## **Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association**

28th April 2022



Present: John Orr, April Rennie, Kirsty Rennie, Strom Rennie, Chantelle Tomlinson, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Deanna Norris, Callie Norris, Sarah Mitchell, Sheila Taylor, Natalie Treadwell, Kerry King, David Lee, Charlie Arnold, Donna Fuller.

Apologies: Ron Ellis, Rosemary Oday

		Action by whom
1	Welcome	
	John opened the meeting and welcomed everyone; Apologies were announced. Th	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	Deanna read a brief overrun of the minutes from the previous meeting, this was the AGM on the 31 <sup>st</sup> of March 2022. These were signed off at the end of the meeting by John Orr.	
3	Introduction of guests	
	We had no guests at this meeting.	
4	Chairs' Report	
	John announced that Cllr Carole Baume, who represented Woughton and Fishermead ward, had passed away recently, we would like to express our condolences as a community to the family. Also, a resident of Brent, TB, has recently passed, Carol, she had been on Tinkers Bridge for many years, and this was unexpected to all, we would also like to express our condolences to Carol's family as a community. A 30 second silence was taken for Carol.	
	This day was workers Memorial Day, it's a day to remember people that have died at work or died through work related illnesses, more people die through or from work than at war. John attended an event last Sunday to remember those people, the slogan for this day is 'To remember the dead and fight for the living'.	
	John has attended the full council meeting, parish council planning committee meeting and the parish council services committee meeting. He and Dave have also been to the RoRe meeting.	
5	Treasurers Report	

Held in the bank: £3948.34

Petty Cash: £153.23

Some of this is ringfenced, some is sitting in Café, most of this is in the general fund. We have the Jubilee funding in this and there is a small

amount to be paid to MKCF (£43.12) and WCC (£74.25).

## 6 Environmental Report

Serco were out this week on rubbish collections, they are recording the repeated spots for dumped rubbish to hopefully help the people that need help and reduce fly tipping. Colne residents got letters from MKC about illegal fly tipping and that people will be prosecuted.

The parish council are still looking into whether we can get an estate skip in place for a day.

The clothes bin that was removed from the shop was found out to unregistered and not going to charity as it was advised to be.

There is a lot getting dumped between the shop and the meeting place, this is being reported to the council and signs are going up to say stop this, but it is still happening on a regular basis.

John has spoken to Ron about Charlie wanting to do more on the estate, Ron, and Charlie to chat about what can be done to push the project of the community flower beds.

Jaz at No.3 Marshworth wants to get involved with the flower beds also, this is to be discussed as one of the flower beds in questioned is a memorial bed for George so this one isn't to be touched.

John has gardening tools and equipment that belong to the RA in his shed for when its needed.

## 7 Working Group report

We agreed at the last meeting that we will evolve the working group into being a general committee of the RA group, a meeting for this was not arranged so this will need to be arranged through a messenger group chat so that everyone can be involved and see everything that is going on. Then tasks can be delegated on the go as and when needed. This will also save booked extra meetings as it will all be online s we go, if a meeting is needed, we can have a catch up at the café.

## 8 Funding Update

Easter funding is closed off and they were happy with how quick and efficient this was done. Health check for MKC is completed and being checked before Dave and April attached documents needed.

Jubilee funding is in. The rest of the events for the year need to be arranged so that any further funding that is needed is applied for in enough time to get approved.

9	Updates on Regeneration MK and RORE Meetings.	
	The last RoRe (Residents of Regeneration Estates) meeting was at the beginning of April, guest speaker was Deanna on larders, cafes, and fridges. John pointed out that as one of the rules of our constitution, we must stay non-political. We are, however, entitled to our say and our vote. The next meeting will be the first week of May and have the guest speaker is Zulf Awan, Head of Residents Engagement MKC. On the agenda for this meeting is estate renewal forums in Woughton so it is possible that this will spark up on this area and we will in return be asked what it is we want in the renewal. Our residents association can send 4 people to each meeting, currently only John and Dave go to every meeting so there is space for people to attend, these are held at Netherfield Chapel.	
10	Editor of The Bridge role to return to Sarah	
	Sarah expressed that she would very much like to carry on with the Editor of The Bridge role. Sheila pointed out that she loves the bridge and well done to Sarah on this and to keep going.	
11	Discuss the proposal of spending £1500	
	Bingo equipment £123.70 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED	
	Notice Board by Community Garden £300	YES
	Environmental Team top up £250	YES
	• Café £240	YES
	2x Round Café tables from Costco £105.56	YES*
	2x 4ft commercial tables from Costco £91.16	YES*
	Gazebo and Weights £250	YES
	2x 5L hot water dispensers £80	Dave has donated
	Items for future events (Trays, containers, cutlery) £60	YES
	*Storage to be checked and space made before the purchasing of tables etc as currently we do not have storage for this.	(Voted by the majority)
	Dave suggested that with the regeneration and renewal, maybe we could request storage for community assets. April also mentions looking for funding for a storage container of some sort for the community garden for future events. Charlie (Arnold) made an offer to use her garage to store tables if need be, she lives opposite the meeting place.	
12	Milage Claims	
	Kirsty wanted to make it noted that to put in a claim for Milage, you will need to submit the milage you have done, you will need to work out what you have done to and from and the milage in total for anything to	Agreed and actioned by John

	be claimed. Parking also you will need to keep to the parking ticket.
13	A.O.B.
	April wanted to tell the meeting that a house on Colne has been closed off by the police, only the resident can go inside any body else seen entering can and will be arrested. The police are also watching numerous houses on this estate as vulnerable households and people taking advantage of them.
	A resident on the estate made it aware that there was a tent popped up on the new Marshworth path. Donna had a colleague that works with the winter night shelter check this out, they must be sent to a navigator or if the person can be identified as a homeless person, then they could have got into a shelter quicker. The person / tent was not found when searched for, so it is believed that they had left the location.
	A resident was with their children at the children's park, and they moved a rock, a packet of drugs was found, the police were called and are aware of this.
	There have been 2 women on the estate (one is a resident one isn't) making it look like they are selling themselves on the street corner, although no money was seen to be exchanged, gestures were made from the 2 women to passing cars. This has happened during the daytime and at various spots on the estate. The police were also informed of this at the time they were seen.
	David announced that he is doing a sponsored sleep out on the 29 <sup>th of</sup> April to raise money for the winters night shelter, he does this every year and has a just giving page if people wanted to sponsor him for this.
14	Date of next meeting
	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022