



ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE



Minutes of the meeting with Glington Parish Council Friday 7 June 2019

Present: Councillor Randall (BR), Councillor Batty (DB), Councillor Spendelow (ES),
Mike Sandeman (MSA), Jonathan Oakley (JOA), Debbie Sanderson (mins) (DSA)

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<p>Traffic, Parking Issues and Travel to School</p> <p>DB outlined that the group were representing the residents of the village and asked whether the College was aware of frustration over traffic and parking issues. MSA responded that the College is aware of issues and always tries to deal with things where possible and where it is empowered to do so. BR informed the group that at most Parish Council (PC) meetings these issues are raised. The village is considered very dangerous at peak times.</p> <p>MSA advised that he is in full agreement with the Parish Council concerns and that the Local Authority (LA) and Councillor John Holdich (JH) are fully aware. Opening up the back entrance to the College would be the ideal, desired solution or receiving some assistance from a Policing perspective. JOA advised that it all comes down to funding and there are insufficient funds to support the issues. The Councillors were informed that the College carries out regular assemblies with students and that 90% of students behave sensibly. Regular messages are communicated to parents.</p> <p>MSA acknowledged the various suggestions in the Neighbourhood Plan regarding access for the school and many of these would be supported by the College however outcomes are limited by costs. The College does all it can currently, there is no jurisdiction beyond the school gates.</p> <p>JOA acknowledged that if cars are stopping in restricted areas outside the College, they are infringing regulations however staff are not able to stop this. Staff can advise students about parking outside the school premises but sanctions cannot be applied. Students are not breaking the law, they have a right to park a taxed vehicle on the road; all the College can do is appeal to their better nature.</p> <p>DB commented on students double parking on Beech Road which affects large vehicular access. JOA agreed that the message would continue to be reinforced about courteous parking on streets neighbouring the College.</p> <p>Councillors advised that parents should be made aware that if problems persiste, official parking restrictions may have to be imposed, however, this may just move the problem further into the village. The key is delivering the message to parents and Sixth Form students.</p> <p>BR advised that the issue has been raised recently with the LA with regard to access directly from the bypass. It is appreciated that there are costs involved, however, the average cost of a road fatality is well over £1m. It would be possible to make a case that this would be money well invested. BR asked the College to support the case for investigating this further with the LA. Works associated with the roundabout have also been mooted in the past. There does</p>	AMVC

	<p>not seem to be a political will from the City Council to help deal with this situation.</p> <p>MSA reported that he has always felt that our concerns have been recognised by JH and the City Council however any solutions are always very expensive.</p> <p>JOA spoke about various ideas that have been considered in the past:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access from the roundabout. • Initial conversations have taken place with the Diocese regarding access road coming off bypass; plans were drawn up which would have cost over £1m. There were also issues raised regarding distance between roundabout and exit point. <p>The PC felt that there should be a ground swell of opinion from the College and the parents to try and move forward a solution before there is a fatality.</p> <p>MSA advised that the Trustees of the MAT are very much aware of the issues and share the same frustration. JOA advised that he felt that parents would much prefer easier access for drop-off and pick-up, however, City Council support and funding is required for any project.</p> <p>BR felt that there may be a need to escalate the issue with the local MP. JOA responded that this should be done with JH's support.</p> <p><u>General Parking</u></p> <p>It was noted that the grassed area in front of the Youth Centre has been used from time to time for conference parking. JOA advised that this cannot become a permanent arrangement and would not gain planning permission. The Parish Council felt that this would be supported.</p> <p>JOA reported that students are rewarded for car sharing and there is ample parking for staff. JOA did not feel that additional car parking spaces would be supported as a similar request had been turned down approximately 4 years ago.</p> <p>BR felt that the Parish Council could raise this with the Planning Department.</p> <p>DB advised that in Rectory Lane there are now 'no waiting' signs and this may have to be considered in roads adjacent to the College.</p> <p>JOA asked the Parish Council to support any initiative with the City Council that could help provide a solution.</p> <p>BR asked whether the website could be updated to include information for new parents, ie considerate parking. This was agreed.</p> <p>BR asked if JOA could provide any plans that have been considered in the past regarding various different access arrangements. JOA advised that JH had been responsible for convening a meeting involving a number of people around the table to try to find a solution to a very difficult issue and requested that BR speak with him about these previous proposals.</p>	<p>AMVC</p> <p>PC</p>
2.	<p>Speed Watch</p> <p>DB advised that equipment had been purchased and has been used in the village. This to be mentioned in the Voice newsletter.</p>	<p>AMVC</p>

3.	<p>Glinton Youth Club</p> <p>DB reported that this has been mothballed for a long period of time and there has been no progress with reactivating. The meeting was informed that there appears to be no interest in setting a Youth Club up in the village despite consultation with students at the College and an article in the Village Tribune.</p> <p>MSA advised that as far as he was aware a meeting has not taken place in school with staff or students. MSA asked DB to establish who the meeting has taken place with and report back.</p>	DB
4.	<p>Future Planning Applications</p> <p>JOA advised that a planning application is imminent to improve the quality of accommodation for the Sixth Form. An additional Sixth Form social space is being considered for some land at the back of the McLaren building. Planning advice is currently being sought. JOA advised that numbers will not increase above the Published Admission Number.</p>	
5.	<p>Sixth Form Students Committee Involvement</p> <p>MSA advised that the students have exams and their time gets caught up with school business; it is not a matter of disinterest. MSA asked the Parish Council to liaise with DSA regarding items on the agenda each time to see if representation from the Student body can be arranged.</p> <p>JOA did ask that the Parish Council ensures that its members are careful about discussion in front of a student audience and aware of how things are perceived from a student's perspective. He referred specifically to someone who had presented at a recent Student Council meeting where there had been a comment that could have been perceived as inappropriate.</p> <p>DB acknowledged a bench in the park that had been purchased in the past as a result of student involvement.</p> <p>DB advised that the Parish Council is taking on more responsibilities and is the first tier of government.</p>	PC
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was none reported.</p>	

The meeting concluded at 9.50 am.