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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 23rd October 2013
Madley Park Hall

Committee Present:

David Bates (Chair)
Stuart George (Treasurer)
Kerry Hyatt (Secretary)
Cllr Chris Holliday (Witney Town Council)
Sandra Willis-Russell
Eduard Kriegler
Tony Bennet
David Carter
Sue Carter

Also Attending:

Cllr Jeanette Baker (Witney Town Council & WODC)
Cllr Duncan Enright (Witney Town Council & WODC)
Cllr Roger Curry (Witney Town Council)
Cllr James Mills (WODC)
Sgt. Lianne Phillips (Thames Valley Police)
Kelly Hale (Manager – Madley Park Hall)

Apologies:

Cllr Richard Langridge (WODC & Oxfordshire County Council))

1. **David welcomed everyone.**
2. **Minutes of AGM Friday 16th November 2012** were approved as accurate.
Proposed: Sandra Willis-Russell
Seconded: David Carter
3. **Chairman's Report**

Adoption of road – thanks to Tony Bennett for his countless efforts in getting this finalised. Cllr Langridge has sent an email in his absence with an update (to follow).

Current project for youth facilities – there have been continuous talks throughout the year with the Town and District Councils. Consultations are still ongoing with pupils from Madley Brook/Springfield and Wood Green schools. An area on the playing field adjacent to Madley Brook School has been identified and limited funds are in place. Updates on this project will be announced in forthcoming newsletters.

Litter pick - the April litter-pick was a huge success attended by around 40 volunteers including staff from the Coop and PCSOs– thank you. (The next litter-pick will be on Saturday 16th November starting at 1030 on the square in front of the Co-op).

Shopping trolleys - they are being abandoned around the estate. This is an issue that needs to be addressed and the supermarkets need to take some responsibility in keeping them secure on their premises.

Speeding and parking– there are regular reports coming in of this still being a problem. Thanks to Pauline Cuthill for the speed awareness signs now on the estate. The public needs to be reminded that it is a residential area. Parking is an ongoing problem and specific areas have been indentified; around French Square, by the school, parking on the pavement particularly at the Woodstock Road entrance. A dossier including photographs of the problem areas have been submitted to the District Council.

Grit bins – with the help of Cllr David Robertson (OCC) new grit bins have been secured on the estate. They are now 4 in strategic locations.

The newsletter – this is being distributed across the estate quarterly. Thanks to Sandra for her ongoing efforts and evolution of the publication. It is self-financing with the advertisements paying for the printing.

Social media – the new website www.madleyparkresidents.co.uk is now live after being launched on 22nd October 2013. It looks great and provides essential information for residents. Thank you to Emma Peat, who is a resident on the estate, and proprietor of Clarified Web, for designing and building the new site. Stuart has started a Twitter account that is active and Facebook has proven to be a huge success for the residents. Regular emails are also being received that will either be responded to directly or redirected to the relevant people/department.

Sovereign Housing – they have 98 dwellings on Madley Park and they are an excellent and valuable partner. Thanks to Cllr Holliday for organising and developing the relationship. In addition to funding the newly installed WIFI at Madley Park Hall, they have helped with the litter picks, funding for the banner; they are also providing support and part-funding for the proposed ‘Teen facility’.

Share experiences –David Bates was able to visit Great Western Park residents association in Didcot and able to help in sharing our experiences, positive and negative. Great Western Park is a new housing development at the start of its building work, but which will grow to being bigger than Madley Park. This visit was followed by the Chair of their residents association coming to Madley Park and meeting with David Bates and Kelly Hale.

Cllr Enright has recently set up Cogges & Newland Community. We have shared our experience in getting started and hope to be able to work closely with them.

Special thanks – Cllr Chris Holliday, Cllr Duncan Enright, Cllr Richard Langridge, Cllr Jeanette Baker and Cllr James Mills – all have worked with us and provided support on a range of issues.

Residents committee – it has been a fantastic team effort and they have all worked tirelessly over the past year.

Thanks to all the volunteers to have given time and effort to help improve the lives of Madley Park residents.

