

**MINUTES OF THE SHORT TROWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE  
TROWELL PARISH HALL ON FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017.**

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Present: Cllrs. D. Pringle - Vice-Chairman in the Chair, Mrs. L. Harley, Mrs. C. McGann, R. McGann, G. Lockwood, P. Singer, Mrs. H. Cumberpatch, Mrs. M. Birkitt, Rt. Hon. Ms. A. Soubry M.P. & A. Basile (Constituency Manager for AS).

Clerk: Mrs. A.K. Mitchell.

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DP opened the meeting by welcoming everybody & thanking them for attending a meeting on a Friday evening.

288/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.  
**GL proposed that apologies be accepted from SW, seconded by LH. All in favour.**

289/16. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS.  
None.

290/16. TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF HS2 AND WHY THE RECENT PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED.

DP advised AS that the recent public meeting had been held purely & simply to allow the Parish Council to gather the opinions of local residents on this issue. Over 100 had attended the meeting & from there a resident led action group has been formed.

GL added that the Parish Council needed to know whether parishioners were in the main for or against HS2 as Members were not prepared to mount a campaign against HS2 if a majority of the village was actually in favour of it. He advised that the meeting was not to discuss HS2 in detail just to find out whether people were for or against the proposal. A good amount of discussion did take place & of the 100plus people present only 7 were in favour of HS2.

AS advised that as an MP she has to represent everyone in her constituency likewise the Parish Council has to do what is in the interests of Trowell. She added that she can only do so much on her own & that she doesn't think the parish Council can say it has a mandate on this issue just as she cannot say she has. She commented that she was elected in Broxtowe on a pro-HS2 ticket & that some people are for or against HS2 simply on principle, however we

now have HS2's preferred viable route through the borough. That said she doesn't think a 65ft high viaduct is the answer through Trowell.

For AS it is the delivery of the route that is the main issue, everyone is entitled to have their say & the Parish Council has to represent all shades of opinion throughout the village. Some people will be pro HS2 but will not like the viaduct. The Parish Council needs to stand up & campaign for the village, it has the resources, and it has a Clerk.

DP was concerned that if Members had not done their homework before the recent HS2 exhibition they could have been bamboozled by what was said there.

LH commented that Members were attending this meeting as Parish Councillors & not action group members, if they happen to be both. AS commented that some Members will have to be both in order to represent the village.

It was noted that a resolution had been passed at the Council meeting earlier in the week to oppose the HS2 route through Trowell.

AS said that this made more sense & that the Parish Council need to be involved in canvassing opinion & play its part in the process. She added that the Parish Council needs to stand up & get involved, as the local MP she will listen but would rather that constituents lead the charge in getting things done, the Parish Council needs to get its point across.

PS stated that he is not against HS2 in principle but he is against the planned route through Trowell.

AS added that the parish Council need to meet with HS2. She is writing again to everyone in Trowell & would urge everyone including the Parish council to respond to the HS2 consultation, not just on the route, but on the delivery of the route & on the compensation issue. AS has asked HS2 to provide an alternative way of delivering the route through Trowell. Mention of a tunnel under Kimberley & Awworth has been suggested as an alternative. The tunnel at Strelley will be a cut & cover making it look like a grass hump.

AS is not happy with the 65ft viaduct & she has made the Transport Minister aware of what impact this would have on his recent visit to the area. HS2 are now forming sectoral teams & the detailed maps of the route have not yet been produced, that is what they will be working on now. The "corridor" is

the “preferred route”, then the detail has got to be established & this is yet to be resolved. In Trowell it is a little different as there are topographical problems. AS understands that Erewash are accepting the viaduct as the alternative for them is some sort of cutting. The line will need to be high to exit Toton Sidings, HS2 don't know the area but now they are starting the detailed work they will begin to see the impact. She advised that the Parish Council will have to work out its options & HS2 may come back with quite a radical solution. AS has contacted HS2 & told them to come up with a better point of delivery. She added that the Parish Council need to say to HS2 that if the village is going to have to put up with all of this what are HS2 going to give them in return. HS2 need the village more than the village needs HS2. In some ways the village holds more cards.

GL advised that the question the Parish Council has asked from day one is why haven't HS2 opted to use the existing Erewash Valley line & different answers have been given each time – mine workings, too many disruptions at weekends, couldn't get into the depot at Staveley etc etc. How much disruption is Trowell going to have to put up with?

AS is more than happy to ask the question again. The Parish Council need to meet with the detail team & ask the direct questions, quiz them on their plans, see what they say & make the case. The Parish Council might have to consider instructing an engineer to look at it.

AB advised that he has asked the Erewash Valley question of the Head Route Engineer at HS2 but added that the Parish Council need to hear the answer directly from them as to why they haven't taken that option.

It was noted that the Parish Council have not yet asked HS2 for a meeting although it is known that representatives will be coming to the school at some point for a meeting so it may well be possible to organize something for when they are already in the area.

Route consultation – it was noted that lots of people in the village were horrified when HS2 stated that no-one from Trowell had complained in 2013. AS was advised that submissions were made by the Parish Council & other individuals at the time. AS will take this matter up with HS2.

AS advised that Trowell can still respond & should use the Long Eaton section of the consultation document to do so as that is the nearest point to Trowell. AS stressed that she is here to help & that she does have some sway, she will explain the consultation document issue in her next letter to residents.

DP advised that he had asked HS2 about their plans to use the access gate on Nottingham Road which is to be used by the open cast too & they were unaware of this conflict. AS agreed that HS2 would not be aware at this stage as they have not drilled down to the fine detail yet. This is what the Parish Council needs to tell HS2, this is what they need to know, they need to see the Parish council as a force to be reckoned with.

HC stated that she too is not against HS2 but she is against the route through Trowell & she has spoken to people in the village who would be more inclined to get involved if it was about the route itself. HC does feel though that many people are still not aware of its potential impact. AS agreed that this may indeed be the case.

LH advised that the action group had leafleted every property in the parish with the suggested letter pamphlet. AS advised that she had received around 10 letters as a result.

It was acknowledged that many people think that they will not be affected because they will not be around to see it happen.

AS stressed the need for publicity & had been surprised that Radio Nottingham hadn't contacted her after the recent exhibition. LH advised that the action group had appeared in the NEP.

GL commented that he had been disappointed with EMT's television coverage of the exhibition & had contacted them to say so but has not as yet received a reply.

HC commented that many people had been unaware that the M1 will have to be "moved".

AS advised that the Parish Council need to ask these questions of HS2, Members are now aware of the implications & so now, as a Council should stand up & fight.

GL commented that they had tried to contact representatives from Nuthall but had received no response & no Nuthall Councillors had attended the HS2 briefing.

AS counselled that the Parish Council needs to fight for its own community, it should liaise with other areas but it should stand up for Trowell. She added that everyone needs to take part in the consultation & they should all respond in their own words. She went on to say that individuals should compose

their own responses as ordinary citizens, making the salient points. Some communities are already very well organized & are not necessarily being led by Parish Councils.

MB commented that it is sometimes difficult to motivate people as a Parish Council. AS pointed out that as a Parish Council Members have the power to call their own public meetings.

AB added that Members have to remember that there was an excellent turnout to the exhibition – it is the information that people need to know as to what is going to happen behind their houses.

AS read out her draft letter at this point for Members information.

AS went on to say that she had tried to illustrate to the Transport Minister on his recent visit how Trowell, Stapleford & Toton are all separate entities emphasizing that Trowell is still a village community.

CMG asked when the compensation schemes would become relevant as affected houses aren't selling now let alone in the future. AB advised that compensation for issues such as this is already available.

AS stressed that people cannot say that they didn't know but they may not be aware of the potential impact at this stage. The Parish Council needs to be strong & lead, knocking on doors if necessary.

LH thanked AS & AB for coming. DP added that it had been very helpful.

AS advised that she will supply the council with a copy of the letter she has sent to Andrew Jones, the Transport Minister. AS added that she will make a point that there is opposition to the route & even stronger opposition to the proposed viaduct.

DP advised that the action group had chosen the Stop HS2 title for most impact, representing the strongest viewpoint.

LH concluded that the village's opposition needs to be strong & resident lead if possible.

291/16.

CLERK'S REPORT.

The Clerk had nothing further to report at this time.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.03pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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