

TinkersTinkers Bridge Residents 'Association

Minutes for the Tinkers Bridge Working Group meeting of January 15th 2020

PRESENT: Kathy Mansfield, Liz O'Shea, Cliff Green, Dave Lee, Terry Weller, Ron Ellis.

APOLOGIES : Sheila Taylor, Rosemary Englander, JohnOrr.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th DECEMBER 2019.

These were agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising - the £20 receipt from John Orr still outstanding.

GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - sent as email by Sheila

Sheila is still waiting for a reply from Chris Boyo about the action, or lack of it, from highways about the speed humps. Other points from the report covered below.

£500 has been applied for, for planting boxes, awaiting result.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES.

Children's party very successful. 66 children received a present from Father Christmas. The food, done by Darren Fuller, was very well done.

The organisers could not find a Christmas tree and the sleigh appeared to have been thrown out. There was an underspend of £30 and we did not use the extra £50 we allotted for the party. The underspend is being spent on storage boxes for the party materials and Dave has these already and materials stored in his loft..

PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT FUND.

The fund is £12,000 and has to be applied for before the end of March. The council requires three quotes for each application and the meeting felt that the original idea to use some of the money for the speed humps will not happen now as the highways have been unresponsive. Sheila reported that she has tried to get more action from the highways about the speed humps, via Chris Boyo, she is waiting for his reply.

Kathy reported on the concern that we may lose the fund as we have made no progress so far in submitting a proposal.

Discussion:

The Mural: Liz reported that four artists have visited the mural on the meeting place walls. Three artists have agreed to send in a quote which we are awaiting. The replacement of the whole mural or a completely new one was far too expensive (£12,000 was talked about) and it was suggested that the parts of the walls that surround the garden area should be only painted in a plain dark colour as those parts disintegrate more quickly due to more exposure of the weather. This will reduce the expense also. It was decided that the mural should be repaired rather than replaced and only on those parts of the wall that surround the internal building.

Action Liz. To send quotes to Sheila for grant application.

The Canal Path: Another idea was to reinstate the canal path. It was suggested that the money could be used to trim the trees and rebuild the path next to the canal but the trees are the responsibility of Woughton Parish Council. Steve McNey, Manager of WCC has agreed to have the landscaping dealt with. He is to get back to Kathy about who is responsible for the path itself. The meeting agreed that that the path could be wood chipped by us for no cost but the money for edging wood and tools could be applied for as part of the Fund. Cliff and Ron agreed to complete the list of tools needed for reinstating the path and to try and get three quotes from Travis Perkins, Wickes and Build Base.

Action Cliff and Ron. To list tools needed for reinstating the path and to get three quotes for these.

There is a suggestion that replacement of the pergola at the entrance to the park could be added to the PRIF bid. Kathy has agreed to get quotes from three garden centres for the design and building of the pergola

Action: Kathy to get three quotes from garden centres.

The meeting agreed therefore that if the speed humps proposal could not go ahead we would try to put together a proposal for the three items above: the refurbishment of the mural; the reinstatement of the canal path; the replacement of the pergola.

KEEP FIT CLASSES

The keep fit class to be run by Caroline Bell is due to start after Easter for a free three month trial period. Sheila needs to apply for a grant for the rent of the hall but for this we need a minuted decision of the TBRA for her to be able to do this.

Action TBRA Agenda item and Sheila

THE WELCOME PACK

Dave printed 3 extra copies. Rosemary offered to monitor and upgrade them. Ron has taken two copies to check/edit and distribute. Dave is keeping the spare copies. They will be given to new people as and when anyone notices newcomers to the estate.

Action Ron. Check his copies for mistakes and note newcomers to the estate.

RORE/RAN issues.

Dave reported that the next meeting of RORE was on Friday 1st Feb. to assess its future role. He said the new MKC Regeneration Straty is being published. Kathy and Ron suggested that RORE needs to continue to monitor this.

Dave agreed to look through the documents and to report back to TBRA on the new council policies for regeneration.

It was agreed RORE should keep an eye on what is happening on Fuller Slade and the Lakes estate.

Action Dave. Report on new policies

RAN Residents Association Network .

Next training meetings on 27th April,

27th July , 26th Oct.

Ron attended a meeting about training update and funding yesterday

Dave read a letter from Dave Tavener, Galley Hill, to the council, complaining about their lack of services, which Cliff has agreed to sign on the W.P.'s behalf. The purpose of the letter is to prompt a meeting with the council to discuss the issues.
Action Cliff. Sign letter.

ESTATE INSPECTION.

To take place on February 13th at 9.30 from the meeting place. Tyrin from the Housing and Regeneration department to walk with Residents to identify what needs to be done.
Action Ron, Cliff, Terry to walk with Tyrin. Notice about this In Bridge.

ITEMS FOR THE BRIDGE.

Cliff noted that toners and paper need replacing after next edition. Dave said there is no obvious way of reducing printing costs.
Item suggested for inclusion in The Bridge, Christmas report, keep fit classes, swan diaries, plea for people not to park on the grass in front of their houses, any ideas for Valentines celebrations, do we still need the phone box ?

ENVIRONMENT UPDATE.

Ron reports Serco not clearing the leaves everywhere and he is still waiting for leaf bags to be delivered. He will phone Serco again..

Complaints about fly tipping, rubbish, leaves etc to be made to Julia Eanes of Woughton Parish Council. 01908 609146. This name and number to be included in the Bridge.
Action Ron. To phone council/Serco.

Coming work on the gas mains in Bascote: Residents have been told they may not park cars outside their houses while this is going on. This is not practical. Ron will report on the situation..

Action Ron. Keep an eye on and report on the situation in Bascote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Dave applied and paid £10 for membership of MK Forum on behalf of TBRA.

Liz asked to be excused from being an extra signature for the group. Ron has volunteered but the online form should be forwarded from Sheila.

Action: Sheila and Ron. To set up being the extra signature.

NEXT MEETINGS.

TBRA January 30th 7.30

TBWG February 12th.

AGM February 27th.