

Minutes of the Meeting of Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council held on Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7.00pm at Diseworth Heritage Centre, Lady Gate, Diseworth.

2487 Attendance and apologies

Present: Cllrs D Bamford (Chairman), P De Kock, G Matravers, A Hawtin, A Jarrom and T Wilkins.

Clerk: Samantha Lockwood.

Apologies received and accepted: County and District Councillor: N Rushton.

2488 Code of Conduct - Councillors' Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: Cllr Bamford declared a non-pecuniary interest at point 2492 (e) in the minutes, he left the room and took no part in the decision making.

Cllr Matravers declared a pecuniary interest at point 2495 in the minutes, planning application: 24/00490/FUL, he left the room and took no part in the decision making.

2489 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2024, previously circulated, be taken as a true record, confirmed, and signed.

2490 Any matters to be raised with the County Councillor and District Councillor.

RESOLVED: Explained about the boundary review, which the Parish Council is happy with.

2491 Police, crime, safety.

RESOLVED: Rural crime – recently a horse box has been stolen locally. Local beat teams attending both village shows.

2492 Administration & Finance

(a) Clerk's Report and monthly payments.

RESOLVED: June payments approved at July's meeting.

PAYEE	REASON	£	BACS
A Clark	July Salary and expenses	£229.26	BACS
S Lockwood	July Salary and expenses	£709.35	BACS
A Clark	August Salary and expenses	£210.27	BACS
S Lockwood	August Salary and expenses	£816.03	BACS
Moore	External Audit	£378.00	BACS
Diseworth Village Show	Grant	£1143.00	BACS
Clear Councils	Insurance	£839.60	BACS
Weather Link	Weather Station Data	£126.00	BACS
R P Hunt Services LTD	Grounds Maintenance	£4320.00	BACS
LCC	Long Whatton Play Area Rent	£150.00	BACS

Total: £8921.51

(b) To confirm the renewal of the Parish Council Insurance documentation for 2024/2025. (fwd Cllrs).

RESOLVED: The Parish Council confirmed the insurance renewal documentation. This is a three year long term agreement ending 30th September 2025. All members have received a copy of the policy.

(c) To confirm Christmas tree requirements for December.

RESOLVED: There is to be two trees; one at Diseworth Village Hall and the other at Long Whatton Church. They will be at least 15ft high, Nordmann Christmas trees. Awaiting of final confirmation from Cllr DeKock regarding where to purchase.

(d) To renew SLCC Membership for 2025.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to renew the SLCC Membership for 2025.

(e) To consider a financial contribution towards Diseworth Village Hall for the installation of a new pathway to play area.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council received the grant application form from Diseworth Village Hall, along with its account details. Cllr Jarrom proposed to award the full financial contribution requested, Cllr Hawtin seconded the motion, all members agreed.

2493 Audit

- (a) To accept the conclusion of audit year ending March 24 and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 23/24. – (fwd Cllrs)

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council accepted the conclusion of audit year ending March 24 and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 23/24.*

2494 Community

- **Freeport.**

RESOLVED: *It appears that the Freeport have been supporting SEGRO, behind the back of East Midlands Airport (EMA). The Freeport board haven't been minuting the argument that's been going on between the airport and SEGRO. The Airport have 'fallen out' with the Freeport and SEGRO as they want to retain sovereignty of their land. SEGRO are currently going via the DCO route and could compulsory purchase the land owned by EMA. Protect Diseworth are keeping low key at the moment and are just trying to keep up to date with information.*

- **Neighbourhood Plan.**

RESOLVED: *The planning consultant has now put together a schedule setting out all the comments received on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan; it is almost 500 pages long. The consultant can now update the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect these comments, it I hoped that a final document will be approved by the Parish Council at the October meeting to be able to submit to NWLDC.*

- **Isley Woodhouse Development Proposals.**

RESOLVED: *Cllr Bamford and a few members of Protect Diseworth (PD) visited a site recently developed by the Isley Woodhouse developers; this is a mixed development, some nice and some less desirable. The developers claim they are interested in working with the Parish Council to adapt their scheme to meet the local need. It is already written down that the developers wish to treat Diseworth 'sympathetically'. They understand that Diseworth doesn't want houses right up to its border and incorporating us into a new town.*

A couple of members of the PC and PD attended a meeting with Ian Nelson at NWLDC to discuss an area of separation for inclusion in the Local Plan. The question asked was is it possible to include Wartoft Grange in an area of separation and prevent development? This is being looked in to, but as it's not in the Parish of Diseworth, it can only be included within the NWLDC Local Plan.

- **Flood project updates.**

RESOLVED: Update received from LCC Lead Local Flood Dept.

The impact on resources from Storms Henk and Babet was very significant, which resulted in delays of all projects. LCC remain committed to deliver the projects and have remained in frequent contact with the Environment Agency (EA) about the status of project delivery and they have been very understanding given the huge impact felt from the Winter storms across the whole East Midlands.

Please see below revised timescales for the projects for Long Whatton and Diseworth which have been discussed and agreed with the EA.

