

Valley Parishes Alliance Meeting
7th December 2016
Monkton Combe Village Hall

Present: Des Wighton (Monkton Combe), Steve Mackerness (Bathford), Nick Stevens – Chair (Freshford), Lyn Alvis (Monkton Combe), Emma Adams (Batheaston), Peter Wyatt (Limpley Stoke), Moira Brennan (Bathampton)

Ingrid Maher Roberts – Minute secretary

<p>1.0 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Anna Beria (Claverton), Robin Davies (Winsley), Hugh Baker (Bathford), Peter King (Freshford)</p> <p>2.0 Previous minutes 7th September 2016 and matters arising These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and any matters arising were agenda items for the meeting.</p> <p>3.0 Park and Ride Update EA updated members on the current P&R campaign. The owner of the land where Site B is located is now willing to sell to B&NES. This has delayed B&NES making a decision on the P&R issue. The National Planning Inspector came to Bath on the 22nd September and stated that B&NES did not have a valid business case for the P&R and that they would need to consult the community again to justify their business case. EA confirmed that their Facebook and Twitter campaign continues to get significant support. There was a feeling that B&NES are delaying any decision until the Metro Mayor was elected and that the elected Mayor would then make the decision.</p> <p>4.0 AVA Website Update The website is now up and running and can be viewed here. The website is being promoted through Facebook and Twitter (twitter handle A36A46Link). Following feedback from a number of parishes SM will give more emphasis on the alternative A350 link road option</p> <p>5.0 West of England Joint Transport Consultation The Valley Parishes Alliance objects strongly to three aspects of the JTS, viz. a) The proposal to build a road to link the A36 with the A46; b) The proposal to build a Park & Ride carpark in the Bathampton Meadows; and c) The proposal to build a Freight Consolidation Centre on Bathampton Meadows. VPA members highlighted their concern over the nature of the consultation and in particular the wording of a number of the questions, which they felt would provide no meaningful information</p>	
--	--

<p>to the consultation process. Members agreed a few minor amendments to the document that Steve had circulated and thanked him and Dave Batho for their work on this comprehensive response.</p> <p>Action: Members agreed that they should encourage all PC's and as many individuals as possible to send in a response to the consultation. Consultation deadline 19th December 2016.</p> <p>Action: Emma Adams to send IMR the communication she has done to residents regarding the consultation.</p> <p>Action: SM to incorporate suggested amendments and provide Final Copy to Ingrid for distribution.</p> <p><u>94 Bus</u> - NS informed members about the risk to the 94 Bus Service which runs through Westwood, Freshford, Limpley Stoke and Monkton Combe and is a key link for many residents in the community. It is administered by Wilts CC and B&NES pays a subsidy. Libra who runs the service has confirmed that they will be withdrawing from the contract in January and Wilts and B&NES are currently seeking other companies to tender for the service. There is a fear that the business is not sufficiently viable to attract companies to take on this route.</p>	<p>All VPA Members</p> <p>EA</p> <p>SM/IMR</p>
<p>6.0 VPA Highways England Update</p> <p>An A36 Severance Study is currently being undertaken on behalf of Highways England by Keith Marsh. Hugh Delap had sent out an email to VPA Highways members asking for their views on any pinch points/safety concerns along their stretch of the A36, but have not had many responses. The aim of the study is to try and affect road improvements and improve issues of community severance.</p> <p>Action: VPA members were asked to speak to their PC's on the matter and let Hugh Delap know of any concerns as soon as possible.</p> <p>NS confirmed that as HD was no longer a Councillor he felt the time was right to step down as the Chairman of the VPA Highways Committee. Members expressed their thanks for his significant contribution and asked Members to consider who they would like to be the next Chair.</p>	<p>All VPA Members</p>
<p>7.0 VPA K&A Canal Committee</p> <p>DW contacted Mark Evans regarding CRT meetings and was informed that they are currently focusing on reviewing Moorings</p>	

East of Bath. As this area is not covered by any of the VPA members, DW asked Mark to simply contact us if and when anything relevant came up.

8.0 Finance

The current balance is £2935 a drop from the last meeting as £1200 was spent on the website.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm

**NEXT VPA Meetings for 2017: 8th March 2017
5th July 2017
18th October**

Monkton Combe Village Hall