

Meeting

Community house
Tinkers Bridge
25th August 2016



Attendees:

John Orr (Chair); Lesley Berry (notes); Ron Ellis; Bill Fuller; Paul; Sam Hegarty; Barbara Willis; Deana Norris; Jenny; Sarah (WCC); Terry; Derek; N. Galloway; Dave Lee; Nicky Johnson; Vincent Mixes; Ann Bircham (YourMK); Nicky Barret (Neighbourhood Watch).

Action by whom

1 **Welcome**

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting (28th July 2016) were approved.

3 **Neighbourhood Watch**

Nicky Barret introduced the Neighbourhood watch scheme. Nicky covers all of Milton Keynes along with other members of the team, but her special area is Fenny Stratford.

She spoke at length about the scheme and informed us about what is needed to start up on Tinkers Bridge, (although one or two streets do already take part in the scheme). Co-ordinators are needed for each street to work with volunteers in each particular road. (Leaflets were available for everyone to take away).

Smart Water is available for all members of the scheme at a cost of £25.00. The estate needs to work with the Local PCSOs and the RA will invite them to come to every meeting.

A group of teenagers is causing problems, but Nicky will inform the local police officer on the team and ask for his help.

All co-ordinators on the estate should liaise with each other and crimes should be reported to the police and a reference number obtained. Residents and the police must work together.

Alerts will be emailed to residents and printed off for those without computers.

John asked if we could have somebody to come and give us a crime presentation/talk and also advise on how to be a good witness.

Nicky has a welcome pack for all new members and will email the details to the Tinkers Bridge email address.

4 Matters arising

Fly tipping: Lorraine Essam is going into the school to speak to the children

Blue boxes and pink sacks are available from Ron and this information will be put into the next newsletter.

Morris Barnes is going to look at the bushes in the underpass leaning to the H9 (Grovelway) and see about getting them cut back.

John will ask the MK council to deal with this as it is their responsibility.

5 Chairs report

John reported on the memorial Service for George Lannigan on Sunday 21st August. About 40 people attended, including members of George's family. A lot of people did not know it was happening, but this was not organised by the Residents Association.

A mail shot could be sent out for future events – Quick print will do a thousand copies for £16.

Dave Lee said that communication methods need to be tightened up, but it could take a while to do this.

Treasurers report

There is currently £2,300 in the bank account. There is a £1000 float being held for the working group.

Accounts are being brought up to date and Nicky will liaise with Carly to hand them over. Carly Wright will be stepping down as accountant and Nicky will become another signatory for the bank in order to cover for holidays and other eventualities. This was approved in a unanimous vote.

It was agreed that a coach trip (either to the sea or somewhere else of interest) should take place in the October school break for families on the estate.

6 The Environment Report

Residents must be responsible for disposing of their own litter in the correct manner.

there were seven places where fly-tipping is rife. The council have all the information about this. Enforcement officers have called at the offending houses and spoken to the residents.

Ron stated that he thought that Tesco could do more to keep their area clean. Maybe a letter could be sent from the RA to them

suggesting this.

Anne Bircham said that Serco will provide a phone for each estate so that the appropriate reports can be made to them and they will come and collect any surplus rubbish. Deana Norris said she would be happy to hold this phone.

Anyone can report fly-tipping but people should be educated to do the right thing. It was felt that the enforcement officers were letting us down

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The constitution

An updated copy of the constitution was passed round. The updated copy was unanimously approved.

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Regeneration

Network Rail: Members of Network Rail have hours to spare for voluntary work. Ann has contact details.

Beanhill Residents Association are going to check with Woughton Council to see if they can get on Network Rails list. If approved they will come and help with projects.

Food Bank: YourMK is supporting the food bank. Their vans will be made available to deliver Christmas hampers.

Housing:

Pennington Services Choices will be doing the assessment on council houses during Autumn. People will receive letters to this affect in September. From December 16 to Spring 17 the first estates will be selected for regeneration.

The Labour Party Manifest stated that each estate will have a referendum and will be able to put their case.

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AOB

Lesley stated that she had (with Ann B) attended the Recycled Teenagers lunch on Monday 22 August at the Morlands Centre at Beanhill.

They are to hold a tea-dance on October 5th between 1pm and 3pm and anyone who wants to go should contact the Morlands Centre.

The date for the Christmas gathering will be 10th December.

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Next meeting:

29 September 2016 7.30pm at the Community House.

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