

SYRESHAM PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th MAY 2018

MINUTES

1. Welcome and introduction by
Mrs Dorothy Dunkley Chairman of Syresham Parish Council
13 Members of the Public were present
2. Apologies: M Williams
3. **Presentation from Stuart Pringle (Silverstone Circuits Ltd).** Mr Pringle has been Managing Director at Silverstone for a year and is keen to inform locals affected by events at the track. If residents have any queries they should contact Stuart through Syresham's Liaison, Cllr I Draper. Silverstone's financial fortunes are stronger than 3 years ago. They are working hard to consolidate core motorsport business and expand events beyond July, so they are not reliant on the Grand Prix weekend. Silverstone have secured the Grand Prix for 2018 and 2019, but are still negotiating beyond 2019.

New plans aimed at creating a sustainable business all year round. National family focused leisure destination with the new 'museum' - motor sport, engineering/science. Hotel and Conference Centre will also help attract more visitors. Currently 1.2 million visitors per annum. New museum and hotel should attract extra numbers in 100,000's.

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC:

Over last few years traffic restrictions have affected local business, for example the pub.

It's not the intention to throttle local businesses. During grand prix, +£50 million spent locally. Stuart will contact pub landlord and look into one-way system to see if any changes can be made so visitors know the pub is there.

Rain affected camping and car parks several years ago, causing major traffic disruption, what lessons have been learnt?

There was a review of local landowners providing caravan/camp sites. SNC licencing authority instigated a star rating system for campsites advertising on Silverstone website. Ones with higher rating and therefore at top of search list, had hardcore at entrances to campsite fields, registration further from the road etc, all to help traffic flow. Lower rated sites got the message and improved their sites to keep traffic moving.

4. **Presentation from Nisha Mejer, HS2 Community Engagement Manager and from Chris James, Community Engagement Manager at Eiffage and Kier (HS2 Construction Team)**
HS2 are visiting local parishes, Nisha Mejer here to listen to concerns and discuss funding opportunities. Contractors involved; Fusion - make sure land is prepared ahead of construction. Eiffage Kier - contractors for main works. Chris James then introduced the project. Massive civil engineering works, in this area EK have a 50 mile section to construct, they will start on site in 1 year, building compounds. A 3.5 year construction programme - 75 bridges, 17 viaducts, 5km tunnels (nearest at Greatworth). The structures will be built first, then route.

Key issues locally appear to be transport and traffic, impact on road network and local events e.g. Silverstone. EK intend to minimise impact on local travel though good planning and design. All earthmoving will take place along trace of track, not on roads.

Key local road improvement works include BP Garage roundabout at Brackley. Road will need to be realigned to accommodate a road overbridge. HS2 developed a design, civil engineers will now look to improve plan with Highways England. Designs and methodology being finalised at the moment, with more information being gathered from utilities and geotechnical info. Borehole diggers will be around this summer, not intrusive.

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC:

What are the implications for the B4525? EK aware this is a bad road, looking at accident statistics. The traffic routes are identified with local authorities. It is a designated HGV access route and will need to be used around Greatworth. EK don't like this road and will aim to minimise use of it. If road network needs to be improved then HS2 should improve it. Route crosses B4525 between Greatworth and Thorpe Mandeville. Need to build road diversions and then divert traffic onto those while closing old road.

Is EK aware that B4524 is a Grand Prix diversion route? Also, any problems with M1 and M40, traffic uses this route. EK will be having regular review meetings with Silverstone and with joint transport team to raise local issues.

Will tunnels be built using diaphragm walls? No, tunnels will be cut and cover. After excavation the concrete tunnel will be built, possibly with precast concrete, then it's infilled.

Impact on Syresham village. More than 1km away - rules us out of funding. Can HS2 assist local businesses, for example the pub?

Yes, local funding available for businesses through Groundworks. Contact Nisha for more information. Clerk has Nisha's contact details.

Has an environmental assessment for vehicle movements for forecasted numbers been completed? The design is being developed, when that is complete then predicted figures can be updated. Later this year, in September EK can explain what the impact will be.

Is Syresham on alternative route system? - For example, in Fimmere traffic displaced from main road will go through village. EK will feed back to Chairman.

Which end of Welsh lane will be affected by HGV's - EK don't know yet until plans and suppliers finalised.

Where will workers have accommodation compounds? - Nearest one is Chipping Warden. Unsure at the moment as to what accommodation will be needed, depends on the individuals and whether they will choose to travel or stay. Can stay in local B&B accommodation too. Local businesses could go on the HS2 accommodation list. Accommodation will be required from next summer, will be lots of workers coming in all at once at the early phases. Will be very intense activity to start with.

5. Parish Council Report from Mrs Dunkley - see attached report.

6. Working Committees Reports - on display boards

Flooding – D Dunkley	Emergency Planning – A Jeskins
Swingfield – D Green	Streetlights – S Hosking
Roads & Pavements – S Hosking	Pocket Park – D Green
Environmental Enhancement – C Munsey	Speeding & Parking – J Haycock
Silverstone Liaison – I Draper	Finance report – S Hosking
Footpath Warden – J Braybrook	Internal Control – D Green
New General Data Protection - Clerk	

7. Village Organisations reports - on display boards

Bowls Club	Brownies
Syresham School	Chapel
St James Church	Friends of St James
Parish Council	Friendship Club
Neighbourhood Watch	History Society
Gardening Club	Take Your Seat
Village Hall Management Committee	Mothers and Toddlers
Syresham Times (Editors comments)	Sports and Social Club
Gems	

CHARITIES: George Timms Charity Accounts - Sorry, no report on this occasion
 Village Hall Accounts – C Munsey
 Church Charity Accounts – Church Warden

8. Community Police Team report - on display boards.

9. Also reports from Cllr Simon Marinker, District Councillor and Cllr Ian Morris County Councillor.

10. No other business.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm