

# Working Group Minutes

Meeting place  
9<sup>th</sup> June 2016



## Attendees:

Kathy Higgins (Chair), Dave Lee, Ron Ellis, John Orr, Nicky Johnson, Terry Weller, Derek Weller, Bill Fuller, and Sheila Taylor

## Apologies:

Dave Boatwright, Lesley Berry, Cliff Green, Rosemary Englander

## Action by whom

### 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

These were approved as a correct record.

### 2 Matters arising (action points only)

#### 2.1 Terms of Reference (ToR's)

Should have been an action last time to finalise this. Agreed that monitoring the RegenerationMK project needed to be included.

Kathy

#### 2.2 Pothole survey

Site visit occurred on 24 May 2016, notes attached to these minutes. Kim Hills said by email on 6 June that "The notes appear to be a true reflection of our discussion and visit." Council actions from the notes have not been completed. Follow through of an article in The Bridge, monitoring any injuries and giving assistance on claims against the council, and keeping elected representatives in the loop agreed.

David

#### 2.3 Website and email

Subcommittee met on 21<sup>st</sup> May, and notes are available. Domain and website hosting now moved to HostingUK, saving money and giving biannual invoices. Prototype website now live at tinkersbridge.org.uk. Work needed in three areas – Design style, Article content, and Website functionality. A presentation to the full TBRA will be needed at some point

sub-committee /  
David

#### 2.4 Queens birthday picnic

Kevin Wilson did not give free use of the meeting place, but did provide £75 funds towards event costs

#### 2.5 Tea Dance

Advertised as agreed.

#### 2.6 Woughton Neighbourhood Plan

Cliff, assisted by Kathy has sent in a personal letter of complaint. John

invited Sue Smith to a TBRA meeting, but she decline. It was agreed that our last proposal had been to ask Sue Smith and Vicky to our WG meeting not to the TBRA. It was further agreed that John should still try to get Sue or Vicky to a WG meeting to discuss, in a non-threatening way, the way forward for the Neighbourhood plan. John

It was noted that WCC appears to regularly use the last Thursday evening of the month for meetings, in spite of being advise that this clashes with the regular TBRA meeting.

### 3 Update from Grants sub-committee

1. Terms of reference have been written and were agreed with minor corrections. Sheila
2. An application for £700 to fund the newsletter was approved, to be signed and sent off by Sheila. It currently specifies that this will fund 7 monthly issues, which may not be exactly what happens, but Sheila is confident that details like this are able to be changed after the money has been awarded. Further discussion on the future of The Bridge is deferred until Rosemary is back in the area. Sheila
3. A ring-fenced sum of £1058 is available for Tinkers Bridge. An application for part of this sum is being prepared, for a summer coach trip, and needs submitting by July 11<sup>th</sup>. This requires a document pack, most of the documents being with John. The proposed trip date is August 13<sup>th</sup>, and it needs a trip organiser, who should be able to learn the routine from April, covering money, medical forms, insurance, and general organisation. Quotes need obtaining. John to use Facebook to
  1. create a poll for preferred destination from a shortlist
  2. advertise for a trip organiser, offering 3 free seats
 John
4. WCC has £5000 available for environmental grants. Application to support our raised beds to be made, with Ron as leader supporting Sheila filling in form Ron
5. Other grants are thought to be available. Please keep an eye open for possibilities. All

### 4 Additional material for The Bridge Nicky

It was agreed that the 3 items Kathy noted in the WCC newsletter could be included in The Bridge newsletter.

Other possible additions included

1. Sudoku or similar puzzle
2. photo competition for best area in Tinkers Bridge
3. Advertisement for burger van in return for £20 donation

### 5 Action Plan

This was updated to the attached.

- 6 The meeting closed at 9pm  
Next TBRA meetings are June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Next Working Group meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup>

## **Meeting notes from Tinkers Bridge Site visit, 24 May 2016**

### **Re: State of highways**

Attendees: Kim Hill (Senior Highways Manager, MKC),  
Rob Ward (Business and Liaison Manager, MKC),  
David Lee (TBRA)  
Apologies John Orr (TBRA)

(These TBRA notes were not prepared until 4 June, so accuracy may have suffered)

### **Background:**

Tinkers Bridge Residents Association (TBRA) has an ongoing concern about the pavements and roads in the Tinkers Bridge estate. They undertook a photographic survey over the Easter weekend in 2016, and submitted it to Milton Keynes Council on 17 April. Email replies were received from Andrew Dickinson on 18 April, Peter Geary on 19 April, and Hannah O'Neil on 20 April. The site visit was proposed on 9 May, and details confirmed on 23 May, gathering at the home of John Orr (Chair of TBRA), 49 Brent.

### **Notes:**

David Lee emphasised the main concern of TBRA was safety of residents, and although many of the defects were below the limits for intervention, the number and size of them were sufficient to create a safety hazard. Kim and Rob accepted that the surfaces were showing their age. The difficulty of planning scheduled maintenance with the uncertainties of RegenerationMK were discussed, it being agreed that maintenance should not be on hold until the regeneration programme was complete, that both sides needed scheduling information on RegenerationMK, and that it would be useful to share any such information.

A walk round parts of the estate allowed Kim to take photos of various defects and note their location. At least one, near 44 Colne (#081 in the TBRA report), is the responsibility of the water board, and Kim took the action to contact them about it. The area around the shop and meeting place was noted as a heavily used area, and the responsibilities for this area were not clearly marked on the hard copy plan that Rob had with him. This was to be further investigated and better information sent to TBRA. There was a possibility that the resurfacing of the shop goods-in area was a technical infringement of highways regulations, but it was clearly a useful improvement. The normal route for pedestrians round the side of the shop was not originally designed as a path, which is why it is not a hard surface, and an improvement in this area was agreed as being useful.

Some walkways are overgrown at the edges, and the cutting back of this growth, which is the responsibility of WCC, would be useful. In some areas, soil and other material is on the footpaths, and it may be possible to use the community payback scheme to get these cleared. This possibility will be checked by MKC and TBRA informed.

Very few defects were seen that met the intervention criteria, and the resurfacing done some years ago on some paths was generally in good condition, but the overall standard of other paths was tired.

David Lee, 4 June 2016