

# Syresham Parish Council, Annual Parish Meeting Reports

May 2022

## **Silverstone Circuit Liaison Group Meetings**

We are represented on two groups, one for MEPC, the managing company that looks after the development of the Business Park at the Circuit. Additionally, we also meet with the BRDC Circuit authorities over racing and other activities on the circuit. Each group meets 4 or 5 times a year, and over recent times these meetings have been held online, but are now getting back to normal.

**MEPC** is the company responsible for all the recent major developments and consults regularly with all the immediately surrounding Parish Councils. This allows for helpful exchanges of views and information regarding planning issues, development of sites and impacts on local communities.

Where planning issues affect Syresham Parish, then the Parish Council has a say in any proposals, but the liaison group also has the opportunity to work with MEPC and the Northants and Bucks planning authorities to ensure that the preferences of the local communities are met. Roz Bird, Commercial Director of the site is moving on to new employment and her place is now taken over by Chris Sills from within MEPC.

**Silverstone Circuit and BRDC** The prime purpose of the circuit is for motor racing, and supporting the development of the industry in the local area. It brings an increasing level of employment opportunities to the local communities and has benefits for those who are fortunate enough to receive education on site and to play a part in the growth of highly technical industries. In similar vein to the links between MEPC and the local Parishes, the Circuit meets with representatives of each Parish to ensure smooth development of events and traffic access in and out of the local road network. Through this group we are able to lobby for improved traffic flow and we press for reduced intrusion by visitors to the area. Problems associated with F1GP and MotoGP events in particular are regularly examined and measures sought to ensure village life is not disrupted at key events.

## **Turweston Airfield Liaison Group**

Turweston Airfield is regularly used by light aircraft from many areas. As with Silverstone Circuit, there is a local liaison group, which can take issues to the airfield management group. Regrettably this group has not met since at least 2018, and there have not been any

online meetings. Any complaints about aircraft noise etc. applying to Syresham, are taken up by myself and/or the Parish Clerk.

### **Northants Police Liaison Group**

During 2021 the Police & Fire Commissioner for Northamptonshire set up a Police Liaison Group, with a link person working alongside Neighbourhood Watch in the village. The county-wide group meets online with the Commissioner, to monitor local issues related to crime. So far I have not been able to attend any meetings due to technical issues and the meeting dates clashing with other commitments.

Ian Draper, Vice Chair, SPC