



Minutes of TBRA Working Group Meeting  
Held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
At Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place

Attending: Kathy Higgins (Chair) Nicky Johnson(minutes), Rosemary Englander, John Orr, Ron Ellis, Sheila Taylor, Dave Boatwright, Dave Lee, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Victor Theobald, Shabana Ulhaq.

Apologies: Cliff Green, Lesley Berry.

## **1 Welcome**

Members were welcomed and apologies received as noted above. Rosemary was congratulated on the first edition of the Bridge which was distributed amongst members.

## **2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising from Action Points**

2.1 On point 4.3.1, John was still to investigate obtaining shared office space in the meeting place. Ron reported that the situation with the leaves was much improved as the council had started sweeping leaves with the mechanical sweeper.

2.2 On point 7.3, Ron and Kathy attended the WCC neighbourhood plan Steering Committee Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December. They attended because Cliff Green (TB rep was away) It was agreed that in future our representative at these meetings should share any documentation and reports of the WCC Steering Committee to this WG meeting as TBRA may want to have points made back to the Steering Committee. Kathy had emailed members with notes she had made during the meeting, but it was important that all documentation, i.e. plans, minutes etc. were to be brought back to the Working Group. **Action:** Kathy to forward documentation to the rest of the group from the 21<sup>st</sup> October. Cliff to report back regularly from any Steering Committee meeting and forward any other documentation to the WG members as and when received.

## **3 Clarifications of issues re: MK Cabinet meeting 21/12/2015**

The meeting will be open to the public and concerns signing the agreement with the new partner Mears. We will be allowed to ask 1 notified question each, that should be less than a minute long. Members were asked to think of questions that could be asked. The question should be specific and care should be taken to word it in such a way that it could not be easily dismissed without answering. Questions should be submitted to Kathy or John.

It was agreed that the following members would ask questions: Dave Lee; Kathy Higgins; John Orr; Rosemary O'Day; Dave Boatwright; Nicky Johnson and Lesley Berry.

It was agreed that members would wear the new T shirts to give a united appearance at the meeting.

John reported that Hannah O'Neil had agreed in a Labour meeting that she would seek a clause written into the agreement with Mears that no demolition would be done on Tinkers Bridge. **Action:** John to get confirmation of this by email.

#### 4 The questionnaire

Blisworth, Buckby, Broadwater and Congrieve had not yet been canvassed.

It was agreed that Terry and Derek would canvass Blisworth and Buckby and Ron and John would do Broadwater and Congreve on Saturday and return completed questionnaires to Nicky. Nicky would input the data on Sunday.

It was agreed that we should purchase the Survey Monkey software. **Action:** Nicky to purchase online on Saturday and retrieve money from the fund which is held by John.

#### 5 Community Plan.

This had been submitted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and a blog had been written by Rosemary. We have now fulfilled all the criteria required for the funding by First Steps. The plan was currently being reviewed and would be peer-reviewed during December. The next step is to consult with the residents on the plan.

- There would be a social event on the 17<sup>th</sup> where 30 copies of the plan would be available to members.
- The plan would be emailed to all respondents who left an email address in the questionnaire.
- Dave Lee would post a copy of the plan on Google docs and a link to it on Facebook. Nicky would send an electronic copy to Dave Lee.

The raffle for the £20 Tesco voucher would be held on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Nicky to collate contact details from the questionnaire in time for this.

John will email stake holders with the plan and ask for input.

Kathy will email the school. John and Ron to follow up with the Youth group, Craft group (in January when they meet next); Junior Resident association; Brownies and Rainbows groups.

The Parish council and the Regeneration team had already received copies. It was noted that 75 houses in Passmore had been included in the data from the 2011 data which had informed the plan.

#### 6 The Bridge newsletter

Congratulations were extended to Rosemary O'day who had organised and edited the first edition of the newsletter.

Noted: the deadline for submission for the second edition is January 1<sup>st</sup> to Rosemary, but she would appreciate earlier submission.

Ideas on questions for the newsletter about consultation should be fed back to Rosemary.

#### Action

Volunteer reporters were needed. **John** would ask the Junior Residents and Arts and Crafts to submit a monthly report and possibly some photos. **Kathy** to ask the school if they would help. It may be possible to provide 'reporters' with a pad and pen.

The council has offered basic journalistic courses in the past for the generation of a newsletter. It may be possible to get help of this kind. **Ron** will ask the Brownies, Rainbows and youth club for submissions.

In March the council will remove funding for the newsletter. It may be necessary to include advertising to pay for costs.

Distribution:

Brent – Ron

Holmfield, marshworth, Colne and Hatton – Rosemary and Shiela

Bascote – Dave B

Blisworth, Buckby – Derek and Terry Weller

## **7 Tinkers Bridge T Shirts.**

The t shirts had arrived. Anyone who would like one is to contact Sheila, Ron or John, who would all keep a supply. A donation of £5-10 would be nice in exchange for one, but not a necessity. Returns from this will be put back into the kitty. Cheques should be made out to Tinkers Bridge Residents Association.

Members were requested to wear the T Shirt for the Council meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the Social on the 17<sup>th</sup>. A supply will be available on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **8 Archive update**

Dave had created a document space at Google drive and an email address of [tinkersbridge@gmail.com](mailto:tinkersbridge@gmail.com).

Send documents to be archived to this address.

## **9 AOB**

Tesco Local Community Grants. Nicky brought this to the attention of the meeting.

**Action** It was agreed that **John** would express an interest by the deadline of the 12<sup>th</sup> to this fund. Various ideas were generated on what it could be used for including: Orchard, fit trails, a shed for the fix it club, a shed for tool storage.

**John and Ron** would also apply to the Parish council who have a landscaping fund.

## ***Christmas Social***

The following people have agreed to bring the following items for the social:

Kathy – chickens

Sheila Mince Pies

Rosemary Sandwiches

Nicky Danish pastries

Ron – tea and coffees

Dave B - Chocolate cake

Dave L-plates/cups/etc

John – Softdrinks

Henry Britton had agreed to play

## **10 The date of the next meeting**

Meetings would be held on the second Thursday of each month in future. There was a Residents Association meeting on the last Thursday of the month, where updates could be held, too.

The next meeting would be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January.