

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Residents Association Meeting
Date of meeting: 19/11/2015 **Time of meeting:** 19.30
Location: Meeting Room, FCC Environment, Bletchley Landfill

Apologies: J Hunter

The Minutes from the last meeting were agreed

Chairs Update

The Chair apologised for the late notice in change of venue for the meeting, this was due to an electrical fault at the community centre.

There was some discussion around driving forward a plan for a parish council for Newton Leys. We currently have around 120 signatures and more are needed from the community. Some of the residents stated that they were in support, but they were not confident in articulating the key message points to neighbours and would like to be provided with a list of key points. There was debate on whether we should only provide the points in support of the parish council creation, or whether we should provide a more balanced document. It was eventually decided that a more balanced approach was preferable.

It was agreed that a meeting to which all of the community will be invited should be held.

Treasurer & Fundraising update

The Treasurer gave a verbal update on the state of our finances, and it was agreed that we want to ensure that any funds that are generated are spent on the needs of the community. It was agreed to fund the Newton Leys Christmas Fayre.

Planning Update

An update was provided with regards to Eaton Leys, and it was discussed that all of the Residents Associations in Bletchley are against the principle of development. This will be split in to two planning applications as the site is 60% Aylesbury Vale and 40% Milton Keynes. The Chair stated that having developments that cross boundaries between councils have lots of unnecessary challenges. Different policies for different council, so inconsistencies

The Town Councillor for Newton Leys confirmed that the A4146 is a single carriageway and no plans to make this wider. The development was on a flood plain. There is also a scheduled ancient monument on the site (near Dobbies) from Magionvinium (The Roman Town which is broadly where Fenny Stratford is now), so concerns over digging this up. It was agreed that we would object to this within the Local Plan consultation.

Events

The Treasurer informed that it was becoming very difficult to put on events as we need more people to organise them. The Chair confirmed that if it were not for our Treasurer working until very late at night, nothing would happen at all. It was noted by some of the residents that many people are involved in a number of community groups. The Chair and Treasurer has met with the President and Vice President of the WI, and it was proposed that the Christmas Fayre event be a joint event promoted by both organisations. This was agreed.

Elections

- The Chair informed the meeting that this was the Annual General Meeting and thanked all members of the committee for their assistance in the last year. The Chair stated that it is important to involve as many people from the community as possible, so it would be important to increase the size of the committee. At this point, the Chair stood down and handed over the meeting to the Treasurer.
- There was one nomination for Chair, which was seconded and Ethaniel Wilson was unanimously re-elected for the 2016 year as Chair, and assumed the Chair of the meeting again.
- The Chair nominated the Town Councillor for the position of Vice Chair, which was seconded, and was unanimously elected to the new position of Vice Chair.
- The Treasurer stood down and Hannah Day was nominated, seconded and unanimously elected as Treasurer.
- The Secretary stood down (in absentia) and Stephen Manley was appointed as Secretary.
- The Chair proposed that the President and Vice President of the WI be appointed to the Committee as Event Coordinators.
- The Chair proposed that Canon Rev. John Saunders was appointed as Bovis Representative.

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- None

Next meeting: Thursday 21 January 2016 at Newton Leys Community Centre

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