Thanks to Sandra for her efforts in keeping the printing costs at a low for the

newsletter.

Remembering and showing our appreciation for Keith Cleal who sadly passed away earlier this year. He was a valued member of the Residents Association who gave his time willingly for many projects. He was awarded Witney Town Citizen of the Year in 2011; he was a great campaigner and a regular volunteer at Springfield School. He is sorely missed.

4. Accounts

Stuart presented the accounts which have been examined by Adrian Edwards (external audit) and thanked the committee and residents for their fundraising efforts.

A copy of the accounts is available.

Approved: Tony Bennett

Seconded: David Carter

David Bates thanks Stuart for his Financial Review.

5. Committee - In accordance with the Terms of Reference current Members were elected/re-elected.

Chair: David Bates, Treasurer: Stuart George, Tony Bennett, Sandra Willis-Russell, Eduard Kriegler and Cllr Holliday.

New members welcomed, Kerry Hyatt (Secretary) and David and Sue Carter.

If you feel you would like to join the committee please let us know.

Thanks for Madley Park Care Home for allowing the committee to hold their meetings on their site.

Break 19:10 – 19:15

6. Thames Valley Police (TVP) – Sgt Lianne Phillips gave her update on their involvement and policing on the estate.

i. The team has expanded and there are two new PC's, Matt Gandall and Rob Webb, and two PCSOs – Heather Jones and Tracey Whaller, for the patrolling of Madley Park and Cogges.

ii. There have been reported thefts of pedal bikes, there are at least two from Madley Park but the problem is widespread across Witney. Advice given on bike safety and the public invited to have bikes security marked at Marriots Walk on 7th December.

iii. The fire at Bramble Bank; three youths have been identified and dealt with.

iv. The police need to be made aware of any issues so that they can deal with them effectively. Residents advised to call **101** or visit the police station to report any incidents. TVP hold monthly 'Have Your Say' events in Market Square.

v. Parking – they are going to work with the Neighbourhood Watch team to try and move this problem forward. They are patrolling the problem areas at relevant times. The Neighbour Hood Watch is in the process of being revived with previous coordinators being approached. The police will commit to helping run this effectively. David Carter has volunteered to be the new NW administrator for Madley Park and will be meeting with the TVP coordinator next month.

vi. Halloween – there are notices to put in your letter box if you do not wish to be

called on.

7. **Email from Cllr Langridge** – read out by Cllr Holliday:
(Transcript attached to Minutes)

David thanked the police officers who left the meeting at 20.00

Madley Park Quiz

A fun quiz (organised by Stuart) was held – the winners were:

Kelly & Martine

Jeanette

Thank you to the Coop for donating Thornton's Chocolates and a bottle of wine as prizes.

Questions/queries from the floor

Sue Carter –Harvest Way

What is the Coops remit for collecting litter? Are they allowed to collect further afield?

Kelly Hale comments that there needs to be a boundary, along with Madley Park Hall, otherwise they could find themselves cleaning the entire estate which would be out of their remit.

Cllr Baker to follow up.

Mrs Jessie Neil – Bramble Bank.

The newsletter hasn't been received by the whole estate – she hasn't received one.

Why is there no activities on the estate for the older generation?

Kelly Hale, as manager of Madley Park Hall, has agreed to that the Hall can be used for such events (possible a curry evening or coffee morning) if she is informed of what is desired.

Amy Fletcher informs the room that Madley Park Care Home run a Day Centre of OAP's and possibly other events which she believes are free. They have information at their reception and have their own newsletter.

Tony Bennett

French Square is looking tired and requires updating. Is a community garden a possibility?

Cllrs Baker & Enright to follow up as there have already been talks with WODC regarding this.

Cllr Enright takes the floor

He talks about the proposals to move the Post Office in town to WH Smiths.

There is a public meeting on Saturday 26th October, 9.30am – 1pm at The Blue Boar.

Please come along to give your thoughts.

Cllr Enright left the meeting at 19:35.

Kim Wilkerson-Fisher - Cherry Tree Way

The Dog Litter bins need addressing. They are always full on the estate. Are there plans to make more available? Problem areas are Madley Brook Way and Jubilee Way.

