

Parish Council of Balsall

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Balsall Parish Council held on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 6.00pm at The Jubilee Centre, Station Road, Balsall Common

Present

Cllr Raymond Ritchie (Chair), Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Douglas Money, Cllr Elizabeth Macdonald, Cllr Marie-Louise Marsden, Cllr Peter Lea, Cllr Rob Horsfield and 2 members of the public to include Keith Tindall (Residents Association) and Cllr Lionel King (Chadwick End Parish Council)

Headings are those set out on the Agenda

1. Apologies

Cllr Peter Trend and Cllr Judy Lea

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Richard Lloyd declared an interest as Chairman for HHAG.

3. Public Forum

Mr Tindall questioned what exactly the Parish Council will be petitioning for?

Cllr Macdonald explained that she had attended the workshop at Solihull. Balsall Parish Council is referred to in the Bill twice. The impact on Balsall Parish is predominantly the disruption and loss of amenity.

This village will suffer considerably due to the planned construction traffic that will be generated.

The movement of traffic, noise and pollution are all factors that the Parish Council can petition upon. We will be calling for measures to mitigate this impact upon residents.

Cllr Lloyd stated that we needed to allow the local body to take more control over this as without any constraints, there will be no code of construction to follow and therefore no measures to reduce the impact on residents.

The A452 is an overflow route for the M42 and an emergency access route. It is already congested and the construction traffic will add to this.

We need measure to stop the construction traffic being on these roads at peak times.

Chair advised that we need to be clear and precise on what the Parish Council will be petitioning upon.

Another loss is the Greenway and the noise the line will generate. Property values will be affected.

The parking at the station will increase traffic flow as the route is again the A452.

The deadline to file the petition is 23rd May but we need to identify the issues now.

PROPOSAL – That Balsall Parish Council oppose the HS2 bill with the intention to deposit a petition seeking relief for our residents from the adverse effects of the proposed railway.

(Chair proposed and Cllr Macdonald seconded)

Votes – all in favour

Motion passed

Resolved - that Balsall Parish Council oppose the HS2 bill with the intention to deposit a petition seeking relief for our residents from the adverse effects of the proposed railway.

Discussion took place as to the logistics of petitioning. It was agreed that all Councillors are requested to identify the issues for the Hybrid Bill. This is to be co-ordinated with the Residents Association. Once the issues have been identified, Clerk to liaise with Cllr Macdonald as to the way forward.

4. **Date for next meeting** – The next Parish Council Meeting shall be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on 21st May 2014 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19.04pm

Signed..... Dated.....

Cllr Raymond Ritchie

Chair

Balsall Parish Council