

Wises Lane Report – February 2023

The Marketing suite has now been installed in Wises Lane. It has been surrounded by a new wooden fence.

Our scheduled meeting with Barratts is on 13th February and any issues that arise from this I will report to Council on the 16th February.

I have written again to the CEO of Swale BC about spending the Playstool S106 money on the construction of new toilets. My original detailed email setting out the arguments for this change was sent on 20 November but as yet no reply has been received. Barratts have indicated to us and Swale BC their total support for the Parish's proposal.

There are two further planning application, including one for the rugby club, to be considered by Council this month.

As mentioned in earlier reports the existing website to provide information for local residents has been provided by the developers David Wilson Homes and can be found at www.Wiseslanedevelopment.co.uk.

Further archaeological investigation seems to be still taking place in Phase 1(a). As yet there has been no indication as to any discoveries. To repeat previous reports the start date for housebuilding in this Phase 1 continues to be put back because of the wet weather and is now scheduled for January/February 2023. With the first house being occupied in July 2023. Work therefore continues on earthworks and the provision of what is called "haulage roads" designed to access various parts of Phase 1 and the site compound.

Complaints have been received on a number of issues and passed on to the Site Manager at Barratts.

The contractor for the badger survey has indicated he will be doing the survey in late February/early March. Work continues to try and get him access into Manor Farm.

There has been some limited progress on the provision of the extension to footpath ZR121 as I understand that an officer has been recruited to enable its construction to be carried out in the future but as yet no date for this.

As reported last month residents in the area will be affected regarding a road closure of Wises Lane which began on the 31st January 2023 for 8 weeks followed by a further 10 weeks of traffic control temporary lights for new drainage and kerb realignment works. Information has been provided to Parishioners about these works on the Councils website and social media pages. The KCC Streetworks approved diversion route means that heavy vehicles will have to use Borden Lane from the A2 then The Street and the south part of Wises Lane through Borden Village. Unfortunately, lorry drivers working for sub-contractors to Barratts have ignored the approved diversion and instead used Cryalls Lane which has caused considerable concern to local residents. This has led to Barratts placing signs on unsuitable local roads stating that no construction vehicles should use them.

Residents have also contacted the Council about a number of breaches of planning conditions for this development. These correspondences are included as a separate item on the agenda.