

## Meeting

Community house

Tinkers Bridge

30<sup>th</sup> July 2015



### Attendees:

John Orr (Chair); Ron Ellis; Paul Hurlcombe; Sam Hegarty; T. Douglas; A Douglas; Barbara Willis; Jenny Morris, Cliff Green, Neasham Galloway, J. Vololemars, A. Tolstikova, Kathy Higgins, April Rennie; D. Weller, T. Weller, George Lanigan, Cllr Alex Wells; Vincent, Nicola Watson (MKC housing); Lorraine Essam Vicky Binko (Woughton Community Council); Jermaine Campbell (Woughton Community Council); Robert Watson (Serco).

Apologies: Carly Wright;

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by whom

#### 1 Welcome and apologies

The chair opened the meeting, welcomed residents and introduced guests.

#### 2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (25<sup>th</sup> June 2015) were approved.

#### 3 Chair's report

Chair talked about the meeting of the Woughton Community Council scrutiny committee and about the role of the committee to scrutinize the work of the council. The chair said that residents could ask for matters to be brought to the attention of the scrutiny committee. The chair talked about the first meeting with Yvonne from the first steps program. This is the program to help community groups to write an action plan for their community. The chair talked about the survey already carried out by Croxley Green residents association and Parish council for their community plan.

#### 4 Treasurers report

No report this month.

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### Environment Report

Ron introduced Lorraine Essam and asked her to talk about the work that has been ongoing to tackle fly tipping. Ron has been working closely with Lorraine from Woughton community council to engage with persistent offenders. Lorraine described how she is prepared to knock on residents doors to discuss issues around rubbish to try to educate before going down the enforcement route. Lorraine talked about the various letters, labels and guidance that is being offered to persistent offenders. On the education front leaflets detailing the correct rubbish handling procedures from serco and a leaflet giving advice from Lorraine Essam have been delivered to every house on the estate by resident association members. Ron said he was due to have a meeting with someone from the council regarding the trees and the damage being done to the pavements. Ron also asked Lorraine if she knew anything about the white lines on the roads through the estate in particular the Aldenham round-about that people were driving around in the wrong direction. Ron talked about the cutting of bushes behind Bascote park that he had asked the parks trust to carry out in the interest of child safety. Then followed a general discussion about the trees being overgrown on the estate, about the problems this causes for residents and the need to get the council to do something about it.

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### Kangaroo Run

Robert Watson from Serco talked about what a Kangaroo Run involves, what vehicles and crew would be involved and what rubbish will be removed.

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### First Steps Working Group

The chair asked for volunteers to put themselves forward to work on the working group for the first steps program which is the project to write our own community action plan for the future of our estate. This plan is to be written by the residents of Tinkers Bridge for the residents of Tinkers Bridge. It is supported with grant funding and training.

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### Woughton Community Council Solar Project Consultation

Jermaine Campbell from Woughton community council came along to explain about the grant the council has received for a feasibility study to investigate the potential for a community energy generation project. Jermaine explained that this was the start of the consultation process and that further workshops would be held across the parish. One model may be community owned photo voltaic solar panels on the roofs of community buildings such as schools meeting places and offices.

**9 MKC Housing**

The chair welcomed Nicola Watson from Milton Keynes Council housing department. Nicola talked about her role within the council and took a short question session with residents. She was asked about the condition that council properties are in when they are handed over to tenants. Nicola said that houses were cleaned and sanitised and that gardens were cut back. She was asked about overcrowding in one bed properties. Nicola said that nation housing overcrowding standards were applied in Milton Keynes.

**10 Debate on car parking in front of houses**

Chair asked for opinions on parking on grass in front of houses. People expressed their desire to see the funding that was allocated to our estate for parking spaces to be used to fix the problem. Discussions covered the fact that it was council land, that is against regulations to park on the grass, that there would not be enough room if every car that parked on the grass parked on the street. A motion was passed to support residents who install the plastic parking support gridwork in the grass to reduce damage.

**11 Next meeting:**

27<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm

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