



Chair (pro tem) NDP Working Party

From: Adrian Dale [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 June 2013 17:24
To: clerk@chelveston.org.uk
Subject: NDP-010 - Working Party Member Introductory Briefing Note

Dear Working Party Member,

Here are the members of the working party that have been formally co-opted (subject to their signing the declaration). I won't share full contact details by email at this stage for data security reasons. With your permission these will be shared by hard copy at the first meeting. Your names will be a matter of public record, however, I wouldn't propose making your full address, phone numbers or email addresses public unless you expressly wish it. Mine is a matter of public record anyway.

Members

Cllr Adrian Dale	21 Water Lane, Chelveston
Cllr Jenny Harwood	Britten Close, Chelveston
Cllr Mick Izzard	Pretoria Cottages, Raunds Road, Chelveston
Caroline Robinson	Disbrowe Court, Chelveston
Andrew Seaman	Raunds Road, Chelveston
Sarah Stopps	Water Lane, Chelveston
Paul Welton	The Crescent, Chelston Rise
Cllr Melvyn Wooding	Caldecott

Clerk pro tem

Mark Hunter Clerk to the Council

We will be appointing another Clerk at the first meeting as Mark is already doing so much for the Council and needs to have some distance from the detail so that he can act as our legal adviser and back stop.

You will notice that I am adopting some quite formal processes which might at first seem over the top. However, this approach has already been justified. I have received a call this afternoon from a PR company working on behalf of one of the landowners. I will write up a formal file note on it – but in essence they are looking to:

- (a) Meet with me privately to brief me on the approach they intend to take. I refused this request immediately.
- (b) Find out who is on the Working Party and how they can interact with them. I have not yet released your names and we will discuss the protocol for responding to requests at our meeting but in essence it is covered in the ToR – no meetings where you are the only Working Party member present.
- (c) Attend every public meeting of the Working Party so that they can track progress and interact.
- (d) Conduct their own village wide consultation exercise. They are free to do so but I have indicated that unco-ordinated approaches by each of the land owners to the Village would be unhelpful.
- (e) Find out the timetable. I have shared the proposed timetable verbally as it will shortly be a matter of public record.

The tone of the phone call is best described as firm and challenging. They are clearly well briefed on the NDP process and pushed hard to be allowed to participate. They also sought to challenge some of the statements I made about how the soundness of the plan will be determined by the inspector. I am thankful that Mark has been so clear in his briefings to me as I was able to hold my own.

There are several land owners who stand to make, or lose the opportunity to make, substantial sums of money depending on the outcome of the NDP. All need to be treated equally and no differently from any other member of the public.

I am fairly certain that some will use the Freedom of Information act at some point to request access to emails relating to the project if they are unhappy. Please bear that in mind. This is the reason for the last clause in section

7.5 on the Terms of Reference. All of the invitation emails from me (including this one) will become part of the public archive as will all the emails from you once you sign your declarations

Welcome to the world of public service and thanks in anticipation for your support

Regards

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Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

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