Cllr Roger Curry states that the District Council need to be emptying them more regularly. Instances of dog fouling on the pavements can be reported on 861000.

Member of the public raises the point that all responsible dog owners, if the bins are full should take the litter home to dispose of it in their own bins.

Cllr Mills to follow up possible funding to make more bins available.

Cllr Mills takes the floor regarding the issues with shopping trolleys.

The District Council have now set a policy that the supermarkets have 24 hours to remove abandoned trolleys. If they fail the District Council will remove them and issue the supermarket with a fine.

All abandoned trolleys should be reported on 861000.

Tina Enright comments that it's not actually the supermarket that retrieves them – they pass the problem onto a third party.

Kelly Hale comments that in her experience the supermarkets have dealt with the issue effectively, often sending out the home delivery vans to collect them.

Cyril Tennant-Harvest Way

Can anything be done to change the route of the large delivery lorries that travel through the estate very early in the morning – they roar past the house.

Cllr Holliday informs the room that he has been in contact with the Co-op and they are in the process of rerouting deliveries to the Jubilee Way entrance to Harvest Way.

Anonymous written question

The incident regarding the bins being set alight near Madley Park Hall – was the issue resolved and were the culprits caught?

Sgt Phillips will follow this up; she mentioned that that the patrol areas are being adjusted to cover problems areas, there is a possibility of arranging some fire safety courses.

Kelly Hale and Martine inform Sgt Phillips that they have called 999 three times due to anti social and threatening behaviour at Madley Park Hall and have no response.

Sgt Phillips to follow up.

Mr Binkey – Harvest Way

The hedges don't appear to be maintained at the Woodstock Road end or Harvest Way.

Alison Leask to follow up – the District Council have a map of the estate and areas that need to be regularly maintained.

Amy Fletcher – Kingfisher Court

Amy expressed concerns over the bin fires and the fact that she has never witnessed any patrols of the area by PCSOs. She is also concerned about the housing for people with mental health issues and the exposure to the local children and the school.

David Bates informs that we are an inclusive community but any specific issues or incidents should be reported to the police.

Sgt Phillips to follow up regarding the patrols.

Tina Enright

Why do we sort the recycling when collections teams empty it all into one container?

When it arrives at the waste disposal it is separated. Single container collection lorries are used when the separate container ones are not available.

It is helpful to separate out glass and cardboard from the rest of the recycling but this is not a requirement for collection.

Kelly Hale mentions that the nets and lids for the recycling boxes are not effective and could be creating more litter.

Cllr Mills – the waste collection contract is up for renewal and these issues will be addressed.

Cllr Mills and Cllr Baker to follow up issues.

David closed the meeting at 20.10 with thanks to residents and Councillors.

Transcript of email from Cllr Langridge: 14:54 23/10/2013

Dear all,

Sorry I cannot be there tonight, but I have a very nasty cold.

I have an update on the road adoption issues:

OCC expect to have tied up the majority of the road adoptions by the middle of November. They are currently carrying out a survey of the Estate and can then proceed to formal adoption.

The developer has now carried out remedial work to the footbridges so OCC are now putting the legal agreement in place. This should also happen by mid-November.

Lastly, the stand-off over Northfield Farm now appears to be resolved with an agreement reached. OCC are tying up the s106 agreement and will then move the bollards to block the school track. They expect this to be adopted by the end of the year.

I am aware of increased graffiti problems. These are difficult and time consuming to deal with but if you let me know if there are particular hot spots or bad areas then let me know and I will pass that on to Officers.

I am also aware that there are increased incidences of anti-social behaviour happening and if there are any particular issues to report to me then please do.

As part of my District Cabinet role, I am working with Chris Holliday and Jeanette Baker on providing a new play area on Madley Park for teenagers. This work is on-going and we are currently engaging with the youngsters themselves to see what facilities they want. We will then start to gather the funding.

Lastly, I am absolutely delighted to have been elected as your County Councillor. Please do get in touch with me at any time if there are any issues or questions you would like to raise with me.

Thanks

Richard