



Gaydon Community Liaison Meeting

Notes of the meeting held Monday 16th October at 6:30pm

Hybrid Event - Online via Microsoft Teams/ In person at Boardroom, BMM

1.Introductions and Apologies:

List of Attendees for the meeting

	Present	Initials	Representing
Online	Rob Colmer	RC	Aston Martin Lagonda
BMM	Jeff Coope	JC	British Motor Museum
BMM	Andrea Bruneau	AB	British Motor Museum
Online	Will Martin	WM	CEG
Online	Andy Turner -	AT	Chesterton Parish
Online	John Hutchison	JH	Chesterton Parish
BMM	Wayne Owers	WO	DM Kineton
Online	John Davis	JD	Gaydon Parish
Online	Lycia Warwick	LW	Hinton Group
BMM	Ragu Sittambalam	RS	Homes England
Online	Ian Davis	ID	JLR
BMM	Michelle Brierley	MB	JLR
BMM	Mary-Ann Jones	MAJ	JLR
BMM	Neil Ross	NR	JLR
BMM	Cllr Chris Mills	CM	Gaydon, Kineton and Upper Lighthorne - SDC /Kineton & Red Horse - WCC
BMM	Brandon Riley	BR	Max Eve
BMM	Cllr Alan Scorer		Gaydon, Kineton and Upper Lighthorne
BMM	Neil Hempstead	NH	Stratford District Council
BMM	Zoe Dandridge-Brown	ZDB	Upper Lighthorne Parish
BMM	Ian Flynn (Chair)	IF	Warwickshire County Council
BMM	Jo Martin (Notetaker)	JM	Warwickshire County Council
BMM	Cllr Christopher Kettle	CK	Feldon - WCC
Online	Tasnim Nour	TN	Warwickshire County Council
Online	Debbie Scheinder	DS	Warwickshire County Council

Apologies:

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Liam Allen	Warwickshire Police
Emma Hills	Trust Management

1. Previous Minutes/ Matters Arising

Minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting.
No matters arising are noted.

2. Section 278 Update – Warwickshire County Council

TN shared onscreen information outlining - S278 Harbury Lane, Chestern Road Works;

- Work is ongoing and progress is taking place on site despite delays due to environmental works. WCC working closely with the team to see what they can do to pull programme forward. Expecting late winter as a completion time.

Cllr Kettle advised that he is meeting with contractor on 17/10. He thought that the scale of delay was unacceptable. The project is now over-running by 12 months.

- TS added that the Village Centre works are largely complete. Landscaping work to be conducted.

3. Site Developments Update (BMM, JLR, MOD Kineton, AML)

a. British Motor Museum

AB gave update below;

- Museum footfall has continued to grow which has shown a 21% increase in visitor numbers to date. The conference business has continued to be strong, and we are delighted to have had a record-breaking September for conferences.
- Our 30th Anniversary year celebrations 14th-20th August were a huge success. The use of museum vehicles to offer rides around the site were really popular as were the specialist tours and other events throughout the week. The jewel in the crown in the celebrations was the Access Day, offering quiet hours at the beginning and end of the day, with reduced noise and lighting, special museum object handling, costume sessions and clay modelling were all included. Bespoke Touch & Access Tours led by our Museum Explainer ran throughout the day.
- A mobile Changing Places facility was also brought in for the day which enabled individual visitors who would not normally be able to visit the venue opportunity to do so. We are delighted that we have recently qualified to receive funding for our own changing places facility via Stratford District Council. The Changing Place will be installed before the end of March 2024 which will truly make us a place for everyone.
- The busiest outdoor show season has now come to a close for another year and we are really pleased that our shows footfall has increased by 25% in 2023. This is as a result of the shows in general growing and also the introduction of some new shows to the calendar. We may have come to the end of our external shows, but we do still have the Large Model Aircraft Show, Great British Model Railways Show as well as a Doll & Teddy fair which will be taking place internally before the end of the year.
- Gaydon Gatherings – The last gathering of the year took place on 10th October and it was lovely to see that despite the very wet weather we have experienced for all our previous evening gatherings this year, October was bright blue skies and sunshine which in turn generated the biggest attendance of the year proving that these free community events are a big hit! We will now commence our evenings with... events for the winter season commencing on the 14th November with An Evening at the

Collections Centre, followed by an evening with McLaren on the 4th December, a fascinating and informative evening with one of the world's great motoring manufacturers – please go to our website if you would like to book to attend either of these events.

- British Motor Museum has secured funding to relocate the Learning Space to another area on the Ground Floor of the building. This new larger facility will help to meet the growing demand for the services in this field and will offer a more comfortable, secure and self-sufficient space for all our educational and community groups.
- The holiday clubs that we last reported on were successfully delivered during the summer school holidays offering Cars and 2D & 3D Art as well as the 'Let's Animate' week-long sessions. Sessions were hosted by an artist and at the end of each club week an exhibition of the children's work was put on for parents and families. A two-day LEGO themed club will be held at Christmas.
- Another of Warwickshire County Councils initiatives was activity sessions for children from refugee families in resettlement centres (hotels). Three venues were visited over the summer and activities included 'mini Museum on the Move' and 'make your own car'. With such a shortage of opportunity for these resettled families both children and parents alike enjoyed and benefitted from the engagement.
- Recruitment – Three more volunteers have recently been recruited to join the team bringing our volunteer total 100! Without their help and assistance, we would not be able to deliver the informative tours of the Collections Centre along with many other activities from Archive support to learning and engagement – they really are a vital and integral part of our team and we are privileged to have such a fantastic group of people willing to give their time and expertise to the museum.
- A review of equipment on site highlighted a surplus of beech flip top tables that we have donated for reuse within the local community – the Upper Lighthorne Village Hall were delighted to receive a number of these tables ready for when it opens.

JC introduced Brandon Riley to talk about the new hotel development on site;

BR explained that he has been in discussion with BMM for the last 9 months. A demand study has been completed and the results have shown that the hotel of 142 rooms is justifiable for this location. A hotel brand is already lined up but cannot be disclosed at this time. Taking on board their requirements and that of the operators and there will be some subtle changes to the design submission.

Action BR to liaise with JC to arrange an interim meeting for the group to view potential plans – likely early/ Mid November.

JC added that the hotel would provide employment and improve the leisure offer of the area. Cllr Kettle asked about existing restaurants and accommodation. BR explained that the hotel will complement the existing local offering and bring new business to the area.

b. Aston Martin Lagonda

RB gave an update regarding the open weekend which brought 5-6,000 visitors onsite, and the first event of this scale since Covid.

ZDB raised some noise concerns from residents. RC will check on the time the music started in the morning, and noting that events like this onsite are very rare, there was some discussion about how local residents might be made aware of what is happening and for how long, for any similar events in future.

c. Jaguar Land Rover

NR gave an update on Business at JLR;

- Revenue of £6.9 billion in Q2 and record first half revenue of £13.8 billion
- 320,00 sales (80 % of product is going out of the UK)
- DHL and JLR have formed a 10 year strategy to reduce emissions by 84% . The remaining 16% of outbound emissions is the next strategy worked on, as part of JLR strategy that it will become a net zero carbon business across its supply chain, products and operations by 2039.
- The new TATA battery factory in Somerset will be fully operational from 2026.

MJ - updated on current planning applications;

- Renewing some conditions on the battery testing facility.
- Temporary storage tents in south car park for 3 years, currently for review.
- Conducting a feasibility and scoping study for tracking extensions. Pre-application in with council but concerns about removal of trees.

ID updated on business operations onsite at Gaydon. Similar to previous updates – 5,500 people in the summer and back up to 7,000 now. Same working practices with Friday much quieter. JLR is staying with hybrid working with no plans to change this.

DM Kineton

WO provided updates:

- Site remains busy due to global instability.
- Working is underway to build Officers' mess but struggling to find a supplier before April.
- CCTV work is complete.
- Preparing for Remembrance Day.
- Bonfire night planned for 2nd November. £4 per head. **Action** WO to send IF details to circulate with minutes.
- Received notification that the UK is looking to rehome some Afghan families and have identified space at Temple Hardwick. He has expressed concerns for their wellbeing due to lack of local facilities and distance from urban areas.
Action: WO to email Cllr Mills and Cllr Kettle about concerns.

4. Homes England Update

RS provided a Homes England update.

There has been some delay however protective fencing has now been installed and works can now resume. Completion late November.

Cllr Kettle expressed concerns about potential delay, as it is the same contractor as Harbury Lane/ Chesterton Road Works.

5. Parish Items:

Gaydon Parish

- Gaydon Green Fund

- Query on JLR solar array

Currently redrawing business case for solar panels and looking at different partners. JLR are having to re-negotiate the case and will not know until December. JLR will notify Parish Councils when they have more information.

JD noted this and will come back on this when JLR has more info.

- Upper Lighthorne: Helicopter movements around AML (Cllr Mills)

Cllr Mills raised the concern of helicopter issues, RC confirmed that he had spoken to the local resident.

6. Any other business

AT asked about potential development at Junction 12 (CEG scheme).

NH confirmed that application is in and SDC are requesting further information. There will be another formal round of consultations. The letter is publicly available on the website.

Dates for Future Monday Meetings in 2023/24:

January 22nd

April 15th (Easter is 31st March)

~~July 15th~~ - revised date July 8th

October 14th