

Minutes of Chellaston Neighbourhood Planning Forum (CNPF) held at Chellaston Bowls Club on 25th July 2018

Apologies: Gill Donaldson, Cllr Ross McCristal, Cllr Alan Grimadell, Carol Appleby, Anne Haywood, Mark Tittley, Phil Ingall, Historic England.

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Minutes of last Meeting: Since the last meeting was the AGM, these minutes will not be available until the next AGM.

Matters Arising: **Infinity Village.** As a statutory body, the CNPF is represented on the Infinity Village Consultation Group by the Chair, Ann Witheford. There have been five meetings to date. It is a consultative process and confidentiality is important, with education being a hot topic. Infinity Village is primarily housing (2130 new dwellings) in South Derbyshire and Sinfin, plus a primary school, local centre and 117 hectares of new employment space, with the eastern part joining Chellaston. Transport modelling has been carried out and a £20M bid is to be made for a new junction between the existing junctions 3 and 4 of the A50. Lowes Lane has been identified as the site for a new secondary school for the new village, Sinfin and other areas within the present Academy catchment. It is predicted that 1200 extra pupil places will be needed within the next few years. The new school could be run by an organisation separate from the existing Academy. This would not be desirable, but this would be determined by a formal tender process. The present Academy, with 1750 pupils, could see this number rise to 2500. John Bowden remarked that the present school will need to be rebuilt in ten years, so accommodation will be required for this period. At a meeting held in Melbourne, local educationalists backed Lowes Lane as the preferred site for the new school.

Chellaston Academy

The Chair remarked that she and John Bowden are to meet again with the Academy and they will bring up the potential problem of sixth form parking. She said that the first meeting with the Academy had been productive and promises to deliver better communication with the community. A number of community groups had donated money towards Academy awards, the prizes being presented at an event at Pride Park, with the guest speaker being Simon Weston.

Young Persons Forum.

It was proposed that the CNPF should develop a Young Persons' forum, to determine how Chellaston is perceived through the eyes of the youngsters and how they view the future of the area. Terms of reference to be determined and discussion to take place at September's forum.

Comments from Peter Newton:

- The 'Garden Village' appears to be simply a 'bolt-on' estate.
- There is a fear that the lottery admission could soon be invoked at the Academy and those living within yards of the school may not gain access. Lowes Lane school acting in co-ordination with the Swarkestone Road site is a rational policy.

Ann Witheford went on to outline the Chellaston Community Plan. This is separate from planning and covers broader issues, such as:

- Environmental
- Economic and Social
- Community

The vision will come from the community and demonstrate to local authorities and agencies the wishes of the community, plus making proposals for how they can be achieved.

Businesses: Chellaston must ensure that businesses can thrive and essential services are maintained and developed. The identified issues are: **Raising awareness amongst residents of existing businesses, parking, creating improved walking and cycling provisions between Fellow Lands Way and east Chellaston.**

Education and Young People: **We need to work with the schools to secure adequate places and provision to meet the needs of our children and community. The formation of the Chellaston Academy Trust (CAT) is providing opportunities for robust partnership working. Issues identified include: School places, admissions policy criteria, 6th form parking, maintaining high educational standards for all, provision of leisure activities for young people.**

Lawrence Penn is joining us to give transport planning expertise.

Questions from Peter Newton:

- What will be the impact of the Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan?
Reply: It won't stop housing, but we may have a greater voice in smaller issues e.g. percentage of affordable housing, parking and infrastructure.
- Where are the Councillors?
Reply: Two of the Councillors have sent their apologies.

Next two forum meetings: Sat 29th September and Wed 28th November

Meeting closed at 8.10pm