

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Residents Association Meeting
Date of meeting: 18 May 2017
Time of meeting: 19.30
Location: Newton Leys Community Centre

Officers in attendance: Graham Anderson (Chairman)
Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson (Vice Chairman)
James Veale (Treasurer)

Residents: 10 residents in attendance

Councillors: Councillor Mohammed Khan (MKC Ward Councillor)

(Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson attended as a member of the NLRA committee and not in any official capacity as a Councillor of Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council)

The Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Apologies: Events Coordinator and two members of the Leisure Together committee
A message was sent after the meeting from the Secretary which stated due to a change in his work circumstances he would have to resign as Secretary of the Association.

Finance & Bank Resolution

The Treasurer has been unable to obtain access to the bank account since being appointed and this was because no resolution had been passed at a meeting. The Vice Chairman is currently the only authorised signatory. The Vice Chairman proposed a change in the RA bank mandate that will have the effect of removing Hannah Day, our previous Treasurer and Events Coordinator and Lindsey Newman, a previous Events Coordinator from the mandate as both have stood down from the organisation and adding the Treasurer to the bank mandate.

The Vice Chairman read a proposed resolution from the NatWest Signatory Mandate form:

- It was unanimously resolved that the authorised signatories in the current bank mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2 of the mandate, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended.
- Furthermore, it was resolved that the official address for the bank account be changed so that the Treasurer would have communications from the bank sent to his home address.

Summer Fayre

The Chairman gave an update on the Summer Fayre which will be held on Saturday 9 September. Taylor Wimpey donated £500 to the Summer Fayre and Councillor Mohammed Khan donated £250 from his Ward Budget. It was resolved to accept these donations and thank them for their donation.

It was resolved to make other funding applications in order to allow the event to go ahead.

Planning Update

The Chairman and Vice Chairman gave updates on various planning applications and an update on the Newton Leys site in general. There was some discussion from several residents who were concerned about the lack of communication relating to the naming of the Newton Leys Pavilion. They had wanted the site to be called Newton Leys Village Hall. The Vice Chairman had confirmed that nearly 53% of people wanted the replacement community facility to be called Newton Leys Pavilion and this was emailed to all residents on our mailing list, and was hosted on the Newton Leys website (www.newtonleys.org.uk). It was also communicated via the Facebook group. (www.facebook.com/groups/newton.leys).

Builder issues

Various issues were discussed relating to overall adoption of the highways and public open spaces of the development and the issues around drainage in certain parts of the site. Further discussion was had about the dead trees in St Helena as well as general landscaping. The Vice Chairman agreed to discuss with Taylor Wimpey.

Events

Aside from the Summer Fayre, litterpicks will be organised for June and September.

Future of NLRA

The Chairman asked residents what they wanted from NLRA and stated that we had 10 people attending this evening. Is there still a need for the Residents Association, and what should be the purpose. It was felt by residents that the Residents Association had achieved many successes and was valued by the Community, however it would need to improve the level of communication.

It was resolved that NLRA would write a letter to all residents giving them dates for upcoming meetings, and also asking all residents to undertake a survey. Two residents agreed to write the letter so it could be printed. Ben Thorpe, vicar of St Josephs - Newton Leys agreed to write something for the latest newsletter.

Any other business

There were no items of other business



Next Meeting

The next meeting shall take place at Newton Leys Community Centre on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm.