



## **Minutes of a discussion with Kings Walden Parish Council held via Zoom Video Conferencing on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Amanda King (Chair), David Bennett, Joe Graziano, Brenda James.  
One member of the public: Keely Pate

### **5.0 (Agenda 1) To receive apologies for absence**

Members recommended councillors to accept apologies from the Clerk, Cllr Jon Chamberlin and Cllr Paul Harman who were unable to attend due to work and personal commitments

### **5.1 (Agenda 2) Chairperson's Remarks**

1. Members were reminded of the council's code of conduct and the requirement to make Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
2. The chairperson advised that the meeting would be recorded
3. The chairperson reminded the meeting that this meeting is not a formal meeting of the council, it is for discussion to take place in order to make recommendations to the Clerk under the Scheme of Delegation as meeting virtually

### **5.2 (Agenda 3) Public Participation**

1. Keely Pate addressed the council and introduced herself and to inform us that she had joined the committee at the Pre-School as Treasurer

### **5.3 (Agenda 4) To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The minutes were adopted, and the Chair was authorised to sign

### **5.4 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> June not covered elsewhere**

1. None

### **5.5 (Agenda 6) Update on ongoing projects**

1. Defibrillators – following an incident at the European Championships, the Comet News had asked North Herts District Council for an update to the location of the defibs in the Parish. These were confirmed as Village Hall, Breachwood Green and Village Shop in Ley Green
2. Noticeboard. A license was sent through to the Clerk, as the noticeboard would be commissioned by Pilkington's for a nominal fee of £1 per annum. There were no objections noted and the new noticeboard would be sited near the Village Shop in Ley Green

### **5.6 (Agenda 7) Covid Risk Assessment - Re-opening from 19th July Government relaxation of rules**

1. Fixing a date for face-to-face meetings to be reintroduced from September 2021 with Covid risk assessments in place via scheme of delegation
2. Youth Hut will reopen in August 2021, dates to be circulated, Covid risk assessments to be in place. Parish Youth Hut sub-committee to meet with Youth Leader in preparedness for August re-opening



**5.11 (Agenda 8) Airport Update**

1. Councillor Joe Graziano gave an update on airport matters. See Appendix 1

**5.13 (Agenda 9) Finance and Risk**

1. Payments were disclosed to members and authorised (Available online)

**5.14 (Agenda 10) Planning**

1. No 2, Chapel Road. Application for retrospective planning was refused for a fence erection on front and side elevations
2. Bailey's Close Farm. Application for planning registered for an erection of an industrial building with parking and landscaping and alteration to different access and demolition of an existing building

**5.14 (Agenda 11) Any other business**

1. A member of the public had complained about the refurbished units at the Heath Farm and that traffic was in violation of planning rules. Councillor James was asked to communicate with the resident and refer the matter onto to the relevant stakeholder at Planning

**5.15 (Agenda 11) Matters for future consideration**

1. None noted

The meeting closed at 20:12 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 19:30 at the Village Hall

Signed Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Appendix 1 – Airport Update, July 2021

## **AIRPORT UPDATE SUMMARY 20/07/21**

### **Surface access**

Reference was made regarding east west surface access that needed to be addressed particularly for the villages east of Luton and why nothing is being heard regarding what could be done on the rural lanes. CH from LLAL committed to take the comments back to LLAL for them to update and report back. Members were advised that LLAL had been looking at the DCO in the light of the pandemic and other events including Brexit and advised that the DCO was still ongoing, but some aspects of the application would probably be revised. LLAL confirmed that the DCO would not be submitted in 2021. It was noted that as a good regional airport there was a need for a more coherent discussion on surface access as many of the local roads, particularly to the East in Hertfordshire were at capacity even when the airport was at 18mppa. There had been much debate but no clear plans to improve the situation and reduce those travelling by car to around 45% of passengers. LLAOL advised that there was a full Transport Impact Assessment linked with Project 19 with all the impacts and mitigations set out very clearly as part of the application.

LLAL informed that there was ongoing engagement specifically relating to surface access with officers from Herts CC and separately Planning Officers were also being updated across the whole of the engagement piece (i.e.: environment, highways, surface access or biodiversity) on progress.

LLAL also confirmed that there would also be a further period for consultation on the DCO

### **Airspace Change**

**FASI-S** – members were advised that the extensive re-organisation of flight paths in (take-offs at 10-degree angle towards south) southern England was not proceeding and was



awaiting Government funding. LLAOL informed that Parliament were processing the “Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill” and if approved would allow Central Government to direct Airports to develop airspace proposals. Post meeting – Central Government on 19th March informed that £5.5 million will be made available to aid industry to develop and evaluate new flight routes to modernise airspace.

This extensive re-organisation of flight paths in southern England was recommencing, after Government funding through the “Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill”. This is to aid industry to develop and evaluate new flight routes to modernise airspace. LLA has obtained funding and approval to restart, and will now work on Stage 2A Option development (Completion November 2021) and then Stage 2B by March 2022. Further dialogues with stakeholders will occur.

**AD6 Airspace Consultation** for arrival routes closed in February 2400 responses, submitted. Did not impact BWG.

#### **1 MPPA**

Members made further reference to the Planning Application; it was felt by many that an increase of 1mppa was significant for many of the surrounding communities and raised much concern. However, with the suggestion that the increase would give the airlines a certainty for planning, it was asked if that would give airlines the option to look at planning for quieter aircraft and to give a schedule for replacing their older jets with the new quieter NEO jets. LLAOL stated that as part of the application there were certain assumptions around how the fleet would be deployed but eventually it would be up to the airlines on how they deployed their fleets worldwide. LLAOL continued to work together with the airlines, many of which had the youngest overall fleets, to incentivise their plans.



## CENTURY PARK

1) Outline permission has been granted for a new business park on 29/06/21;

Comprising office space (Class B1), warehouse and industrial space (Class B2 and B8), mixed employment space (Class B1/B2/B8), a hotel (Class C1), cafe space (Class A3); energy centre (sui generis), internal access roads; car parking, landscaping and associated works including earthworks, utility diversions, sustainable drainage systems, tree removal and tree protection; and relocation of the airport car hire centre.

2) Full permission for the construction of a 2km Century Park Access Road incorporating a new junction on the A1081, alterations to the existing Airport Way roundabout, alterations to Frank Lester Way, a newly created access from Eaton Green Road, a new roundabout providing access into

the business park, demolition of buildings, provision of replacement car parking (temporary and permanent), associated earthworks, landscaping, surface water drainage and utilities diversions; the

creation of new public open space including footpaths, landscaping, and ecological mitigation.

extension and alterations to Wigmore pavilion building to provide cafe (Class A3) and additional community space; construction of a new skate park and children's play area; and construction of a replacement airport technical services building and associated parking.

Councillor Joe Graziano, King Walden Parish Council, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021