

Parish Conference - AVDC 20 February 2018.

New format of the conference

Carol Paternoster - Growth Strategy including planning
Changed to make AVDC more customer focused. There have been teething troubles.
Introduction of the parish support officer. Point of contact for all enquiries.
They want to work together with parishes and town councils. More changes coming.
End of the planning portal is in sight. New system coming soon.

Parish Liaison service - Hazrat Hussain - visited 3 parishes. Mainly planning but can deal with hedges, verges and dog mess. NICK - do you have his contact details?
When applications disappear it's probable that it's because they have been judged as 'invalid' applications. Windows problems - not working properly
Created a webpage just for councils - Parish Support page - support for Parish and Councillors. He can add to it if required.
Includes contact form for Haz. **ACTION (Paul) - Contact Hazrat and invite him to visit Steeple Claydon.**

Structural Changes - Henry Allmand. Planning changes. 4 streams - Commercial Services, Regulatory Services, Customer Relationship, Community Fulfilment.
National shortage of planners. 23% under staffed. Consultants and contractors being used.

Connected knowledge - digital transformation programme - Megan Blackburn - Programme Manager.
Digital strategy - to make systems better. Active My Account being very successful.
At the forefront of technology. Built environment program.

Democratic Services - Bill Ashton and Pete Brown. All councillors must sign an acceptance of office and declarations of interest.
Failure to register is a criminal offence. interests are published on the website. Inform of changes to declarations. Pete talked about the run up to the election. Packs and notices will be mailed to clerks. Charges will be levied for uncontested elections (£125), contested (TBA) - it will be more than 2015. 2019 will be just district and parish. no national election - this impacts cost allocation. **ACTION (Clerk) - Write to him to request cost of election.** Co-option is permissible without a vacancy notice.
Casual vacancies - Vacancy notices display for 14 calendar days. before cooption.
Copies to AVDC. Multiple notices can't be combined. Election cannot be requested 6 months before retirement of councillors. Carrying out Community Governance Review. This will be published for consultation.

Questions - will AVDC exist at the time for an election? A Don't know, but we're proceeding as if no change.

Q - Is there an obligation to fill vacancies - A - no there isn't. providing you are quorate.

Q Register of Interests - how frequently should they be updated? A - As often as you think it should be done. **ACTION (Clerk) - ask all councillors to review their RoI entries**

Gareth Bird- Internal AVDC planning consultees - consider in the planning application - Legislation and policy, Public Comments, External Consultees, Internal Consultees. AVDC consider parish comments as very important - we have the local knowledge and input at local level.

Phil Sales - Planning Enforcement - See slides - if there is a breach - is it harmful? 60% no breach identified. Then review the remaining 40% - is harm caused? Very frustrated reaction from attendees with many examples of people 'getting away with it'.

VALP update - Susan Kitchen - submission consultation Nov//Dec 2017. Processing comments. submit by end Feb - inspector assigned Spring. Start of examination summer. Inspector's report Autumn on main mods. Early 2019 for adoption. 5 major appeal decisions upheld this year - 11 inquiry decisions- 9 won. 1 lost (Steeple Claydon) (I commented on this explaining to the delegates that the plan wasn't Made at the time)

Susan Kitchen - S106 - Planning Obligations - convenience given by those with an interest in the land. See slides. They have templates for S106 discussions (we have seen them). Joe Houston - Sport and Leisure S106. 10 dwellings or more - generate offsite support contribution. Must provide in same proportion £1375/head cost per head. Full offsite development. Some require on site sport and leisure to be provided. 300+ bigger facilities. If on site provision is required this reduces the offsite contribution. Parish Clusters - normally S106 is spent within the parish but if village is small then it can be spent on the cluster. See map. Work up costed Sport and Leisure projects now! Review current provision, identify shortfalls. Develop site master plans. Particularly if site goes to appeal. Liaise with Joe. **ACTION (Paul) - Contact Joe to discuss overall S106 position**

HS2 / EW Rail - HS2 responsible for the engagement. What's coming forward - working through common design elements - e.g. where there are bridges, parapets, noise barriers etc. AVDC want to be party to the working group across the line - 5 authorities to be involved with that. Community Fund - mentioned. going to be providing an update on what's happening on HS2. **ACTION (Paul) - chase the local £1m fund progress.** EW Rail - T&W act mid 2018. Construction to tie in with Calvert construction. Line Bicester to Bed 2022, 2024 for aylesbury link.

Question - if there is inaccurate information in the statement of fact in officer reports on site what recourse does the parish council have?

Answer - Officers come up with their own views - if you feel that information is incorrect please highlight.

Question - once a breach is identified - a reasonable time will be allowed - what is considered reasonable?

Answer - Timescale relating to a breach is specific to the case. subjective

Question - update on Ox Camb expressway?

Answer - National Infrastructure Committee report published - Highways England are looking at the options for the route corridor - work being done and making announcements regarding corridor options - later in 2018 for publication. They are

carrying out community and stakeholder engagement - it has been suggested they include Parishes in the consultation.

Question - why are emerging NPs not included in S106?

Answer - depends on the state of their process and how much weight can be given. Once they are made they are included (I don't understand what this is about!)

Question - Full award of costs - when is this granted?

Answer - it takes into consideration the circumstances

Question - shortage of planners - attended meeting - case officer came up from Kent for a half hour meeting. Previously all planners were made redundant and had to reapply for their positions.

Answer (well handled) - yes, consultants come from a long way away - we have to take what we can get. Every officer in AVDC was required to reapply for their roles. including call for VR and ER - lost through ER, and lost 1 due to the process. Most were retained.