

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

27th October 2022



Present: Deanna Norris (Secretary), John Orr (Chair), April Rennie (Vice Chair), Kirsty Rennie (Treasurer), Kerry King, Janet Day, Neasham Galloway, Donna Fuller, Cliff Green, Robert Caen, Grant Clulow, Vincent, Terry Weller, Derek Weller.

Apologies: Ron Ellis, David Lee, Chantelle Tomlinson

Guest: Donna Fuller (Ward councillor / Resident)

		Action by whom
1	Welcome John opened the meeting and welcomed every one and announced the apologies.	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes of the previous meeting were on the table and advised that these were added to the Tinkers Bridge website.	
3	Chairs Report John wanted to note that one of our residents passed away, Grant, he came along to the café and larder and was well known amongst the community. A 1-minute silence was taken for him.	
4	Treasurers Report Kirsty advised that not much had changed. There was the Halloween funding paid in, expenditure for that. Café expenditure is present.	
5	Funding Report April advised we had the Halloween funding in. We haven't applied for the pantomime funding as there isn't a lot of interest. We still need to apply for Christmas funding when details are finalised. All the funding we apply for needs breaking down, when applied for specific items with quotes, we cannot just put squash or onions, we have o list exact amounts i.e., 3x onions and 3x butternut squash, they would need to know exactly what each item is used for.	

6	<p>Environmental Report</p> <p>Ron has mentioned lights being out in the underpass by Ashland and Netherfield, they have been out for around 5 weeks and still no change. Apart from this, not anything else to report.</p>	
7	<p>Café</p> <p>April spoke and said we had stopped as it was too much with the fridge and the larder as well on a Saturday. A lot of people are asking for it back. April was asked if she would do a Thursday evening and asked our opinions. We agreed to keep this in the pipeline, the last Thursday of the month could also bring more footfall for the residents' meetings.</p>	All agreed to run on a Thursday
8	<p>Land adjoining No 4 Holmfield Close</p> <p>Robert Caen, resident of Holmfield close, spoke to the Woughton community planning meeting. He wanted to discuss with the residents on TB what was happening with the resident at No 4. For the second time he is applying for planning permission to build a new 4-bedroom house, in the plans it looks like more than this, if this is granted then he could then apply for more and the land around the area will be ruined.</p> <p>The biggest reason behind them being denied is that there would be too much darkness from the trees, some of the trees have TPO's on them, 2 huge limes, there are also some willows and others.</p> <p>With these trees being taken down, if they get approved, will cause some uproar to Marshworth as this will let a lot of sound in from the Groveway road.</p> <p>1st of July 2022 a noise survey was done on the Groveway road, but this road was closed and had ben for some time, there were still 10 instances where the noise reached a level over the loudness needed.</p> <p>This area is also a wildlife haven, bats, wild birds, reports of newts, red zoned and these are an endangered species.</p> <p>The house at the end is coming on for 200 years old and is a big part of Milton Keynes in its history. Some residents from TB used to see this house as the secret garden s it resembled this so it's a memory that has been on this estate for years.</p> <p>Fire rescue have come in to the party also and stated that there is not enough room to get an engine down this road nor to turn around so if there was an emergency this would not be viable.</p> <p>The residents of Holmfield would like this not to be approved and for the Residents association to back them by way of a supporting letter.</p> <p>John proposed that the RA object to the application and support the residents of TB.</p> <p>Deanna as secretary to asked to write the objection and send to the</p>	Agreed by all at the meeting.

	appropriate person.	
9	<p>Vulnerable Residents</p> <p>April and donna have been discussing this recently, 2 of our residents have passed recently in their homes and no one knew straight away, Christopher Lacey and also now Grant, who was only 28y/o. We have been made aware that there are some people on the estate taking advantage of these residents, they are being said to take their bank cards, eating their food, saying they are their girlfriends so they can take advantage. We are aware that some of the people in question do have community orders on them.</p> <p>The police are checking on the house that are vulnerable, but they are not doing a thorough enough check as the people taking advantage are going round the back and sneaky into these houses.</p> <p>April feels we need to do more as a community to help these people and notice them more and what's happening in order to help the police target this.</p> <p>Donna advised that community orders are only so powerful, if the police ask the vulnerable person who are these people and they advise that they are their friends, the police then do not have the power to do anything in that moment as they have no proof that said person is not a friend. Donna suggests we do need to monitor this more and keep an eye out for our vulnerable neighbours, all evidence can be gathered and will mount up to prove what is happening. With the current cost of living crisis and the cold months, we need to think more about these residents as behind closed doors there can be a lot going on that we aren't seeing and so keeping an eye at a distance even can make all the difference.</p> <p>There are protection orders that can be placed, but they can only be enforced if the person being targeted says yes, they are harassing me, but these people are scared to come forward sometimes.</p> <p>If anyone has any concerns for any residents on the estate, you can call Donna, John & April. John feels there should be a policy alongside our child protect added or updated if we have something fitting for vulnerable people.</p> <p>We also have some elderly residents that need to be kept an eye on. If we all keep an eye on these residents and note if we stop seeing them or if we see them deteriorating, as a community.</p>	
10	<p>Panto</p> <p>There were a few posts went up on the TBRA group regarding the panto for December, there was very little interest in this. Messages were sent to previous families that had booked and most advised money was tight and didn't want to this year.</p> <p>April advised she could get them cheaper, half the price if there were enough people to go. This would be at the OU. Deanna will do a post to see if this would be of interest at this option of cost, if so, we will go ahead and book this</p> <p>As an overall it doesn't seem like it will go ahead without the want of the</p>	

	community.	
11	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Donna wanted to add some dates, children and young people's remembrance at coffee hall Friday the 11th, the official remembrance ceremonies on the Sunday 13th November.</p> <p>Milton Keynes council have got a date for Tinkers Bridge, 19th November, to talk about the ERF, Estate Renewal Forum. 10am-1pm. This will be during our larder / café. Tinkers bridge are supposed to be in the second wave or the renewal. We are asked to recommend a person from the RA to keep involved in this. David Lee asked that our priorities are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insulation upgrades to reduce heating bills – to same standard as being proposed on Netherfield – and rapidly! 2. Management of trees – including damage to footpaths 3. Arrangements for non-council tenants to easily have similar upgrades to insulation as council tenants (at cost – there is no grant money available) 4. Multiple other issues (car parking, pot holes, charging points for electric vehicles, illumination of footpaths) – all probably lower priority <p>This being said, we also need to think about residents and the estate in general not just the maintenance side of things.</p> <p>Santa Christmas tour, 17th December at 4pm.</p> <p>Woughton community council are concerned that as there hasn't been a Christmas gathering for the last year or so, the community have started to feel this. Coffee hall have a get together 2 days a week, this going forward will be part of 'The Warm Room' project, if tinkers bridge would like to take part in this also it would be greatly encouraged, fully funded. This is to also help the people of the community, staying warm, keeping an eye on residents and engaging with more people.</p> <p>April asked if TB as an estate will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony at coffee hall on the 13th November, John will organise this and Terry and Derek were asked to lay this as they are attending the event, they both agreed to do this.</p>	
12	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>24th November 2022</p>	