

**Minutes of the Public Open Forum Held at the Trowell Parish Hall on
Tuesday 11th October 2016, at 7.15pm.**

Present - Cllrs. Mrs. P. Cardwell (Chairman), Mrs. C. McGann, R. McGann, Mrs. L. Harley, Mrs. M. Birkitt, G. Lockwood, Mrs. S. Williams, D. Pringle, Mrs. L. Ball (Borough), K. E. Rigby (Borough & County) & 1 parishioner.

Clerk - Mrs. A. K. Mitchell

PGC opened the meeting & thanked everyone for their attendance.

PGC queried a note she had been given about HS2 by BW.
BW advised that his question is in relation to the forthcoming public meeting about HS2.

PGC then guided BW through the 3 proposals resolved up at the September Council meeting & advised on how these resolutions had been acted upon in the interim.

BW asked for confirmation that the recently distributed meeting information had been produced with approval from the Council as a whole. It was confirmed that the content of the recent publicity material had been circulated to all members electronically for their consideration prior to publication in line with the September resolutions.

BW asked if this was the subject being discussed by the 4 Council Members seen "slinking" in & out of the Festival Inn recently. LH & GL both took exception to this comment. The meeting in question was a meeting of the relevant working party & took place openly in a public venue. GL commented that the forthcoming meeting is to gauge public opinion on this issue which is a completely democratic approach to the matter at hand. GL objected to BW's accusations. BW advised that he hadn't been in the Festival Inn but had seen Members "slinking" out of the building in the shadows. SW pointed out that she had spoken to BW as she left the building.

MB advised BW that she hadn't been able to consider the draft publication but only because she had been on holiday at the time of its circulation.

BW argued that the Parish Council has already held 2 public meetings on this issue.

Through the Chair the Clerk advised that this was not the case. HS2 had been discussed as part of a previous APM to inform parishioners of developments & HS2 themselves had organised the other public event in the village.

BW then conceded this point.

BW then asked when anything can be done about the surface water on Ilkeston Road. PGC advised that this is a matter for KER & NCC & that all the parish council can do is pass his comments onwards. BW responded that the issue with KER & any future successor is that they are only elected for 4 years. PGC pointed out that this is the case for parish councillors too.

DP asked BW what his issue is regarding HS2? He added that any publication issued by the parish council is on behalf of the parish council.

BW queried Members attendance at a recent HS2 Erewash meeting. It was pointed out that this was a public meeting that anyone could attend.

GL advised that this Council had been in touch with HS2 Erewash & had registered an interest. Members had attended meetings & reported back to Council. At that stage it was up to individual Councillors if they wished to attend or not.

LH commented that the Clerk had registered the Council's interest with the group as she had been instructed to do. LH confirmed that she had attended a meeting but felt it didn't cover the Trowell area hence the proposals submitted to the September Council meeting. LH commented that the Council had approached this issue in a perfectly correct manner.

BW asked what the objective of the parish council is - everything about the village is BBC's or NCC's responsibility & is referred on to someone else. He suggested that Members had had a conflag outside of Council regarding the agreed pros & cons of HS2.

DP responded that this is not the case at all, adding that the parish council is responding to concerns raised directly with its Members by parishioners.

BW had nothing further to raise.

As there were no questions forthcoming from the floor, the Open Forum was closed at approximately 7.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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