

**PARISH LIAISON
THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2004**

Present:-

Councillor G. Smith (in the Chair).
 Councillors Boyes, Nightingale and Swift (Ward Representatives)
 Parish Councillor E. Haycock, Treeton Parish Council
 Parish Councillor J. Morris, Treeton Parish Council
 Parish Councillor C. Nuttall, Treeton Parish Council
 Parish Councillor M. Scott, Treeton Parish Council
 Parish Councillor D. Whysall Treeton Parish Council

together with:-

Ian Ashmore, Acting Principal Engineer, Streetpride
 Ian Ferguson, Development Control Officer, Economic and Development Services
 Stuart Savage, Engineer, Streetpride

Apologies for absence:-

Councillor David Pickering, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board
 Councillor Sheila Walker, Chairman of the Planning Board
 Karl Battersby, Head of Planning and Transportation Service

1. INTRODUCTION

Councillor Smith welcomed those present to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the highways implications of Jones Homes' residential development within the village of Treeton.

2. DEVELOPMENT IN TREETON BY JONES HOMES

Discussion took place on the following issues:-

(a) Treeton Parish Council was requesting that Jones Homes complete the construction of the spine road through the new residential development, to enable the road to be adopted by the Highway Authority and opened for traffic.

It was reported that the Section 106 Agreement for this development required Jones Homes to complete the spine road only after a specific time period and after the construction of a stated number of dwellings. The Section 106 Agreement stated that the spine road..."shall be completed to prospectively adoptable standard along its entire length within a period of ten years from the commencement of the development of the site..."

That time period had not yet expired; the Council would therefore have to rely upon the goodwill of Jones Homes to complete the spine road at an

earlier date.

(b) Those residents of the new development, who had to rely upon public transport, currently had to walk a considerable distance to the nearest bus stop.

It was suggested that a request be made to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive for the re-routing of some of the existing bus services.

(c) Reference was made to a number of highways where traffic congestion problems may occur after the opening of the spine road. Front Street was mentioned as one example where congestion might occur.

The Borough Council representatives stated that the new spine road would relieve some of the traffic congestion at Front Street. Traffic calming and a zebra crossing had already been introduced on Front Street, during the last two years and these measures have improved road safety, although the problems of congestion remain.

However, it was the intention to examine traffic patterns after the opening of the spine road, in order to assess whether additional measures would be required to other parts of the highway network in Treeton.

(d) the Borough Council would re-assess the previous request for the provision of a zebra crossing on Well Lane, at its junction with Front Street.

(e) The Parish Council representatives asked the Borough Council to examine the possibility of introducing a one-way section on part of the spine road. It was noted that the design of the spine included sufficient width to permit the two-way flow of traffic.

The following course of action was agreed:-

(1) the Borough Council would arrange a meeting with Jones Homes' representatives to discuss the possible earlier opening of the spine road;

(2) the Borough Council would further examine the Section 106 Agreement to ascertain whether any condition (eg: road safety grounds) could require the earlier completion of the spine road at an earlier date;

(3) the Borough Council would inform Treeton Parish Council of the outcome of the proposed meeting with Jones Homes.

3. CONCLUSION

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.25 a.m.

