

# Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

25<sup>th</sup> November 2021



**Present:** John Orr (chair), Deanna Norris (Secretary, Minutes) Cliff Green, Donna Fuller, Kevin Vickers, April Rennie, Kirsty Rennie, Kerry King, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Vincent Pretorius, Karlis Zivtins

**Apologies:** Anthonia Lui, Kathy Mansfield, Sheila Taylor, David Lee and Ron Ellis

**Guests:** Kevin Vickers, Woughton Community Council (WCC). Donna Fuller attended both as a Tinkers Bridge resident and as the Leader of WCC.

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| 1 | <b>Welcome</b><br>John Orr opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and listed apologies   |   |
| 2 | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b><br>The minutes of the previous meeting (25/10/21) were shared and briefly read out by Deanna.  |   |
| 3 | <b>Introduction of guests</b><br>Kevin Vickers from the Woughton community Council (Community development and events), runs and does projects with coffee hall but very keen to get Tinkers Bridge involved along with other estates also.<br>Donna fuller (Ward councillor MKC), Woughton and Fishermead, Tinkers Bridge is a part of. Attending as a guest and as a resident of Tinkers Bridge. Donna wanted to raise an option that may be available, if there is the need for it, an estate skip paid by some ward allowance that is available. This will go on the estate some where neutral, am-pm, it will need to be manned for the full time on site to make sure no trade or toxic items are put in it. Fly tipping is getting an issue so this proposal is at present as a one off to see if going forward this would be something of interest to us. Other estates will have them the same day if this goes ahead so that people are not bringing from other estates, WCC cannot man this themselves so would need volunteers from the RA or the estate itself. Other RA are being approached about this also. Vincent raised concerns about people not being aware of it if we do not advertise it well. Cliff raised concerns about people bringing bigger household objects and them not being able to fill much else in the skip. Deanna raised that with the council fees to remove such items being higher now not a lot of people can pay this and if individuals don't drive then the tip is also not an option so she thinks it would be a good idea overall. Another valid point made was that if its is a one off, will people then fly tip in that area once it's gone as it was there on that day. | Approved by all to discuss this further |

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|          | Donna briefly discussed the response from Paul Harrison, this is detailed below in No.11 Parking issues.  |  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Chairs' Report</b><br>John has been to the parish council meeting, next year it is proposed to have a full carnival again as it's also the Queens jubilee. April mentioned about have a TB stall there and getting us involved in this.  |  |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Treasurers Report</b><br>We have the treasurers report up until the end of October, from what was read at the end of Oct there was £2021 in the bank and all seems to be all good and progressing fine. All funding that has been applied for was received. Cliff queried the petty cash part of the report as it stated it was a reserve of £3124.40, we later agreed that it seemed to be an overall for 2021/2022, this can be confirmed or advised later, john will confirm with Anthonia.<br>Excel spreadsheets can be a little tricky to get set up perfectly, so this is still being worked on and improved, Ruth is working with us to help us learn.<br>All expenditure is approved and double signed, so it is all above board and checked.<br>All spending cash or cheque, a petty cash form is being filled out, therefore the petty cash amount seems high as it's a total for expenditure. |  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Environmental Report</b><br>Ron has spoken with the council and has the leaf sweeper coming back to TB to pick up the leaves, Ron himself has picked some up and filled some white bags and left them at the end of the street ready to be collected. Vincent has also filled some bags to be collected.<br>The road sweeper was out last week (20/11/21) and done swept the roads throughout the estate.  |  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Working Group report</b><br>The newsletter was discussed and how this can be improved. The meaning of the group was discussed, and it is being questioned if rather than having the WG, which is following on from ideas made at this meeting and making it into a plan, going forward it is to be discussed if there should just be a residents association committee instead of the working group, there is a separate meeting needed to follow on which has had the outcome of the newsletter and the funding committee. The working group has a separate chair to the RA which has always been a different chairperson to the RA and this is agreed that this is the best option so there is a fresh pair of eyes. If we go to a   |  |

