

FPRA Meeting minutes: 15/10/19

Present: ,Gerry Bygraves, Steve Carrington, Barrie Dack, Mike Glenister, Darren Pickering, Nick Reynolds, Ray Robbins.

Apologies:Silke Gruner, Arthur Creighton

1. Matters Arising: Nothing raised
2. Scanlans changes: Darren Pickering introduced himself, his portfolio is uniquely centred around Fairfield. He plans to set up a Scanlans email address rather than individual ones to avoid confusion for future succession planning.
3. Communications: Website is under construction, the authors of some of the pages are allocated as follows "Urban Park, How to put an event on, How to pay and TP1's" - NR, "Street Plan, FPRA areas of responsibility" - BD, "Management Transfer" - NR, "Meeting notes" - BD
4. Planning: Neither of the independent inspectors liked the East of Arlesey local plan echoing the comments and objections raised by CBC and FPRA.

An extension has been requested in Franklin Place, an objection has been placed.

Silke to write a letter to remove the "permitted development" phrase for the whole of Fairfield. Ray to sign.

5. Landscape and Groundworks: Darren walked the grounds with Lee (Hislops)

There is a plan in place for the hedges at 19 Brunel Walk

17 Faraday Gardens have removed the hedge, Darren to raise this with Adam.

A programme of "weed and feed" will take place on 3 areas, Bronte Avenue, Charlotte Avenue and the Southern Shelter Belt (by the Pirate Park). This will be reviewed in February/March to evaluate success before further roll out.

Darren to source quotations for matting or a pathway on the grass area adjacent to Tesco's.

Fence and gate repairs were outsourced by Hislops. The work on the Western Shelter Belt was completed, the work on the Southern Shelter Belt was poorly done, a child was injured as a result. NR had contacted the Hislops who rectified the poor work. The employee that undertook the work was fired.

Darren to communicate that any ad hoc job (not otherwise covered by the grounds maintenance contract with Hislops) must go through him, with either a personal sign off or upon provision of photographic evidence so that quality assurance of work undertaken can be gained.

Darren to investigate the ownership of the canopy by Tesco's and to look for alternative location.

Darren to investigate the cost of re-installing a boot scraper at the bottom end of Brunel Walk (at the resident's request) and to duplicate the same on the Southern Shelter Belt.

Tree roots outside 2 Livingstone way are impacting on the dwelling, Lee will carry out work to correct the roots.

Contact number for Darren is

6. Shelter Belts: Darren has sourced a £900 survey through Hislops, the ongoing work will then be put to tender. Approved

Investigation into the cost of repair to the cracked tarmac on the Southern Shelter Belt by the Teacup park. Darren aims to complete a 12 month and 5 year planned property maintenance plan to ensure necessary repairs and maintenance are carried out in a timely fashion and that they can be budgeted for.

7. Management Transfer: Eastern Shelter Belt is ready to be transferred

Eliot Way – Due to a parcel of land owned by Linden Homes near the Western Shelter Belt, Eliot Way is not to be adopted at the moment. If adopted, Linden Homes would have the right to develop it and demand access via West Drive, which would have to be granted. And have a significant affect on Fairfield residents.

Transfer of other additional land approved.

8. Rent Charge: Service Charge = £65, 726.64, £20, 267.56 has been allocated, leaving a balance of £45, 540.08. The tree reserve is £153, 749. 80 and the general account is £249, 811.98.

Darren to find out how much is still owed and what is being done to ensure payment.

NR requested a report detailing where we are in terms of service charge collection and where we will be.

9. Inclusive Play Equipment: NR met with Steve Dixon and Lee Abbott to discuss funding. Proposal that FPC, CBC and FPRA to joint fund the cost of £50, 000, CBC - £25, 000

and FPC and FPRA - £12, 500 each, but investigation is underway to see if funding can be sourced from elsewhere. Lee to work with Wicksteed to finalise the details of the equipment and its location.

10. Trim Trail: Amanda, Shaun and Nick have walked the potential sites to look at them again. When the sites and equipment are agreed there will be a consultation by FPC.
11. Urban Park Market on 30th November: SCA to post on facebook. Stall holders include - Lower Wilbury Farm, Gunns Bakers, Cardona, Wobbly Bottom Cheese, Scouts, Crafty's, WI, Refreshment Stand, Park Lane Jewellery, Bamboo Turtle, Purple Poppies, Bowls Club. The market will run between 10:00 and 15:00.
12. Charlotte Avenue private car park fence: Darren to write to the complainant.
13. Street lamps: Agreed to replace all of the street lamps with the new bulbs so that they are consistent across the park.
14. Friday 8th May 2020 is the VE day commemorative Bank holiday that has been moved from the normal Monday. Gerry Bygraves to represent FPRA as FPC are planning an event.
15. AOB: No items raised