

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association



DATE 25th January 2024

Present: Deanna Norris, John Orr, April Rennie, Donna Fuller-Coventry, Heather Patterson, David Lee, Terry Weller, Derek Weller, Neasham Galloway, Sian Lewis, Vincent.

Donna

Apologies: Kirsty Rennie, Rosemary O'Day.

Guest: Sue Smith - Ward Councillor WCC, Donna Fuller-Coventry - Ward Councillor WCC.

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1	Welcome John opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and guests, we had 2 ward councillors, Sue Smith and Donna Fuller-Coventry.	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting These are up on the website to be viewed.	
4	Chairs' Report John attended the residents network meeting (RAN) at the council offices, there was a guest speaker talking about first aid packs and bleed kits, they are trying to encourage organisations to have them, they are £80 each kit. Donna mentioned that unless you have these on you at the time they aren't as useful, its about quickness at the time in need as appose to running to get the kit from where it is stored. John recommended that first aid training would be more beneficial for us as an RA as it would always be useful in a time of need. A discussion also came up around the service charge proposal, MKCC could not explain this very well, this doesn't help when trying to explain this to residents.	
5	Treasurers Report General Fund £1085.48 Café / Larder £304.11 Environmental £198.13 MKCC caused a lot of issues with the Christmas funding, they wouldn't accept the receipts for blankets and socks for the hampers for the elderly. We now owe MKCC £18 back in refunds.	

6	<p>Funding / Events 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April would like to get all ideas in for events for 2024. Community foundation is looking for people to donate to so this is an avenue we can go down. • WCC have decided that every estate in Woughton will have a Santa tour in 2024, estates can be involved if they want to or they can leave it to WCC and just run a separate event. • In the next meeting we need to discuss what events we want for TB in 2024, April thinks we should be catering more for an older generation as well, Bingo, Quiz nights etc. • We are running a cat microchip event on TB through the community fridge, we have 38 booked in at present. This will cost the owner £5 per cat. • 6th June, WCC are running the D-Day celebration, entertainment and beacon lighting, fish & chip supper that needs pre-booking. • 7th September, 50th Birthday of Woughton, this will be held in Netherfield. • 3rd March Covid Memorial Day at Campbell Park. 	
7	<p>February Newsletter</p> <p>Sian asked what we would like in the February newsletter, April said the normal items, fly tipping, dogs mess, use bins provided. Asking residents to report problems to the RA or someone they feel they can speak to, report problems to MKCC where necessary. People who walk dogs, please keep them on leads, friendly or not. Asking residents to re-use and advertise, we have Tinkers free to a good home group on FB so please help residents to reuse household items that are no longer needed and help each other out. AGM advertised for March. Advertise that the Community fridge has no stigma attached, this isn't for the poor or people on benefits, this is to prevent food waste and reuse more food so ANYONE is welcome whether you work or don't work.</p>	
8	<p>Environmental / Fly Tipping / Potholes / Trees cutting back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry and Derek have been doing bits but the weather has not been great so they have been very limited. • Parks trust have been doing cut backs on trees around the surrounding of the estate. • Fly tipping is on the increase, this needs reporting as its seen or noticed. • Pot holes are really bad on the estate, it needs reporting, the more reports the more they will investigate. The main problem is the pot hole needs to be a specific depth rather than overall size. <p>Sue says to report, when the time has lapse from the time they say they will look into it, then forward to Sue Smith for her to follow up.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosemary has said she is worried about the tree roots down the drains that are blocking up the drains when it rains. She would like the trees on Marshworth to be pollard. Sue will email MKCC to get the drain checked and cleared of roots. 	
9	Neighbourhood Plan <p>April is the Councillor for the neighbourhood plan update, John is the RA representative. Tinkers bridge have the Colne Park protected at the moment, nothing else, this may need to be looked at. Holmfield place may need to be looked at adding so that future planning permissions cannot go in. If all parks and green space go in then nothing has value so we need to give and take.</p>	
10	Painting the Meeting Place <p>April is going to try to source paint in order to paint and refresh the meeting place. It has been provisionally spoken about with WCC with further discussed to be approved.</p>	
11	Holmfield Close <p>The application for the new 5 dwellings to go up on Holmfield has been refused.</p>	
12	Café / Fridge / Larder <p>Café and Fridge are running smooth, donations are keeping café running.</p> <p>Larder is now closed to the public so we cannot take any new members. Membership have been contacted to see if people want to keep signed up. Going forward after a discussion April, Deanna and Janet, we have decided that we will run a Friday session by invitation only, for older, poorly, vulnerable members only. This would take the Saturday session to a more manageable day. Our main downfall is the space we have available.</p>	
13	A.O.B <p>Terry and Derek would like someone to look into getting their boiler checked as it is becoming a bit dangerous but Mears can not find an issue. Donna will look into this.</p>	
14	Date of Next Meeting <p>29th February 2024</p>	