



## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Title:** Residents Association Meeting

**Date of meeting:** 20/03/2015

**Location:** Newton Leys Community Centre,

**Time of meeting:** 19.30

St Helena Avenue, Newton Leys MK3 5FJ

Minutes from the last meeting agreed

### **Shops**

- Chris and Harvey from HDD, the owners of the proposed local centre site, attending the meeting.
- Advised that they are getting ready for submitting a planning application in May 2015.
- The site will be a mixed use site.
- Local centre will be next to the Taylor Wimpey office in EMP1 (by the traffic lights opposite Oakbrook).
- The proposal is that there be a supermarket, 6 other shops, day nursery, care home and public house/restuarant. There will also be 25-30 residential units made up of townhosues and apartments.
- There is currently no demand for a medical centre on Newton Leys.
- Parking is proposed off of Jersery Way.
- Plans will be provided and HDD are keen to consult with Newton Leys.
- The first phase to be completed would be the shop.



#### **Treasurer**

- No update

#### **Update from Beth/BFSTC**

- There are plans for an afternoon session for over 55s at the community centre and people will be canvassed for the committee.
- Everyone is requested to support the Friday afternoon get together sessions as much as possible. These sessions cannot happen without dedicated volunteers.
- Looking for volunteers for Scouts and Brownies sessions.
- The community centre is almost self funding.
- The s106 agreement is currently being renegotiated. There is an opportunity to discuss the community centre and sports hall at MKC.
- The percentage of affordable housing is being renegotiated. A lower percentage is in Newton Leys favour as more money will be given by Taylor Wimpey. This will ensure that we can maintain what we have got already and get what we need moving forward. The members at the meeting agreed that they were in favour of a lower percentage of affordable housing.
- P1 and P2 currently have 38% social housing. P4 – P7 it is proposal that new phases will have 16.5% affordable housing.
- A letter of support will be sent to the Council.
- Youth provision – Lots of activities currently being planned.
- Taylor Wimpey are to level, fence and turf the area at the back of the community centre – There will be a public consultation on this.
- Need residents to support the link road.

#### **Parish Council**

- In 2014, the committee discussed that we might want to consider forming our own parish and take over from BFSTC. The benefits would mean that we can control how decisions are made about Newton Leys.
1. This was suggested as we want to maintain a strong community and have a voice in Milton Keynes. Graham's is currently outvoted at Council meetings.



## **Newton Leys Residents' Association**

- We would need a second councillor in time.
- We will have to submit a petition to the Council for a community government review. We need 250 signatures at least.
- Please support this action and contact a residents association member to sign the petition.

### **Allotments**

- Planning is pending.
- Concerns from residents are noted.
- BFSTC put forward suggestions at the pre planning stage but these were not adopted.
- The highways agency will not allow access from Stoke Road.
- A separate group meeting was suggested but members will await the planning outcome first.
- Beth advised that the allotments are to be managed via contracts to stop any unsociable behaviour.

### **COBRA**

- There is a lot of proposed development around Newton Leys including Eaton Leys and Salden Chase. COBRA is opposing this development and wish to have our support.
- There is proposed to be 1000 new homes between Newton Leys and Newton Longville.
- The members at the meeting agreed to object to the plans for Eaton Leys.
- The members at the meeting agreed to reject any new development around Newton Leys.
- The members at the meeting agreed to support the plans for a local distribution road.

### **Planning permission – sales office**

- Planning was permitted for 12 months.
- The generator has been turned off and electricity supplied to the office.

### **Oakbrook**

- There were 9 cars broken into. Police believe this was by scanner/blocker.
- Please be aware of people around you when locking cars. Report any suspicious behaviour.



### **Environmental**

- Gateway entrance on Willow Lake – lights to be installed, road to be widened. There is no planned date for this at present.
- There are currently no plans in place for lights around the lake.
- Rubbish – there have been organised litter picks and more are planned.
- The RA is proposing to purchase litter pickers for use by the community.

### **Play area**

- Play area on Bovis side of development should be open soon.
- There is another play area proposed. Taylor Wimpey are moving their compound to prepare the site and commence work on the park. Plans have been circulated for this.

### **AOB**

- Meetings need to be better signposted. It was suggested that flyers be delivered prior to upcoming meetings. Volunteers required to compile and circulate information.
- There is a new website for Newton Leys.
- Taylor Wimpey are to contribute towards our summer fete.
- Beth Benton will organise a bulb planting event.

### **Frank**

Frank has sadly decided to step down from his role on the committee. The committee and residents would like to thank Frank for all of his hard work!