

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Meeting Place, Marshworth

29 June 2017



Present: John Orr (Chair) , Paul Hurcombe (Vice-chair), Ron Ellis, Bill Fuller, David Lee, Sheila Taylor, Jenny Hathaway, Terry Weller, Derek Weller, Neasham Galloway, Cliff Green, Sam Hegarty, T Douglas, Wayne Clements, Kevin Adams, Alex Wells, Barbara Willis

Apologies: Mavis Boatwright, Lesley Berry (Secretary)

		Action by whom
1	Welcome The chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting (25 May 2017) were read and approved. They are available on the Tinkers Bridge web site at http://tinkersbridge.org.uk/tbra/download/TBRAMinutes/2017_05_25_minutes.pdf	
3	Chair's Report Meetings attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parish services committee – grant for TBRA was approved.MKC Housing committee – monitoring decisions, covered fire safety following the Grenfell fire, homelessness, and a challenge to the minutes by David Lee.Fullers Slade RA – very organised, doing residents survey, Chair is qualified building engineer, costing refurbishment option for their estate. General election has occurred. Anniversary of George Langham's death – 1 minute silence to be at end of meeting.	
4	Treasurer's Report Mavis is getting to grips with monitoring the ring fenced amounts.	
5	Environmental Report from Ron Ellis There is some uncertainty on the frequency of council litter picks, with some activity every 2 weeks, other planned every 7-8 weeks. The council should respond to resident's requests about the street that they live in. John Orr will write to the council about litter and invite someone to address the TBRA meeting. Ian Tegerdine, the WCC landscape manager should be looking round	John

	<p>Tinkers Bridge with Ron shortly. Ron will raise the back alleys, and weed-killing with him.</p> <p>If white paint is needed on step edges, please contact Ron. Colne has many houses with steps.</p> <p>An HMO in Blisworth has done a good job of tidying up. There are two more properties requiring attention in Blisworth.</p> <p>Ron has assisted a resident in clearing their doorway in Broadwater.</p> <p>We expect council service workers to be active on the estate this week. The grass cutting team have been knocking on doors asking people to move vehicles so the grass can be cut.</p> <p>One street light has been repaired. The one by the big roundabout is due to be done on 12 July.</p> <p>Back alleyways need improvement, as some properties can not get to their rear fences to repair them. The council is saying it can not gain access, but it is believed to be their responsibility to maintain access. The Colne/Hatton alley is blocked, and the Blisworth one fenced off.</p> <p>Cllr Pauline Prop has been viewing the problems with Ron, and has said she will push for action.</p> <p>There was a problem with vodka bottles in the Bascote Park after 8:20pm last Saturday. Ron cleared up the mess on Sunday morning</p> <p>The proposed charge for green bins has been dropped. Pink sack arrangements may have been changed – John to check</p> <p>Better arrangements are need when old residents move out and new ones in, to both ensure old rubbish is cleared, and that the new occupiers know the correct procedures.</p> <p>It was suggested that The Charles Warren Academy or other children could take over maintaining George's beds.</p> <p>The junction on the H9 Groveway is becoming overgrown again. It is not clear which body is responsible for it, but the best suggestion appears to be the highways department.</p> <p>Thanks was expressed for all the work done on the local environment.</p>	John
6	<p>Fun Day & Dog show 22nd July</p> <p>Wayne Clements under Friends and Family MK is arranging the main event, 11:00am – 4:00pm, and has stalls (including Cat rescue), dog categories, and other items lined up.</p> <p>It was proposed that TBRA could partner with Wayne by providing a bouncy castle, barbecue, post-event litter pick, and similar supporting items. It was agreed that we would apply for a £400 grant from MKC to enable this, with any revenue from charging for the barbecue to go towards the costs of The Bridge newsletter. Sheila will apply for the grant. April has agreed to support.</p> <p>Grass cutting has just occurred, Wayne wants to avoid the grass being cut in the week before the event because this gives problems for those who suffer from Hay fever.</p>	Sheila

	The MKC grants last year were £700 & £500, but this year are reduced to £400 & £400	
7	<p>Regeneration MK</p> <p>Dave reported that the "Urban Capacity Study" provided some interesting information, including the suggestion of demolition on all seven estates. This is a "capacity" study, not a proposal, but probably indicates the thoughts of MKC planning officials.</p> <p>Kevin questioned if the existing stock had been built as temporary buildings, and Dave stated that there was no evidence for that.</p> <p>There was a general concern that the estate was being run down to make demolition more likely, and it amounted to stealing the land, depriving the owner occupiers of the uplifted value of the land in which they had invested. Barbara stated she thought it was a "done deal" with demolition already decided, regardless of the wishes of the residents.</p> <p>A response to YourMK email attached to the minutes of the last TBRA meeting has been received as follows:</p> <p>Subject: Re: Fw: Questions raised at meeting on 28th April Date: Fri, 23 Jun 2017 11:44:09 +0100 From: Kathryn Eames <Kathryn.Eames@yourmk.co.uk> To: Tinkers Bridge Residents Association <tinkersbridge@gmail.com></p> <p>Good morning David</p> <p>Lizzie has asked me to respond to your email on this occasion.</p> <p>I have provided answers where I can, but further to this email, I would like to suggest that if there are outstanding questions that we arrange to meet with you to discuss, rather than spending time writing lengthy emails which tend to leave lots of room for misunderstanding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPO - the properties in Tinkers Bridge where not transferred to MKC through a CPO. The properties were build by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation and when the MKDC closed all assets transferred to MKC. 2. We will be publically sharing information on the output from the stock condition survey in due course, once its been analysed. This is underway for all council owned properties. Once we have done the analysis information will be provided on our website. 3. YourMK cannot comment on the HRA or on works to council properties prior to its formation in April 2016. I'm sorry I don't know the best contact in the council for these queries but you could approach your RA contact in the first instance. 4. I don't know what data we'll be publishing on carbon footprint or air quality at this time as we are some way away from requiring this, but we 	John

will of course follow any national guidelines / best practice and are in conversation with the appropriate team at MKC. All information we are required to publish will be done via our website.

5. YourMK are not responsible for the majority of services or facilities within communities. Those that we are responsible for - employment and training via the Neighbourhood Employment Programme - will continue. There are additional resources from Milton Keynes Council, Woughton Community Council and groups like the one you represent, who all have the opportunity to work together to make positive changes to communities. The outcomes for residents will be significantly increased by us all working together.

6. We have detailed on our website when we will begin work on Tinkers Bridge and on all other priority estates. This was available from the 26th April <https://yourmk.co.uk/your-place/your-neighbourhoods/tinkers-bridge>.

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1. Increased density is an enabler for regeneration not an objective. If density increases we will have to comply with S106 requirements to support increased infrastructure and will engage teams in education, health and highways about requirements to be included in masterplans.

2. The views of residents, business owners and any other community stakeholders living and working in the area will shape the development of the masterplan - whether they are on the electoral role or not is irrelevant.

3. We will be supporting the residents of Fullers Slade to select the Independent Advisor who will work with them - the process for this will be shared with residents in the coming week. This will be a selection open to all residents/community stakeholders. We anticipate following a similar process for all areas.

4. I agree with your aspirations for Tinkers Bridge. In developing the masterplan we will need to understand the issues and aspirations of all residents.

5. We are aware of the potential issues facing residents who currently privately rent (or are lodgers) and will work with them individually to find a housing solution when the time comes.

6. YourMK are committed to moving people once. We will not have temporary decant housing but will develop areas in phases, in line with the masterplan.

Thank you for your acknowledgement of our work on repairs. I appreciate that and will pass it onto the responsible team.

Many thanks, Kathryn

Kathryn Eames

	<p>Head of Regeneration M: 07793 148678 T: 01908 991564 E: kathryn.eames@yourmk.co.uk, W: www.yourmk.co.uk</p> <p>YourMK I Cedar House I Woodlands Business Park I Breckland I Milton Keynes I Buckinghamshire I MK14 6EY</p> <p>From this response, it was noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the response came from Kathryn Eames, who is more senior than Lizzie Brown, and used to work for MKC Stock condition survey information sharing is new The information on beginning work on Tinkers Bridge is still just "We will run workshops with residents in Tinkers Bridge in 2020" There will be no moving into temporary accommodation, then back into rebuild properties. <p>Narrow roads in some new builds, such as Boughton, have made access difficult for dust carts and fire engines – the background here being the fire in Grenfell.</p> <p>Legal checking on the position of dual CPOs on the same land was requested.</p>	
8	<p>Funding</p> <p>£500 funding has been received for a seaside trip, so the expected cost per person is £5. Help with organising this trip is still needed, with John currently taking the lead role.</p> <p>More funding is needed for the newsletter.</p>	John
9	<p>Raised Beds</p> <p>Wood for the raised beds is now at the woodyard, waiting payment (£909) and delivery. It is now too late in the year to rebuild the beds and get summer flowers in them.</p> <p>A group of Ron, Derick, Terry, Bill and Sheila was appointed to ensure the Tesco £2000 gets spent within the restrictions of that award. Storage is needed for the wood, and John will ask WCC if the enclosure at the back of the meeting place can be used, Cliff offered space at the front of his property as an alternative.</p>	Team John
10	<p>WCC Carnival 15 July</p> <p>The procession has been cancelled this year. TBRA could have a stand at the Woughton Leisure Centre.</p>	
11	<p>Rats</p> <p>Several have been seen in bin cupboards. Please keep all food sources closed (no food waste in black bags in the cupboards). There is no known pest prevention program in Milton Keynes</p>	

12	George Lanigan A 1 minute silence was held.		
13	Any Other Business None		
14	Next meeting The meeting closed at 9 pm The next meeting is on 27 July 2017 at 7:30 The next working group meeting is on 12 th July at 7.00.		