

Residents' Association Meeting

Meeting Place

Tinkers Bridge

24th November 2017



Attendees:

John Orr (Chair); David Lee (notes); Ron Ellis; Tina Douglas; Anthony Douglas; Deanna Norris; Bill Fuller; Cheryl Price; Jenny Hathaway; Sheila Taylor; Neasham Galloway; Barbara Willis; Cliff Green.

Apologies:

Lesley Berry; Kathy Higgins; Terry Weller; Derek Weller; Rosemary Englander; Nicky Johnson

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by whom

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Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

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Minutes of last meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th October were read and approved, with the addition of stating the £250 for the Christmas day came from the ward allowance of Councillor Pauline Prop, and the removal of Jenny Hathaway from the list of those attending.

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Chairs report

The working group meeting is now occurring on Wednesday evenings at Charles Warren Academy

Sunday football is working through child protection policies, the importance of which has been highlighted by the recent news of abuse in football

Ron attended the Housing Forum, part of the requirement for us to maintain our high rating as a Residents association. Attendance was 9 people, and there was some criticism of the response of YourMK to repair requests, which did not agree with the response people on Tinkers Bridge reported from their dealings with YourMK. He will attend the next forum in December.

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Environmental Report

There has been some useful work by both the parish and the Parks Trust in pruning trees.

There is still a number, possibly 7, street lights not working, and some that have been replaced no longer have reference numbers.

Ian and Lorraine were mentioned as useful WCC contacts for sorting problems.

3 Ton of wood chippings have been put down. There has only been minor amounts of fly tipping. White paint for step edges is available, which includes a grit to stop slipping, but takes 6 hours to dry.

Clearing leaves is ongoing.

5 Neighbourhood plan

The responses are now in, and being assessed, with a meeting on it next Monday. The next major stage is submitting the plan to an external assessor.

The draw for the £25 Tescos voucher was done, and won by Lilly, of Buckby

6 Regeneration

There has been some cladding and ridge tile work done to various council properties on the estate, which does not appear to be proportional to the need, done in a joined-up way which uses scaffolding to do all the jobs on a house (insulation, cladding, and ridge tiles), and is leaving a visual appearance of a job half done – an overall impression of an estate which is being run down, prior to demolition. Verbal comments from the workmen involved appear to suggest that the expectation within YourMK is that our estate will be totally demolished and rebuilt. The following motion was proposed and carried:

We are concerned that the council is improving some houses by cladding with plastic and fixing ridge tiles but not improving others. We call on the council to improve all the council houses with this cladding and tile repairs and to treat all council tenants equally.

It was proposed that the meeting in January should concentrate on council repairs, and suitable councilors should be asked to attend.

It was noted that none of the usual people from YourMK or WCC were present at the meeting, but no reason for their absence was known.

8 Working Group

The events arranged by the group were covered under other points in the meeting.

Discussions are ongoing with Kevin Wilson about a concordant which proposes giving TBRA better access to the meeting place (with our own key), easier access to the WCC grant funds, but also some extra responsibilities.

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Forthcoming Events

Dec 3rd -Children's party with Santa. The hall is booked from 12 to 7, and Santa will be touring from 2-4. Help is needed, and a show of hands was given by volunteers. John will co-ordinate. A grant request will be submitted, but will not be approved before the event, so it will initially be paid for by TBRA funds.

Dec 19th Pantomime trip. Deanna reported 42 tickets have been allocated, and most people have paid. The uptake amongst older residents has not yet reached the reserved level of 10 places. Ticket sales are restricted for another week, but will then be opened up to anyone to ensure we fill the 53 seater coach. The coach has been paid for by Councillor Kevin Wilson out of his ward allowance, and ticket prices subsidised by TBRA funds.

Dec 25th Meal. Jenny reported invites have been printed and will shortly be distributed. Ron will supply some crackers. Extra tables are probably needed.

Jan 28th Celebration. WCC have approved a £350 grant for this event. There is a planning meeting for this following on from the grants sub-committee meeting next Tuesday (29th November). A grant condition is that it should aim to involve young people. The Guides can probably be included.

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Grants

Tesco, under "bags of help", is offering grants for environmental projects, and we have applied to allow additional funds on the raised beds. This will be in the next round, and subject to shoppers voting for our project. Purchase of the wood for the beds is being delayed until we know if we will get extra money from this source.

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Next meeting:

26th January 2017. It was noted that there would be no meeting in December.

Working group meeting on Wednesday 14th December at 7:30pm