

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
 Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning and Environment Committee meeting held in the Radcliffe Room,
 The Grange, on Monday 16 January 2017
 at 6.00pm

Councillors

Martin Culshaw (Chairman)	Keith Agar (Vice Chairman) (A)	Penny Astill
Joe Bailey (A)	Rod Brears	Graham Budworth
Sue Clegg	Gillian Dunn	Graham Leigh-Browne (A)
	Pam Thompson	Jean Robinson (A)

Ex-Officio: Georgia Moore (PC Chairman)(A) and David Barton (PC Vice Chairman)

Also present: Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) Jacque Earp (Admin Assistant) Rushcliffe Borough Cllr Roger Upton, Highways England Representatives Khalid Pervez and Shaun Wilkinson and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Georgia Moore, Graham Leigh-Browne, Joe Bailey, Keith Agar and Jean Robinson - Approved.

2. Declaration of Interest

None received.

3. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Khalid Pervez and Shaun Wilkinson for attending tonight's meeting. It was noted misunderstandings were created by naming the previous meetings held in the village as 'Consultations' when they were in fact 'Public Information' meetings. The PC and Community will be pleased once the improvements to the A52 are complete and realise Radcliffe will have to go through 3 months of roadworks for the upgrade.

4. Highways England A52 Junction Improvements Presentation & Discussion: Khalid Pervez (Project Manager) and Shaun Wilkinson (Lead Designer)

Khalid Pervez introduced himself as Project Manager in charge of major projects for the original scheme, and Sean Wilkinson Lead Designer of the improvements. He confirmed that the junctions being upgraded in Rushcliffe have been developed over a number of years and has always been in consultation with RBC and N.C.C. It was also confirmed that the PC had not been included on the consultee list, but has now been added. The Rushcliffe junction improvements are part of an overall improvement plan for 11 junction's altogether, which was originally planned to start in 2019 / 2020. However there had been an opportunity to start the improvements early because funding was available, so this in turn meant a short timetable in which to inform people. As standard procedure only residents 100 meters either side of A52 have been informed of the junction improvements individually, however the rest of the village have not been informed in this way. There has however been a press notice sent out to local papers and Public Information meetings for all other residents. At the meetings a lot of comments were raised concerning the bus stop locations and the footpath to the Cricket Ground. Following these concerns, modifications and a change of design to these areas have now been made and Engineers and Designers have been employed on an advisory basis. The new modifications are then discussed and amended plans are explained to Cllrs and members of public in the room. The bus stops are being moved to the start of the 'taper' so that vehicles can drop in behind, buses can then drive 'straight through' to the carriageway, 30 metres in distance. The footpaths on the north side of the junctions are increasing to 3m to combine the footpath with a cycle path. Designers are currently looking at a new footpath to the Cricket Ground, however there is a stream and a culvert in this area which is currently being considered before any improvements can be made. Cllrs then discuss the merits of there only being one right hand lane turning at the RSPCA junction onto Nottingham Road. Shaun Wilkinson explained this junction has been designed with Health & Safety in mind ie: to avoid 'side swiping' by vehicles, and to stop speeding/ racing.

The design is also based on the capacity of the junction which only requires one right hand lane and the addition of a left hand lane, bearing in mind the plans for an additional 400 new homes behind the RSPCA location. A link will be sent to the Clerk at the PC detailing the changes and the plans of the A52 improvements which will then be uploaded to the PC website available for all Radcliffe Residents.

In August /September 2017 junction traffic lights at Bingham Road will be improved. Consultations will be well in advance of the work, and there will be an open public event held open to Residents Police and Stakeholders. The PC Chairman asked if the Radcliffe Bypass idea running from the Railway end of the village to the A46 had been shelved. The Highways Representatives confirmed the Radcliffe on Trent Bypass plan of 20 years ago has not been shelved and agreed the whole area is congested with traffic.

5. Open Session for members of the public to raise relevant matters, limited to 15 minutes

Standing orders suspended at 6.31pm

- A member of the public asked for road closure details at Cropwell Road during the road improvements as it would affect the forthcoming events for members of the Radcliffe Golf Club. Khalid Pervez confirmed that the road would close at 'off peak' times and details of the closures would be publicised on a Traffic Management website. A link will be sent to the Clerk to update the PC website.
- The same member of the public suggested removing the new 'U Turn' at Nottingham Road and using the roundabouts at the either end of the A52
- The Highway's Representatives then discussed the current concerns for the new footpath outside the Cricket Club. Structural checks and a safety barrier are required and the stream also has a 90 degree bend that needs to be stopped from blocking when the footpath is created.
- A member of the public asked if the red light cameras at Cropwell Road Junction of the A52 would come into operation as he sees at least 3 cars run a red light every week. The Highways team confirmed that the lights and signals would be upgraded and there would also be a high friction surface placed on the road before the lights to slow traffic down. There would be a Health & Safety 1-4 Audit carried out and the road would have a tester specifically tasked to drive it to make sure it is safe before opening it back up.
- A member of the public disagreed with the fact that the proposed A52 improvements are based on computer modelling, states it is not realistic and is entirely unconvinced about the danger of right hand side swipes at the RSPCA junction.

Standing orders resumed at 6.53pm

6. Correspondence

None Received

7. Councillors Reports

None received

8. Date of Next Meeting

Planning & Environment Meeting confirmed as Monday 06 February 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed: Chairman.....Date.....