

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Residents Association Meeting
Date of meeting: 21 January 2016
Time of meeting: 19.30
Location: Newton Leys Community Centre

The Minutes from the last meeting were agreed

Apologies: H Day (Treasurer)

Chairs Update

It has been agreed that the residents wish to continue pursuing a separate Parish for Newton Leys as they wish to create a village type ethos. This was what had been sold to them by the various housebuilders. We currently have around 120 signatures and more are needed from the community.

The Chair will work with the Vice Chair to develop the key messages and it is hoped that this will be available for the next meeting in March.

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

Treasurer & Fundraising update

The Treasurer was not at the meeting but advised that we have £1,501 in the bank.

The Chair asked residents to note that we do not receive any permanent funding and all of this money is raised by the committee at our events or by approaching sponsors or funders for specific projects.

A donate online option has been placed onto our website. Specific residents have given donations of £150 since we have been encouraging donations to be made.

Builder Issues – Taylor Wimpey

Residents mentioned that there was a massive build up of litter, some of which has been witnessed being dumped by building contractors.

We still seem to have issues with infrastructure (leisure facilities, community centre, play parks) being delivered, which really should have been delivered by now.

The path through the woods adjacent to the lake is just a bog. The natural woodchip path does not work, and all of the chips have sunk into the mud. It needs to be redesigned.

There are trees missing on San Andres Drive and shrubs on Shetland Meadows have been removed.

Residents would like to know when the park on border of phase 2 and phase 4 will finally open.

The development needs more waste bins for dog excrement, and the bins at the top of phase 2 are always overflowing.

Chair to take these matters forward with Taylor Wimpey.

Builder Issues - Bovis

Chair welcomed Bovis Representative to the Group who was giving his first feedback.

There are some issues with regards to the roads in the Bovis site and it is unclear who is responsible for them.

The Bovis Representative had attended Stoke Hammond Parish Council meeting as the entire Bovis site falls within the Parish of Stoke Hammond (Aylesbury Vale). Stoke Hammond will eventually be responsible for street furniture and dog litter bins but they have none on site at the moment.

Planning Update

Town Councillor Anderson gave an update with regards to PlanMK and took the residents through various plans to explain the multitude of proposed development sites within the radius of Newton Leys. These were as follows

Option 1

Development to the west, south west and/or south east of the city – This option would see new developments in the villages surrounding Bletchley – and could see further development around Newton Longville, Great Brickhill, Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys

Option 2

Development East of the M1 motorway – This option would see development in the area between Cranfield, Moulsoe, and Newport Pagnell, which is on the other side of the M1.

Option 3

Development in the Rural area – This option would see development in the northern rural area of the Milton Keynes borough, but it is envisaged would need a bypass to be built in the Olney area.

Option 4

Intensification and Redevelopment in the urban area– This option would see development in the all of Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley, and the areas South of Wolverton.

It was mentioned that COBRA (Consortium of Bletchley Residents Associations) of which NLRA is a member would not support any option in which intensified the areas around Bletchley, particularly if the infrastructure required to support that development was not in place first.

After some discussion, residents present voted to support Option 2 for PlanMK and object to the other points.

Town Councillor Anderson also provided an update with regards to Aylesbury Vale Local Plan and it was noted that the Council's own assessment of the proposed site adjacent to Newton Leys and the proposed site at Eaton Leys were not suitable for housing and/or economic development. It was agreed by the residents that we would oppose development of these sites, and would wish to impose a green buffer surrounding the Newton Leys development.

Events

Residents supported a street party event for the Queen's birthday in April and the Chair resolved to speak with the Newton Leys WI.

Town Councillor Update

Town Councillor gave a short verbal update in respect of the allotments and informed residents that the Newton Leys Community Engagement Coordinator had worked very hard to push this forward. It was agreed by residents in attendance that the Chair would get in contact to thank her on their behalf.

AOB

One of the residents confirmed that they were looking to put on an event Leisure Together which would bring the community together on a regular weekday afternoon. They were looking to obtain a microgrant from the Town Council. It was agreed by residents that NLRA would make a donation of £50.

Next meeting: Thursday 17 March 2016 at Newton Leys Community Centre

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