

**Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Liaison Group  
held at Buckland Estate Office, Lawrence Lane  
9am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Present:** Buckland Estate (**Host**) – Dominic Sanders and Duncan Ferns;  
Hanson UK - Dave Norminton, Andy Duncan and Chris Rowlands;  
Surrey County Council - Simon Elson (**Chair**);  
Mole Valley District Council – Sherelle Munnis  
Buckland Parish Council – Nigel Husband and Sheena Boyce (**Secretary**).

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

SE welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Buckland Estate for hosting.

Sherelle Munnis advised she was attending as an alternate for Gemma Fitzpatrick who remains the MVDC nominated representative. It was noted Stephen Jenkins (“SJ”) had submitted apologies.

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Accepted as an accurate account.

### **3. Updates**

#### **Tapwood – Stability Proposals**

CR reported

- (i) The water level has continued to rise, at a rate that suggests the final water level could exceed the 57m prediction of the recent hydrological modelling. [Post meeting note: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – water level on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 - 57.6m AOD.] The pumps were switched off 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 with a period of at least two years predicted for the water to reach equilibrium.
- (ii) The rate of erosion on the north face, where a slippage occurred at the start of the year, has slowed.
- (iii) There has been some slippage, centred on the north-west corner.
- (iv) Hanson will continue to monitor stability above and below the waterline, as the water level rises.

Persistent trespass has been causing significant problems with particularly high levels of incursion seen during periods of hot weather. Buckland Estate, Hanson and local residents have made repeated reports to Surrey Police and it is possible prosecutions could now follow. Hanson has now employed security teams with dogs to help manage the health and safety risk.

#### **Park – Sign off on Restoration and Transfer to Aftercare**

AD confirmed that aquatic plants, sourced from the Surrey Wildlife Trust managed Nutfield Marsh, had been planted around the margins by the end of April.

DS expressed frustration that the paperwork required to allow a move into aftercare had not been processed. SE emphasised that it is not possible for SCC to sign off the restoration until the following two issues have been addressed:

- (i) SCC needs to be advised (in writing) that with the aquatic planting now complete that the site is ready for inspection; and
- (ii) SCC needs to receive a formal application to amend the aftercare plan and make changes to the restoration.

Hanson and Buckland Estate agreed their preference is to “divorce” the sign off on restoration and move into aftercare from the phase 2 planning application being prepared by Buckland Estate.

## **Actions:**

- (i) DN to write to SE to advise the aquatic planting is now complete and to confirm the site is ready for inspection;
- (ii) DN to contact SJ (due to return to office week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July) to agree:
  - a. exactly what paperwork Hanson needs to submit to SJ to enable SCC to amend the aftercare plan to include a condition to govern the future removal of the floating pump, pontoon and shed and to promptly submit the required communication;
  - b. what changes (if any) need to be reflected on an amended restoration plan to enable SCC to sign off the restoration plan.

## **Future Use of Park Lake**

Buckland Estate had held a pre-application meeting, attended by SCC (Planning and Highways) and MVDC and it was noted that all participants had found the meeting useful.

DF had recently circulated draft documents that will accompany a phase 2 planning application. Informal feedback was provided to Buckland Estate and suggestions made as to how to strengthen the information pack. DF indicated that whilst it should be possible to circulate a draft report from the traffic consultants within the next week that further design work had yet to be prepared for the café. DF, when asked by SE, for an estimated date for the application to be submitted to SCC suggested submission would hopefully be within a few weeks (rather than days or months).

DS advised the Estate had now allowed “leisure activity” to commence, in a controlled manner, and that as the Estate does not believe the activity is impacted by the 28 day Permitted Development (“PD”) rules, DS will not be responding to SE’s email seeking clarification of the number of days PD used. SE advised he would refer the matter to SCC Development Control.

DS reported that the events company, Fiesta Fields, has taken bookings for events to be held on the proposed Events Lawn in 2018, within the 28 day PD rules for 2018 and in anticipation that planning permission will be granted.

## **Communication Updates**

SKB explained to Hanson and Buckland Estate that they could each provide content for publication within the “local business” section of the village website. Further, when new pages are published a link is provided in a subsequent parish update. **Actions:** CR/DS to determine whether Hanson/Buckland Estate respectively wish to provide content for the village website and advise SKB.

## **Date for next meeting**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10am at Buckland Estate Office, Lawrence Lane.

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

cc. Jack Straw, MVDC.