

Present

Fairfield Parish Council (FPC) – Councillors Chris Bidwell (Chairman), Barrie Dack, Steve Foster and Nathan Hanks.

Fairfield Park Resident Association (FPRA) – Nick Reynolds

Directors of Fairfield Hall Management Company (FHMC) – Colin Chatfield (Chairman) and Stephen Hyde

Directors of Middlemarch Residents Company (MRC) – Gary Shanahan

Meeting chaired by

Chris Bidwell

Notes taken by

Katrina Henshaw (Parish Clerk).

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies received from Councillors Penny Daffarn, Sharon Jones and Tom Milliken (FPC), Peter Nash (FPRA) and Geoff Smith (MRC).

2 Update on actions from meeting held on 2nd February 2017

2.1 Damaged light on the footpath across the Cricket Ground – FPC has confirmed this is now working.

2.2 Flytipping in Bannatyne's overflow car park – There is no problem at the moment. FHMC did meet with Bannatyne's to discuss the ongoing parking problem in the area and Bannatyne's is considering removing the barrier to encourage people to use the overflow car park.

3 Update on Letchworth Sewage Treatment Works

3.1 The problem persists and FPC, CBC and The Rt Hon Alistair Burt continue to apply pressure to Anglian Water to resolve the matter. FPC will continue to put statements from Anglian Water on the FPC website as they are received. Anglian Water and the Rt Hon Alistair Burt will be attending the next parish council meeting on 6th July 2017.

4 Update on fly problem around Fairfield

4.1 There is no fly problem this year so thanks were made to FHMC and CBC for their help with resolving this problem.

5 Anti-social behaviour

5.1 The Hall and Park have both experienced problems and have reported them all to the Police. FPC is waiting for information from CBC on the new CCTV system and will discuss with FHMC once costs and full details are known. **Action: FPC**

5.2 It was agreed to make the police aware of potential dangerous and illegal driving in the Heathcote Avenue / Paxton Drive area occurring from people using the Blue Lagoon during the pleasant evenings. **Action: FPC**

5.3 FPC is supporting a speed watch being set up in Fairfield and is looking for volunteers. Details are on FPC website. FHMC agreed to mention in newsletter.

5.4 The road crossing officer will start in the middle of July.

6 Housing developments that will potentially impact Fairfield

6.1 The public consultation on CBC Local Plan starts on 4th July and runs until the end of August. There will be a public consultation in Arlesey Town Hall on 26th July. Everyone was encouraged to look at the plan and respond individually. It was agreed to hold a meeting with the management companies to discuss and collate their views. Representations will be made to both CBC and the Rt Hon Alistair Burt, MP. **Action: FPC**

7 Update from Fairfield Hall

- 7.1 Completion Certificates – FHMC is still waiting for a response from CBC on the outstanding issues with the Developers. FHMC has also asked for assistance from the Rt Hon Alistair Burt, MP as they are getting no response from CBC.
- 7.2 Pot Holes off Eliot Way – These are still on CBC's list of outstanding items with PJ Livesey as the road wasn't laid properly. FHMC has received no update on this list.
- 7.3 Refuse handling at the hall – MRC has reported that the use of their bins by Hall residents has increased and asked if they can instruct the new manager to remove the overflow. FHMC clearly stated that the manager will only take instruction from them. FHMC did agree to investigate the problem and look for a solution. **Action: FHMC**
- 7.4 Dangerous trees behind Community Hall – FHMC agreed to investigate and arrange necessary works. **Action: FHMC**

8 Update from FPRA

- 8.1 Urban Park – FPRA is checking with CBC if planning permission will be required. Works are planned to start autumn 2017 and be completed the start of 2018.
- 8.2 Adoption of Eliot Way – Section 38 is close to being issued.

9 Update on Land Transfer of land from Hotbed to FPC

- 9.1 FPC has three plans showing two different boundaries for area five. It may be that the boundary line on this area has not been incorrectly drawn so FPC's solicitor has asked Hotbed's solicitors to confirm which land registry plan shows a correct boundary line.

10 Update on works to the Orchards

- 10.1 Seven volunteers started to clear the dead work in West Orchard on Sunday 18th June but progress was slow due to the heat. FPC is speaking to CBC Ecologist for advice on removal some of the heaps of dead wood.

11 Update on works to the scrub land next to the orchards

- 11.1 The area was seeded with grass and wild flowers but unfortunately this was unsuccessful due to the lack of rain. MBS will be raking the stones out and also cutting the boundary banks. Additional grass and wild flower seeds will be sown later this year, with additional tree planting in mid winter.

12 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

- 12.1 The plan and comments are now with the government planning examiner.

13 Any other business

- 13.1 FPC confirmed it was still interesting in purchasing land south of Fairfield for recreational use but explained that it was complicated for CBC to sell the land due to probate problems concerning the recent death of the tenant.
- 13.2 It was agreed that FPC would ask CBC and the developer to consider adding white keep clear chequered lines on Hitchin Road at the Kingsley Avenue junction and Eliot Way roundabout. FHMC agreed to formally ask FPC to do this and will send a letter requesting this. **Action: FPC / FHMC**
- 13.3 It was agreed that FPC would ask the school to ask parents to refrain from parking in Kingsley Avenue at all times as it is a private road but particularly during the next few months due to work being carried out that involves scaffolding. **Action: FPC**

14 Date of next meeting

- 14.1 The next meeting to be held on Thursday 26th October 2017 at 7.00 pm unless it is considered necessary to have one before.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm