



Minutes of TBRA Thursday, 28 September 2017

At Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place

Apologies: Lesley, Sheila, Rosemary.

1. John Orr – Chair welcomed attendees. Eleven people were in the room; four of these from the Working Group and the family officer from WCC. This means from the entire estate of some hundreds of residents, six people turned up.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were referred to by John – not read out in full but noted. When they are typed they will appear on the TB website.
3. Chair's Report from John Orr.
  - i. Nicky Johnson has moved from Tinkers Bridge and a Vote of Thanks was made to her for all the input and support received from Nicky over the years, most recently for her work in producing The Bridge. She will be missed.
  - ii. Condolences were offered to Dave Lee, another stalwart support of the Association, for the loss of his parents over this last year.
  - iii. John reported a number of meetings he and Ron had attended during the last month: Parish and service meetings. The WCC is very involved in arranging for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and a number of staffing issues: recruiting a new Finance Officer and Parish Council Manager. He and Ron also attended the new Beanhill Residents' Action Group.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

John reported that a full financial report had been presented to the Working Group meeting two weeks previously and all was in good order.

#### 5. Environment Report

- i. Ron reported on the initiative to clean up the alleys at the back of terraces: he and the team have made good progress on some, eg. Between Hatton and Colne. There are some alleys in a very disgusting state owing to rubbish being tipped from the neighbouring properties eg. Between Bent and Blissworth. The team have been using their own vehicles to remove what is possible but the big items need Council removal. Terry, Derek and Bill have been very helpful. Discussion about possible action to be taken against

the responsible residents. It was John's view to educate rather than punish. **Action:** to work with the WCC environment officer and develop an approach.

- ii. Further discussion about refurbishing the raised beds. Agree to start on Saturday 30 Sept. Action: meet at Cliff's house to collect wood etc. John, Bill, Cliff.
- iii. Ron made a request for cash for bulbs and compost. Action: to discuss with Mavis – Treasurer.
- iv. Agreed to decide on dates for a couple of bulb planting weekends. To be advertised on FB page and website. Action: John and Ron. Dave.
- v. Bill told us about the two new beds which will be placed by the Men in Sheds project at the two entrances to TB. They will be sited in the next three weeks. Bill asked for bulbs for these. Action: Bill to site these.
- vi. Ron suggested asking new Head of Charles Warren if children could be involved in maintain a flower bed. Action Kathy to approach Head.
- vii. Leaf clearing season. Ron said he usually needs about 80 big sacks from the Council each season. He has requested 40 for the first sweep up end of October.

6. Working Group Update. Kathy explained activities organized from the Community Plan. Two dates to note: Dec 2 – Christmas Santa on the estate; meeting Place is booked. Dave asked for hall booking to be made for the Christmas lunch Dec 25. **Action:** John.

7. Funding update. Sheila has been successful in obtaining a grant to subsidize a panto outing: Dave said the coach is booked. 19 December to Northampton. It will be advertised. **Action:** Dave and Deanne

8. Regeneration Update. The Woughton Neighbourhood Plan may be a key document to help residents to manage aspects of the Regeneration process. TBRA has already voted to vote Yes to the plan. i. Kathy reported that the Vote Yes campaign for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is on track. Lesley and she have designed a flyer. **Action:** Working Group to agree content; Cliff to print it; Working Group to arrange door to door campaign to deliver and explain.

ii. There was some discussion around Regeneration issues and housing policy.

9. Newsletter update. Kathy reported on Nicky's withdrawal. Good news is that a new volunteer, Sarah, has agreed to trial two issues: October and November. Kathy and Rosemary will assist.

**Date of Next Meeting.** 26 October 2017.