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|           | <p>committee form then the committee can elect a chair going forward so that it is a mutual choice. It was discussed about Kathy stepping down as chair of the WG and also Sheila will be stepping down as of March 2022, there can be training for anyone willing to step forward. April mentioned about Kirsty taking on the funding side of it as she has previous experience in similar processes and has the support system there to do this. This needs to be discussed a little more as Kirsty seemed 50/50 as to weather, she wanted to do this. As for chair of the WG April said she thought David would be a great choice as he is a resident, he knows who to contact, he's great at getting the task done when he has it in hand, myself and John also agreed this would be a good choice is David was willing. Kirsty, April, Kerry, Chantelle and Deanna were willing to take part and help out as a committee basis, with help and training alongside from Sheila as mentioned previously.</p> |  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Funding Update</b>  |  |
| <b>9</b>  | <p><b>Updates on Regeneration MK and RORE Meetings.</b></p> <p>Things are progressing, discussions are being made to see weather there will be one renewal forum for the whole of Woughton of if there will be 7 for the different estates. There was a meeting that David said he wanted people to get onboard with, The Residents Engagement Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Tinkers Bridge is able to have 4 people attend, David can send the Zoom link to anyone wanting to attend.</p>  |  |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>Community Café / Fridge / Larder discussion</b></p> <p>Community café starts 4<sup>th</sup> December, MKC has given the go ahead, the inspection is due to follow. Arts and crafts for children, bacon and egg rolls being cooked for the people attending, tea, coffee &amp; hot chocolate. There are people trained up for food hygiene. Its donations only no charge.</p> <p>We have registered as both a larder and a community fridge. The larder will start on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. WCC are lending us a larder fridge and freezer until we have applied for our own. The front room of the meeting place will be used to store things ready for the Saturday. Whoever runs the cafe on the Saturday has to have their Food hygiene. We need 2 people trained up for first aid, Cliff and Natlie offered to do this.</p> <p>Community fridge we are still working on a start date.</p>   |  |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>Discussion about parking issues</b></p> <p>Donna received a reply from Paul Harrison, he was too busy to reply to Deanna's email regarding attending this meeting, but he advised he could not make the meeting. Donna recommended we make a list of all the issues we have and send them over to him to look at and he can then advise what can and can't be done and he can come to a future meeting.</p> <p>Our main concern is the white van on the corner of Colne on the verge and cars parking around the big roundabout. We are unsure who deals</p>   |  |

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|           | <p>with these parts of land police or council. Paul Harrison would be the person to speak to, also, there is a new director of highways, he is said to be very forceful at getting things done.</p> <p>Deanna to email Paul Harrison about the parking, CC Donna, Director of Highways, also the bosses of Paul Harrison, cabinet lead – Lauren Townsend / Emily Darlington, Head of the cabinet Pete Marling.</p>   |  |
| <b>12</b> | <p><b>Pantomime Trip 11<sup>th</sup> December (Subject to funding approval)</b></p> <p>This years panto is running on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, Deco theatre Northampton, the show is Aladdin, we meet at the meeting place, a coach takes us, we watch the show and then the coach brings us back. This will cost the residents £5 per person and the rest will be paid as part of the grant from the MKC.</p> <p>55 seats booked at this point and 50 ready paid so it is looking very positive this time. All are Tinkers bridge residents.</p>   |  |
| <b>13</b> | <p><b>Santa Sleigh Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December (Subject to funding approval)</b></p> <p>The sleigh, transport and Santa are provided by WWC. 150 children selection boxes brought and wrapped. Terry has done a great job on the children's cards, personally wrote out and all individual. Everyone made comment on how beautiful they are. The sweets are all bagged individually to be covid safe for both the elves and the residents.</p> <p>The sleigh will go around at 4pm street to street and the elves will be handing out Selection boxes to children residing on Tinkers bridge. We will end on Colne and have a little get together as a thank you and well done to everyone for helping.</p> <p>Kevin is talking with the WCC in terms of the sleigh used and the decoration so we can hopefully have it jazzed up so its very festive.</p> <p>It was proposed to Kevin that the sleigh start on Marshworth and then end at colne, where the elves will have their get together outside 'Santas' house with all the Christmas lights.</p> |  |
| <b>14</b> | <p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>Kevin told us about the Blue light Walk that is going ahead on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, It is a walk to say thank you to our blue light services, it will start at Ashland station and walk through, Beanhill, Netherfield and end at the hospital and will be a few moments silence for people who have lost their lives. There will be soup other items available. WCC will provide blue lanterns to make it special. This will be the mark of 2 years since the start of the pandemic.</p> <p>Kevin also mentioned that netherfield are doing a coach trip on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December to Strafor-upon-avon Christmas market and there were a few empty seats if anyone wanted to get involved.</p> <p>April met up with the RA chair and the secretary treasurer from Beanhill, they asked to see April as they are very keen to work with the TBRA and other RA's. John agreed there was common ground and we share</p>   |  |

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|           | <p>a lot of interests and could be useful so we could all share resources if and when needed. Beanhill seem to be slow getting started and they've seen us do a lot and would like to join forces as such to help them get up and going. Kevin mentioned they seem to get similar numbers in funding applications, so they have a similar community need. There are a few things that both RA's want so to join forces it would be numerous estates asking for the same thing so could work well for everyone i.e., the underpass lighting, cctv, bushes being trimmed and cut back.</p> <p>Gangs of teens that hang around the underpasses and the parks were mentioned. We maybe need to start interacting with these people as they are seen as a negative but when spoken to some seem to be just hanging around as its somewhere to go so, we have asked Kevin to look into places for youths and older teens (15-18) to go and things for them to do so they are not loitering and being misunderstood and come back to us on what's available.</p> <p>April mentioned the fly tipping is getting and again in the alley ways and the alleys behind the houses and it was agreed that this needs reports when seen so that the council can come and remove these items, so it is looking tidy again. There is a chair on the field by the meeting place, there is a bed and mattress dumped on Colne, sofas and all sorts of household items seem to have been dumped between Hatton and Colne.</p> |  |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Date of next Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>  |  |