?

Members agreed to contact Bellway in regards any archaeological findings and if so, what has been found? And where is it being stored?

5. HGV ACCESS

Members discussed Bellway's lorries use of the Chipping Hill bridge to access the site and the stress the heavy weight of the lorries and their cargo may cause on the structural integrity of the bridge.

Members also discussed a complaint from a local resident regarding the heavy congestion along the road and bridge and instances where the lorries have completely blocked the road and bridge. Members also viewed photographs and a video that local residents had taken of the situation, and a newspaper article regarding this in the Essex Chronicle.

Members agreed that this was likely a one-off incident, as the lorries were delivering heavy goods that are not delivered on a regular basis, so it does not need to be pursued further. However, noted it should be kept an eye on in the instance of a repeat incident.

There being no further business, the review group concluded at 15:40pm.

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Councillor J Goodman
Chairman

SS 21.12.2021