	Indicative Revised Projection (September 2024)	
	Long Whatton	Diseworth
Business Case Approval from EA	July 2023	July 2023
Flow gauge installation	n/a	November 2023
Detailed Design start		
Property Flood Resilience	n/a	October 2024
Natural Flood Management	TBC*	Winter 2024
Highway alterations	April 2024 (underway)	n/a
Pond storage	April 2024 (underway)	n/a
Construction start		
Property Flood Resilience	n/a	Winter 2024/25
Natural Flood Management	TBC*	Spring 2025
Highway alterations	December 2024	n/a
Pond storage	TBC	n/a
Full Completion (Outcome measure achievement)	Winter 2025/26	Winter 2025/26

Notes on the above:

Diseworth

- Gauge – LCC is engaged with EMA but awaiting the installation of their new system before they link up the automation. LCC will set up a meeting soon with EMA to discuss progress on their new system.
- PFR – LCC has today appointed a contractor for the PFR surveys and will be contacting the identified properties within the next couple of weeks. After LCC has the results of the survey they will then go out to tender for the design and construction which should be a relatively quick process.
- NFM – LCC is drafting the tender documentation. This is something that has not tendered for before and so is taking longer than usual to make sure our tender documentation is correct. LCC is factoring the really useful feedback from the flood group with this.

Long Whatton (both parts of the scheme)

- Highway alterations – following commencement of detailed design it became apparent that the existing high level designs by Arcadis needed further rework and many elements of the proposal were not achievable. LCC internal design teams has been out surveying and scoping up various revisions and costing these options up. There are plans to begin parts of the construction work in December following road space booking approvals etc.
- Pond storage – various meetings on site have taken place and high level design sketches have been drawn. There are reservations from the landowner about the plans and alternative arrangements are being explored.
- Natural Flood Management – is being considered to compliment the flood scheme.

2495 Planning

(a) Planning Applications: consider and respond to the following:

24/01002/FUL: Replacement of timber windows with UPVC windows at 5 Page Lane, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QP. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

24/01020/FUL: Erection of single storey rear extension and single storey side extension at 11 Grimes Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QD. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

24/00982/TCA: Removal of Conifer hedge (Unprotected trees in a conservation area) at 7A Lady Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QF. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

East Midlands Gateway Phase 2 - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation.

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11

Application by SEGRO Properties Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the East Midlands Gateway Phase 2 (the Proposed Development)

Scoping consultation and notification of the Applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the information that the Parish Council considers should be provided in the Environmental Statement. The Parish Council is aware of a Scoping Opinion under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of industrial and logistics development on the same site that was submitted to North West Leicestershire District Council in January 2024 (LPA Ref: 24/00072/EAS). The Parish Council is keen to ensure that the scope of the Environmental Assessment associated with the proposed development covers all those matters addressed by the earlier Environmental Impact Assessment. However, since that earlier determination, there have been several matters that have evolved that require additional consideration, most notably:

- 1. Consultation on the new North West Leicestershire Local Plan took place between 5 February and 17 March 2024. The emerging Local Plan includes proposals for a new settlement, known as Isley Woodhouse, which lies to the south of the A453 and East Midlands Airport and borders three sides of Isley Walton;*
- 2. A planning application for the construction and operation of a ground-mounted solar farm with a generation capacity of 7.4MW has been submitted on land at Donington Park Service Area adjacent to the proposed development;*
- 3. Under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a pre-submission consultation period on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Long Whatton and Diseworth ran from Monday 12 February to Monday 25 March 2024. The Neighbourhood Plan is supported by a Landscape Sensitivity Study and other evidence; and*
- 4. Multiple criminal charges are being brought against East Midlands Airport Ltd by the Environment Agency for pollution entering the river system surrounding the company's international airport and in particular, the Diseworth Brook.*

It follows that the Environmental Assessment should, in addition to the earlier Assessment, include:

- An assessment of the impact of the proposed development on the environment, in combination with the plans for the Isley Woodhouse new settlement, proposals for a solar farm at Donington Park Service Area and on-going pollution of the Diseworth Brook;*
- The impact of the proposed development on the non-designated heritage and nature conservation assets identified by the emerging Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan, including Ridge and Furrow earthworks;*
- Landscape impacts having regard to the important views and features which encapsulate the landscape and visual character as identified by the Long Whatton and Diseworth Landscape Sensitivity Study together with the Vulnerable Landscape designation included in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.*

It should also be noted that passenger air traffic at East Midlands Airport has not yet fully recovered following the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore noise, air and water quality levels may not yet have returned to pre-pandemic levels and this needs to be considered in any baseline environmental assessment.

24/00490/FUL: Retrospective change of use of land to dog exercise area for up to 8 dogs, operating between the hours of 7am - 8pm April to September, and 8am - 5pm October to March together with associated parking space at Manor Farm, 77 Main Street, Long Whatton, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 5DF. – **NO OBJECTIONS (as per previous comments).**

(b) Planning Decisions notified since the previous meeting:

24/00833/TCA: Various works to 18 trees (un-protected trees located within a Conservation Area) at Orchard Cottage, Hall Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QJ. – **WORKS TO TREES WITHIN CONSERVATION AREA.**

24/00655/VCU: Amendments to condition 5 of planning permission 22/00370/VCI which was for the Variation of condition 2 of 16/00895/FUL so as to amend the design and increase the size of the dwelling. The current application seeks to vary condition 5 of 22/00370/VCI to change the wording to remove "screen planting of trees" to "low level landscaping" at 24 Clements Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QE. – **PLANNING PERMISSION.**

24/00467/LBC: Replace common bricks with 2inch reclaimed bricks on side (west) elevation at Ivy House Farm, 22 Main Street, Long Whatton, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 5DG. – **LISTED BUILDING CONSENT.**

2496 Representatives' Reports.

RESOLVED: *None.*

2497 Miscellaneous Correspondence (to note and made available for Councillors' inspection)

RESOLVED: *To be received.*

2498 Next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd October 2024.

RESOLVED: *Noted.*

2499 Other matters/items for future Agendas at the Chairman's discretion

RESOLVED: *Arrange meeting with allotment holders.*

Meeting ended 20:10.