

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

Apologies from D Powell, E Jackson and J Hunter.

1) Local Centre

- a. Representatives from Henry Davidson attended to show the architectural drawings for the local centre
- b. Henry Davidson have designed and built 50 local centres in the last 20 years
- c. Supermarket will be approx. 8000ft² with approx. 100 parking spaces
- d. Supported by 6 retail outlets, situated around a central courtyard area.
- e. There will in addition be 2 and 3 story houses intermingled in the area, plus apartments above the retail outlets.
- f. The design shows the rear of the retail outlets to be designed to look like residential properties.
- g. Car parking will be off Jersey Drive and not Arran Way
- h. The supermarket and retail units will go straight into reserved matter planning
- i. Additional outline planning will be submitted for a private nursery and a private care home
 - i. The nursery will need high/typical fencing around it for the security and safety of the children
- j. There has been interest in the retail outlets by a pharmacy, beauty salon and café. It is also likely that there will be a takeaway
- k. HD are in talks with a Supermarket, but at this stage are not able to divulge who this is
- l. Planning will be submitted in June/July, with an aim to be in site early 2016, with the supermarket opening Autumn 2016
- m. There will also be a construction plan which will outline where facilities for the workmen will be housed, i.e. toilets
- n. Standard working hours will be 7-6 Mon-Fri and 8-1 Saturday

2) BFSTC

Beth Benton gave the following report;

- a. Meetings have commenced with MKC regarding the permanent community centre
- b. Local councillors are in support of this being built earlier than planned and Beth/BFSTC will continue to discuss and drive this forward
- c. Bluebell planting has been approved and will commence shortly. Flyers will be posted to all home and there are around 2000 bulbs to be planted over the coming months
- d. Youth sessions are being planned for the Summer holidays, including a Rainbows and Brownies event, aimed at 5-10 yr. olds. This group then should start officially in September 2015
- e. Scout group is in discussion – volunteers needed
- f. 55 yrs. plus – funding has been secured. It will be a weekly session on Friday afternoons and will focus around afternoon tea and games. A committee is already being set up, but more volunteers always needed – please contact Bethan Benton for more information on volunteering or attending
- g. Youth Network – age 6-18. There will be a 4-day activity in the summer holidays, with the final 2 days being in the final week, with potentially an official performance. It will be performance or arts related
- h. Play Ranger days – Newton Leys is being considered for this
- i. Brazilian soccer school – age 5-8 – dependant on whether we can use the NEAP land outside of the Willow Lake sales office
- j. Notice boards are being put up in the community centre to stop the damage being done by blue tak
- k. Walks in and around Newton Leys – in planning

3) Allotments

- a. Currently number 25 on the planning waiting list. Agreed that a softly/gentle approach is needed to get these passed, so will be patient

4) Wind Turbines

- a. Majority vote to oppose the application of the installation of a new wind turbine en route to Stewkley. It is felt that we should continue to support the rejections as if one is approved, then it will be much harder to reject an application to have one sited in an area that would greatly affect the residents of Newton Leys

5) Oakbrook

- a. Issues with the tarmacking.
- b. There is a drain blocked with Tarmac
- c. Builders are generally being more considerate
- d. Lorries still driving too fast, but has improved

6) L Nash

- a. Coping stones fell off her roof.
- b. Transpires that the roof structure had not been pinned correctly
- c. TW to assess all properties in the area to check there is no risk on other properties

7) Little Callow Mound

- a. Cracked paths and subsidence, which is dangerous to those walking on it
- b. TW have assured that this will be looked out by mid June and have the temporary paths fixed and also install benches
- c. The path through the woods is still very muddy despite the woodchips

8) Lake

- a. ROSPA say that the buoys surrounding the lake should be removed as they are more of a health hazard than not having them at all
- b. Item for considerations – is it better for the Parks Trust or MKC to manage our green space?
- c. The rubbish in the lake and brook has been cleared, but the fencing still needs to be removed

9) BGFSTC AGM

our Town Councillor, Graham Anderson, will need to stand down, but he can stand again if we would like. This will open up opportunities for other members of our community to stand should they chose

- a. Many thanks to Graham for his continued hard work and thanks over the past 12 months. No one else wished to stand.

10) AOB

- a. Parish Council – for Newton Leys to get MKC to consider this, 5% of the electorate needs to sign a petition.
- b. Ian Stewart has pledged that he will support us on a number of issues, but we now need to see this happening rather than just a promise
- c. Next meeting – Thursday 16th July 2015, 7.30 Newton Leys Community Centre