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COUNCIL – 4 September 2023

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

13) JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (Pages 3 - 6)

Two written reports have been received from Members:

Councillor R Ross – Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Councillor K Payne – Hanson Cement Ketton Liaison Committee

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor A Brown – Chairman of the Council

Councillor S Harvey – Vice-Chairman of the Council

Councillor N Begy

Councillor P Browne

Councillor G Clifton

Councillor H Edwards

Councillor M Farina

Councillor O Hemsley

Councillor S Lambert

Councillor S McRobb

Councillor R Payne

Councillor R Ross

Councillor L Stephenson

Councillor D Wilby

Councillor H Zollinger-Ball

Councillor T Carr

Councillor M Chatfield

Councillor K Corby

Councillor D Ellison

Councillor K Heckels

Councillor A Johnson

Councillor A West

Councillor K Payne

Councillor R Powell

Councillor T Smith

Councillor G Waller

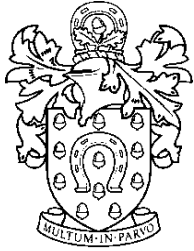
Councillor C Wise

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THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC AIMS

- A special place
- Sustainable lives
- Health and well
- A county for everyone
- A modern and effective Council

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Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee Report to Council

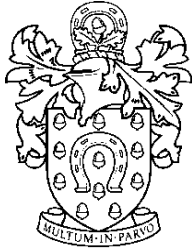
Outside Body	Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee
Date(s) of Meeting(s)	14 th July 2023

Issues to be highlighted to Council

1. The increasing importance of Natural Flood Management (NFM), by the Environment Agency (EA) as an environment management tool.
2. As part of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Leics & Rutland, there is agreement that Anglian Water will turn the Welland into a priority catchment, under the “Get Rivers Positive Plan”.
3. EA Update: Anglian Water - performance report published on 11th July’23, rated two star – poor, and also noted that reporting of incidents is poor.
4. Anglian Water:
 - a. Developing a new 5 Year Business Plan 2025 to 2030, in which nature-based solutions are prioritised. A “Nature First” strategy is also being adopted as the preferred approach to address stormwater overflows.

They consider that this latter approach best aligns with current public sentiment towards both the environment and the recently reported performance of UK water companies.
 - b. “Get River Positive Plan” – launched by AW and Severn-Trent to improve river water quality. In part this involves community action (eg. Harborough Woodland Trust are assisting with engagement with farmers and landowners for tree planting / NFM schemes).
5. EA – Net Zero Carbon - alignment between Environmental and Housing Development Policies – remains poor.

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Hanson Cement Ketton Liaison Committee: Report to Council

Outside Body	Hanson Cement Ketton Liaison Committee: Attended by Hanson Executive, Environment Agency, Ketton and Tinwell Parish Council and Meeting Representatives plus Cllrs K Payne & M Farina.
Date(s) of Meeting(s)	9 th August 2023

Issues to be highlighted to Council

General Update

Particulate levels continue to be low and below permitted levels. Coal replacement is now up to 89% which is good (coal being replaced with Cemfuel (paper and plastic left over from recycling) and kerosene).

The plant will commence a carbon capture trial in September and waiting for Environment Agency approval which is imminent. No more detail was available on this as its commercially sensitive.

Site housekeeping is good, there has been no time lost to injury this year.

Work on ecology continues and they have now also placed 3 beehives on site together with bee friendly planting and 2 new lagoons.

There has been one complaint regarding vibration from blasting from a house in Ketton which now has monitoring equipment installed in it, but no impact has been detected as yet. Monitoring continues.

Also, residents on Wytchley Road Ketton have asked for a Hanson contact for further discussion regarding blasting monitoring. A contact name was provided.

Environment Agency

EA commented that the plant is under good control, emissions are all below permitted levels. EA are overseeing the carbon capture project which will operate within an EA defined framework with a precautionary approach. Both the EA and Hanson seem quite excited by this project.

There have been a few minor releases of dust from cement blowlines, EA commented this is not significant, but they are looking into it.

Issues to be highlighted to Council

Quarry Restoration

The restoration is going well. Photos of the newly restored areas which were excavated and had the original topsoil replaced which visited in the spring, have seeded well and are looking like established pastureland. When this is more established it will be rented out to tenant farmers.

Quarry Extension

A consultation has been held which was well attended by the surrounding villages. Hanson commented that they've had positive feedback regarding the potential creation of a new road, public access requirements and the creation of new jobs. Negative comments have been received regarding the proximity of Field 14 to housing. A full Environmental Impact Assessment is underway. A planning application is likely to come forward in October this year.

Archaeology and geophysics surveys continue across the potential new site which could yield bronze, iron age or Roman finds. This is being done under the jurisdiction of Leicestershire and Worcestershire Archaeology. Extensive trenching has been done but there are still a further 330 trenches to be excavated.

I have requested Hanson extend the invitation to the Liaison Committee to those Parishes neighbouring the potential quarry extension. Hanson are referring to their Terms of Reference for the meeting and are considering this.