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**Annual Parish Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 16 May 2019, Shawford Parish Hall**

### Introduction

1. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that copies of the Council's Annual Report had been distributed around the hall and that, following the meeting, it would be available on the parish website. He provided a short overview of the evening's proceedings, which would begin with a presentation by Steve Thurston, Head of Planning, Southampton International Airport (SIA).

### Southampton International Airport (SIA)

2. Mr Thurston provided a detailed presentation on the future development of the airport, which currently handles 2 million passengers per year. This is expected to increase to 5 million by 2037 and provide an additional 2900 jobs in the local area, but much would depend upon obtaining planning permission to extend the runway to the north to allow airline operators to use jets, instead of turboprops. (Since aircraft routes from SIA are currently restricted by the amount of fuel that can be carried on take-off, the extension will allow operators to carry more fuel and be able to fly to more destinations.)

3. SIA is currently undertaking a major consultation, which has so far received 396 comments of which 62% were positive and 38% negative. The main issues are noise, environment and transport congestion. To monitor noise and air quality, monitoring sites have been extended to include, amongst others, Twyford. (Monitoring equipment has already been installed on the roof of Shawford parish hall.) A planning application will be submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council in July, with a decision expected in September/October. As construction will take around 9-10 months, the earliest date for enhanced operations will be the summer of 2021. Finally, Mr Thurston emphasised that Compton and Shawford Parish Council would be invited to attend focus groups, along with other key stakeholders.

4. In response to questions, Mr Thurston confirmed that:

- SIA does track noise complaints and will consider the possibility of imposing financial penalties;
- The runway extension will not alter the height at which aircraft approach the airport;
- Discussions are taking place with regional air traffic control authorities to enable aircraft to descend directly into SIA, thereby eliminating the need for them to descend in a circular holding pattern over Winchester;
- Jets are noisier but climb much more quickly than turboprops;
- SIA will not expand the airport, which is currently close to capacity, without an increase in passenger growth.

### **Construction Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

5. The chairman briefed the meeting on CIL, a levy imposed by Winchester City Council (WCC) on those developers involved in construction within the parish. In the past year the fund has been used to improve drainage at the MPF car park, to install a new bus shelter and to provide grants to Age Concern Hampshire (village agent), Compton Lock and Compton Pre-school. Sums have also been set aside to assist Shepherds Down School with the purchase of a new adventure playground and the Sports Club with cricket and football pitch improvements. The fund currently has a balance of £9375.

### **Planning**

6. Councillor Strange briefed the meeting on her attendance at a recent meeting on the provision of affordable housing, which had outlined various options that are available to local councils/housing authorities. She stressed that there will be no developments within the parish without prior consultation with those communities most likely to be affected. But she asked that parishioners should keep an open mind and to recognise that there is a need to provide affordable housing for young people with a close connection to the parish, and for the 'more mature' who wish to downsize, while remaining in the community.

7. She advised that, following a recommendation from WCC, the Village Design Statement (VDS) was in the process of being updated and that, following a change in national guidelines, a new highways document had been issued, which appears to remove the highways objection to housing development on Compton Down. The Council was liaising with the Compton Down Society (CDS) on a potential update of the Compton Down Local Area Design Statement (LADS), for which an estimate of £6700 had been obtained.

8. Concern was raised by members of the public about why the Parish Council is considering providing financial assistance towards a LADS for one area of the parish. Councillor Goulding emphasised that it was not Council policy to produce an updated LADS but that its planning team was committed to working with the CDS to see how best this could be achieved. He added that there was some scepticism about how much emphasis was placed upon the document by WCC planners and, for that matter, the VDS. Following further open discussion on this subject, Councillor Goulding agreed to seek information from WCC planners on the 'weight' given to both documents in the planning process.

### **Compton Lock**

Councillor Wilkinson briefed the meeting on efforts to counter anti-social behaviour at Compton Lock. A meeting, hosted by Twyford PC, would be held on 22 May 2019 to which representatives of HCC, WCC, CSPC, Environment Agency (EA) and the police had been invited. Members of the public would be very welcome as would volunteers to help with the removal of rubbish. The latter comment encouraged a member of the public to comment upon the amount of litter that could be found along the Itchen Navigation. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the EA to ask for it to be removed.

### **School Reports**

10. Charlotte Bailey produced a comprehensive report on All Saints School, which is on the parish website. She was pleased to see that two other governors were in attendance, emphasising the local community's commitment to the school. She was in contact with Steve Brine MP about increased school funding and was grateful for the support provided by the, very active, parents association. She encouraged parishioners to visit the school: appointments could be arranged through the school office.

11. Mark Jenkins provided a very positive message on behalf of Shepherds Down Special School. Originally designed for 100 pupils, it now numbers 140. A planning application has been submitted for the construction of a further building, which if successful, could allow

the number of pupils to rise to 158. There are currently 105 staff, including 25 teachers. The school is grateful for its ability to use the play areas on the Memorial Playing Field, when the weather permits, and a new adventure playground is being planned for construction in the autumn. There is currently a vacancy for a school governor.

### **Public Questions**

12. Concern was raised about the condition of the area to the base of Shawford Down, which is very overgrown. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the HCC Countryside to see if action could be taken to remove the brambles etc. If not, the Parish Council would consider other options.

13. Concern was also raised about the number of vehicles using the passing places to park vehicles on the road to the Malms. Road users frequently have to 'back up' long distances. The Parish Council agreed to investigate and to consider the installation of no parking signs within the passing places.

### **Conclusion**

14. There being no further questions, the chairman brought the meeting to a close. He thanked Adrian Walmsley, for developing the parish website, the ladies of the WI, for providing refreshments, the hall caretaker, Frank Smith, and John Wilkinson for his work on the environment and local footpaths. He hoped that, following the meeting, those present would take the opportunity for 'one to one' discussions with members of the council. Finally, Mrs Bailey proposed a vote of thanks to the council for its efforts over the past year. This was followed by a round of applause.

David Drake  
Clerk