

Fairfield Park Residents' Association

Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of Fairfield Community Hall

Attending: Nick Reynolds; Barrie Dack; Ray Robbins; Jerry Bygraves; Mike Glenister; Chris Jones; Adam Kightley

Apologies: Silke Gruner; Lee Abbott; Arthur Creighton; Steve Carrington

AGENDA

- 1 Matters arising - not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda - from minutes of meeting of 8 April 2019 - No actions NR
- 2 Communications - FPRA now own another domain name. No actions BD
- 3 Planning, including update on East of Arlesey Public enquiry- No actions NR/BD
- 4 Landscape, ground works and maintenance NR/CJ

Discussed the the general good state of maintenance and positive comments from residents to contractors.

The next tree survey is due in September 2019.

Discussed the provision an extra bench and seating for the Urban Park (already approved but specifically which table/bench) - **AK** to research the options and costs.

Discussed the need for a new gate into the young children's Urban Park play area for safety reasons. One of the current gates means that children & parents have to walk through the Tesco's car park first. Various options for location. Decided to wait for Hislop's new gate to be fitted, then reassess. **AK** to obtain a quote for a staggered gate.

- 5 Shelter belts - No actions CJ
- 6 Management transfer, roads adoption NR

Discussed the transfer and implications. It is for Linden Homes to trigger. To bring up at next meeting after more progress.

The need for a definitive map/plan of Fairfield Park in relation to FPRC responsibilities is required. **NR** to ask Linden Homes to provide.

- 7 Rentcharge: budget, accounts, cash flow NR/CJ

The new budget letters have gone out and there has been no response to

the 5% increase in budget.

It was pointed out that the letter had not included a Budget statement/forecast. **CJ** to action.

- 8 Report from Lee Abbott on inclusive play equipment LA

Verbal report given by NR in the absence of LA. Initial survey had identified that only two of the play areas were suitable for new inclusive play equipment. A similar provision in Stotfold had been paid for by S.106 monies from CBC. NR stated that this item is on the FPC agenda for Thursday, and he will try and get this put the list of projects to benefit from S.106 monies. **NR** to action.

- 9 Trim Trail and outdoor gym proposals from FPC, an update was given by NR NR

- 10 Bollards - procedure for opening them up for residents NR

It was agreed that there was a need to remind residents of their responsibilities if they request that bollards are unlocked. Follows recent incident on Connelly Lane of speeding vans. To restrict Hislop's from leaving a bollard unlocked over a weekend it will be necessary for committee members with FBII keys to take on the task of locking padlocks.

AK to draw up a set of safety instructions/liabilities for residents.

- 11 Dangerous manhole in southern shelter belt - fixed - No actions NR

- 12 Chris Jones is leaving Scanlans and will be replaced by Adam Kightley NR

CJ was thanked for his contributions to Fairfield Park over the years, and to wish him well with his new employment.

- 13 Urban Park Market - improvements: sheep pen; arch; charging; date for next one. NR

NR outlined the success, suggested that the next market will be a Xmas market towards the end of November or beginning of December. Intend to borrow the FPC inflatable arch, which will need branding for FPRA.

- 14 Charlotte Ave private carpark fence. CJ/NR

The history of this dispute was given to the committee. It was decided that an end must be put to this continuing as residents were getting fed up and it was taking up too much time of Scanlans.

Action: **CJ** to write to the Directors of the Crescent FP reiterate that they need to replace the fence (which has now fallen down).

- 15 Allotments and Garden of Remembrance. BD

The current position of plan for FPC to provide a Garden of Remembrance and allotments was outlined by BD. The committee unanimously agreed for allotments to be placed on FPRC land, as long as there is no expense incurred to the rentcharge - No actions

16 Any other business

CJ brought up the subject of weed and feed of grass areas and that it would be very expensive. It was discussed that a rotation of the areas that need treatment could be made of different years. AK to obtain quote for selective weed & feed.

NR informed the committee that the Garden City Hospice shop had muted the possibility of having a fund raising picnic on the grass of Connelly Lane - to await an official request.

Next Meeting to be on Tuesday 15 October 2019, at 7:30pm in the small meeting room of the Community Hall.