Residents Meeting

Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place 28th Jan 2016



Attendees:

Ron Ellis (Chair); W Fuller, Paul Hume, Alex Wells, Cliff Green, T Douglas, Jackie Denton, Paul Seabourne, S Hegorty, B Wither, Anne Bircham, David Lee, Lesley Berry, Terry Weller

Apologies: John Orr, Rosemary O'Day, Kathy Higgins, Sheila Taylor, Nicky Johnson, Dane Morris, Jean Gates, Derek Weller

Action by whom

1 Welcome and introductions

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2 Minutes of the previous minutes

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3 Items from the chair

Grants have been offered for Street Dance lessons (£500 from parish council) and raised flower beds (£1000 from environmental grant aid fund) The chair proposed these were accepted, which was carried unanimously.

Environmental Issues. The junior TBRA have offered to look after the raised flower beds outside the meeting place, and the Rainbows are looking after the ones near the park.

4 Woughton Chairs Award

Jackie Denton from the WCC said that nominations for this annual award were now open, and she had a supply of nomination forms, which need returning by 1st February

5 Anne Bircham, MK council

A response to the draft plan had been prepared and some hard copies were available.

Tesco's lease on the shop is up, but it is being held open as the council would like them to continue the lease.

White lining in the shop car park is in hand, with the council waiting for a quote at present, but the person who will deal with this is currently unwell.

6 Leaflets Ron

These are available, advertising free electrical checks, free english classes and aerobics. These would be available to the under 5s. Ron volunteered to stand outside the Charles Warren Academy and distribute those leaflets to all the mums

7 TPAS conference

Anne has emailed all the? in the area of Milton Keynes regarding the TPAS conference at Kenilworth in July (13 & 14th) (see http://www.tpasconference.org.uk). There are 8 places available and we can nominate up to 3 people in the community to go. The fee is paid, and nominees should be those who are doing community activities with council house tenants.

8 General

Regeneration is rolling on. Mears have been appointed as the new partner and they will be taking over maintenance in April.

Cliff Green stated that we need to pull together as a community to further our action plan.

Lesley Benny asked who to contact about Neighbourhood watch for her street. Contact number to be supplied by Anne

9 Action Plan

Leslie introduced this part of the evening. The working group has produced several sheets posted on the walls containing issues raised from the questionnaires, under titles such as "Green Spaces", "Social Activities". Action has begun on some of these, but it was put to those present that they might have more suggestions.

Leslie ran through the items on the sheets and then those attending were asked to go round and look at the sheets, adding in anything else we could do, and listing any help they could give.

After twenty minutes of this circulation, David Lee summed up the additions to the sheets and asked for people to indicate the activity group in which they could be involved.

A specific update was given on the IT training requirement, as there is in Beanhill a fully equipped IT training facility with supply of low cost equipment.

The Action Plan will be updates and the final draft will be sent off to First Steps by 25th February.

The meeting closed at 9pm

10 Next meeting:

25th February 2016 7.30pm. This will be the AGM with election of new committee

Anne

Appendix Items added to the sheets on this evening.

On Neighbourhood facilities:

Murals (it was suggested that this could be delegated to the junior TBRA; repair/replace extend the exist ones)
Sculpture - grass snake
Outdoor seating

On Social Activities:

Classes for adults Tea dance

On Traffic Management

Speed ramps
Disabled parking space improved to legal standard
Barriers to prevent vehicles going onto grass

On Green Spaces

Raised beds - fruit and vegetables link with other local residents associations Trees - pruning and planting Trees - maintaining Footpaths

On Training

Social Media added to IT
Grounds equipment training - how to service strimmers and mowers
Maintenance
Cycling group - for cycling proficiency test (internet search reveals that since 2003, replaced by the National Standard for Cycle Training, led by CTC)

On Communication

Social media - Facebook, Twitter Get your neighbours interested in coming to meetings

On "Anything else", a catch-all sheet added on the night

Neighbourhood watch water butts House insulation Rear alleys to houses