



Beeches Community Board – Infrastructure & Highways Sub-Group

Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 2pm via MS Teams

Meeting Notes and Actions

Present:

Councillor Ralph Bagge – Chairman – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor George Sandy – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Dev Dhillon – Buckinghamshire Council

Councillor Carol Linton – Burnham Parish Council

Councillor Jill Dax – Dorney Parish Council

Councillor Roger Home – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Councillor Marilyn Rolfe – Farnham Royal Parish Council

Councillor Spencer Norton – Taplow Parish Council

Jack Pearce – Beeches Community Board Coordinator – Buckinghamshire Council

Apologies:

Councillor Trevor Egelton – Stoke Poges Parish Council

Councillor Roger Worthington – Taplow Parish Council

1. Notes and actions from previous meeting

- Burnham and Taplow Parking Scheme: A meeting had taken place with the Parking Manager to explain this scheme in more detail. The proposal would involve a review of parking restrictions around Taplow station and some other residential roads, as well as in Burnham. Some concerns were raised by the group about funding being spent in one particular area of the board, although it was noted that due to the nature of applications some areas may receive funding in certain years and other areas in others. Concerns were also raised about a possible public consultation; however, it was noted that no public consultation would take place until meetings had been held with the relevant parish councils and funding for the project was agreed by the Community Board.

2. Update on highways applications for 2021/22

- It was noted the deadline for applications to the Community Board to fund highways schemes in 2021/22 was 31st October. The application form was available online at: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/apply-community-board-funding/>

3. Open discussion

- Drainage and flooding issues: The sub-group raised several issues with flooding in various locations within the board area, and expressed concern that issues reported with TfB had been consistently ignored. It was agreed that precise locations of flooding and drainage issues should be collated and raised with TfB.
- Process for identifying essential highways improvements: The sub-group discussed how significant infrastructure projects which were beyond the budget of the Community Board could be identified and progressed. It was explained that the Community Board would be the most appropriate forum for identifying these projects even if they were beyond the Board's budget. It was suggested that members of the sub-group could discuss with their respective parish councils where the areas with significant issues were, so that the Board could produce a list of major highways schemes. These could then be communicated to Cabinet and potentially taken forward as part of the development of the Buckinghamshire Local Plan. There would also then be a list of locally identified priorities for the board area which could be referenced if any major infrastructure funding became available.
- Communication of discussions and decisions by the Community Board: It was explained that minutes of the Community Board were published online, together with the recordings of the virtual meetings: <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=855&Year=0> . It was also explained that the Board was in the process of setting up a Facebook page and considering establishing a newsletter in order to improve communication.
- Funding for projects where no match funding is available: A discussion was held around funding projects where organisations are not able to provide match funding. This mainly related to larger projects as there was no requirement for Community Board projects to be match funded. It was agreed that a list of priority issues should be compiled by the Board so that when funding connected to development became available there would be clearly identified schemes which money could be allocated to.
- Infrastructure projects: The sub-group discussed infrastructure projects, particularly relating to sustainable transport for cyclists and pedestrians. Concern was expressed around the method for identifying infrastructure needs, although it was noted that now the highways and planning functions were part of one Council this should improve going forwards.

4. Actions and next steps

- All to send precise locations where drainage and flooding is an issue to Jack. Jack to forward these to TfB for action.

- All to speak to their parish councils and identify a list of highways issues which would require significant infrastructure improvements. Jack to work with Ralph and circulate a template to capture the issues.
- Jack to ensure that all Board attendees receive minutes of the meetings by email.
- Jack to follow up on the Active Travel Strategy and explore how this could be taken forward locally by the Community Board.

5. Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 2pm