

Fairfield Park Residents' Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of Fairfield Community Hall.

Actions arising in bold.

Apologies: Barrie and Peter

AGENDA

1. **Matters arising – not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda – from minutes of meeting of 10th April 2017**
Chris Jones is attending.
No matters arising from last meeting.
2. **Treasurers report** RR
FPRA spent a bit and had no money come in. Cash reserves £38.24 and £783.04 in the bank.
Potential payment for email addresses coming up soon.
3. **Communications** BD
Barrie issued a note beforehand. Facebook is updated and the website needs updating. **We should add an article on the increase in rent charge.** This is mentioned in the invoices which have been sent this week and will go on Facebook and in Fairfield Matters.
Scanlan now have the facility for online payments.
4. **Planning** SG
Nothing to report. Formal referendum will be held in the community hall on the adoption of the neighbourhood plan.
5. **Landscape, ground works and maintenance** NR
Complaints from residents about MBS have been passed to Chris Jones.
FPRA and CJ met with Martin Bass to tell him our expectations. He proposed to put extra people and extra days to sort out the problems.
CJ said there has already been a marked improvement. 4th day per week starting next week. MBS have official instruction and contract was renewed in July.
Results in increase in rent charge and the executive decision was taken.
Caroline resigned due to decision to increase rent charge to cover this.
It was noted that the rent charge did not increase for 5 years, however, it was felt by some members of FPRA that it would have been good to be consulted, although we may not have changed the

decision. Members agreed it was a procedural objection as opposed to an objection of the principle of the increase. Would have been possible to call an ad hoc meeting to discuss. It was discussed if the increase needed to be explained better to the residents.

Agreed that the feelings of the FPRA members re the decision should be brought to the attention of Peter Nash.

Reported that the road drains opposite 33 Charlotte Avenue were full of leave litter and litter. If this drain is in the road it is responsibility of CBC – if in parking areas, then FPRA responsible. CBC to clean all the roads in the next couple of months and **Nick to check if a gulley sucker will be brought.**

6. **Shelter belts** JT
Shelter belts are walked every day to check and nothing to report except horse chestnut trees along eastern boundary are diseased. In the western boundary belt the trees overhang between the pump station and the second stile over the hoggin path and need to be cut back here.
Wildflowers and southern boundary are looking good and the woodland belts are always well maintained.
Tree report has just come back and identifies around 40 trees as high priority. **Consider/investigate replacement of trees to be felled and share tree report with members.**
7. **Management transfer, roads adoption** PN
Some movement on adoption of Eliot Way and shelter belt, but no solution as yet.
8. **Rentcharge: budget, accounts, cash flow** PN
Executive decision to raise charges set a precedent and it should have been a committee meeting/decision. Why was there such a rush? Either there is a committee or there is not.
CJ mentioned that budget had to be approved by June to be agreed by Linden Homes. Shelter belts grew so much in spring-summer that the issue only became apparent recently. Peter was off on holiday thus further need for haste.
Not a big deal but Peter could have discussed it more.
9. **Urban Park: design progress report** SG
Need confirmation from Linden Homes on CSA fee for work to design Urban Park. Planning permission will be needed. Should be able to implement this winter provided CSA get fee agreed.
Confirmed the benches will be staying.
- 10 **FPC joint meeting: (FPRA, FHRC, Middlemarch RC) held on 22nd June 2017** NR
No decisions were made at the joint meeting, merely a discussion. Main concerns raised were odour issue and Neighbourhood Plan.

Asked about timeline for Urban Park scheme. Hall Directors mentioned vandalism and youth misbehaviour as concerns in the Hall, especially in relation to scaffolding.
Minutes will be on Parish Council website.

11 **The Smell**

Parish Council meeting last Thursday with Anglian Water who appeared insincere and did not answer the questions put to them. Derek Manning, resident and ex-employee of AW did say he though the plans, if implemented, would work. AW have till end November to install solution but works are planned for end October. Parish Council are keeping an eye on it. There was talk of £300k spent on remediation, including cover tanks, and add filter to purify the air/gas which is shot up into the air. AW did apologise.

12 **Salt for road gritting; storage and acquisition.**

BD

Salt discussed with CJ, MBS, PC and FPRA. Agreed FPRA will salt footpaths. Parish Council will pay 75% and FPRA 25% of salt and labour costs.

MBS staff on standby to implement. Paying retention to keep MBS on standby for 52nd week of year – Christmas week. If they do come out then, we will have to pay additional fee. **Steve to look out for forecast and warn MBS to grit.**

13 **17 Kipling Crescent; shrubbery overgrown and obstructing footpath.**

NR

Scanlan sent a letter and it is partially cleared.

Scanlan to send letter to owner of blue car parking in Urban Park entrance as well as resident of Hardy Way re green bags on fences.

Bins near Palmerston Way – will try to find a solution through FPRA and CJ.

14 **Any other business**

It was agreed that a General Meeting was required, although there were thoughts that as no decisions needed to be made, there was no need for a meeting. However, democracy for democracy's sake – thus we will have an AGM.

Date of next meeting was agreed??