



Kingsmere Residents' Association Meeting

Date: Tuesday 3rd May, 19:00 – 20:30

Venue: The Round, St Edburg's School, Kingsmere.

Attendees

Graham Brogden (GB) – Co-chair, Viki Heil (VH) – Co-chair, David Waters (DW) – Secretary, Fiona Chalk (FC) – Communications, James Hiscott (JH) – Treasurer, Tracey Johnson (TJ), Andrew Goodwin (AG), Marcus Gilbert (MG), Dave Howard (DH), Michelle Taylor (MT), Darren Taylor (DT), Andy Lewis (AL), Phil McMillan (PM), Kim Aldridge (KA), Graeme Aldridge (GA), Mick Irving (MI), Geoff Carter (GC), David Penhallunck (DP), Fiona Penhallunck (FP), Rito Dipto (RD), Nic & Ian, John Bentley (JB), Shams Udrdin (SU), Misbah Shaheen (MS), Przemyslaw Rybka (PR), Ian Macrae (IM), Wiebke Macrae (WM), Tori Sayce (TS), Adrian Reeve (AR), Laura Day (LD), Peter Kemp (PK), Vickie Zielinski (VZ) – Community Development Officer - Cherwell District Council, Lewis Bankes-Hughes (LBH) – Planning Officer – Cherwell District Council.

1.1 Welcome and introductions

All attendees were welcomed to the meeting by KRA co-chair GB. GB thanked Margaret Kunzer (MK), Head teacher of St Edburg's School for hosting the meeting and her continued support of the KRA. On behalf of the KRA & residents, GB and VH presented MK with a cheque for £200 to be put towards the library for children attending the School.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies noted from: Matt Moulder (MM).

1.3 Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from previous meeting (28/01/16) reviewed & agreed.

1.4 Matters arising from previous minutes

Action points & updates to be covered within meeting agenda.

2.0 Annual Chairs report

GB presented his annual Chairs report (see appendix 1).

3.0 Annual Treasurer report

JH presented his annual Treasurer report, including a breakdown of current Association finances (see appendix 2).

4.0 Review of constitution

VH and GB presented the current constitution to the meeting; no issues were identified.

5.0 Election of Association committee members

VZ from CDC oversaw the election of new Association committee members. The following residents were voted into Association committee roles:

- Marcus Gilbert (MG) – Co-chair.
- Andy Levis (AL) – Co-chair.

No interest was noted for the following Association committee roles:

- Secretary.
- Treasurer.
- Communications.

It was decided that an Extraordinary Association meeting would be required at a later date, to vote in any residents who desired to take on a vacant committee position.

The following residents were keen to join the committee, and roles would be decided upon and formally ratified on at a future meeting:

- Chamms Urdin (CU).
- Ian Macrae (IM).
- Viki Heil (VH).
- Graham Brogden (GB).
- Kim Aldridge (KA).

UPDATE 01/09/16:

MG & AL have stepped down from their roles as co-chairs due to unforeseen personal circumstances. The KRA would like to thank them for their contribution to the Association and its activities. VH & GB have stepped back into their previous co-chair roles, as an interim measure.

6.0 Discussion of planning issues

LBH, Planning Officer from CDC updated the meeting concerning current planning issues. LBH gave some additional information concerning the plans for the community shop area (located opposite St Edburghs School); the ground floor spaces will be dedicated to retail units, however the 1st floor spaces (above the retail units) will be commercial office spaces. LBH also spoke briefly concerning the proposed retail park application located beside the Brewers Fayre; following planning refusal by CDC planning committee, an appeal was lodged by the developers. The appeal hearing was scheduled for 4th June 2016.

A number of questions were posed to LBH by attendees:

- Is the planned retail park exploring using the land in-between Tesco and Wyevale?
 - LBH was not aware of this.
- When will the play areas in Kingsmere be opened?
 - LBH explained the process of 'signing off' play areas, this included issuing completion certificates by CDC.
- Are there any updates on the Pavilion for the Sports Village?
 - No updates; VZ will raise this with her contact at CDC.
- Comment from FC, requesting more active consultation with residents and the KRA, concerning future and ongoing planning projects that affect Kingsmere.
- Concerns were voiced regarding the parking requirements for the office units, which are to be located about the retail units in the shopping area.
 - LBH will investigate further.
- Parking remains an issue along Whitelands Way, what can be done to address this?
 - Once Whitelands Way has been adopted by OCC, traffic offences (i.e. parking along WLW) can be enforced by OCC and the Police.
- Contractors appear to be parking on Whitelands Way also.
 - Residents are encouraged to approach the relevant site manager to address this.

LBH was thanked for attending the meeting and for updating residents on planning matters.

9.0 Open discussion

A number of questions were raised by attendees:

- Sections of path have been dug up (along Whitelands Way, beside new Linden Homes plots).
 - Temporary measure. Paths will be remade.
- IM had been experiencing delays in getting their telephone line installed, and requested advice from the Association.
 - AL will give the IM details of key contacts within BT/Openreach.
- What was the timescale for adoption of roads by OCC?
 - No information was available concerning this matter. However VZ from CDC did indicate that road adoption can sometimes take several years, as all issues/concerns concerning the road build need to be signed-off by OCC prior to adoption.
- Where can I see the plans for the Kingsmere Community Centre?
 - Plans are available for review online on the KRA Facebook page, and via the CDC Planning Department website (reference 15/02103/REM).
- Who should we report concerns to concerning pavements along Ascot Way, Bovis Homes or Countryside?
 - Raise this concern with Countryside.
- Are there any updates concerning the parking situation along Whitelands Way?
 - The Whitelands Way Action Group has recently met, and the meeting was well attended by residents. Claire Pickett continues to chair this group. Planned activities include a leaflet drop, working with our School to develop a future poster and maintaining our collaboration with Thames Valley Police, CDC and OCC concerning this matter.

10.0 Any other business

No AOB items.

11.0 Details of next meeting

The next KRA meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday 8th September 2016, 6:30 arrival for a prompt 19:00 start, closing at 20:30

The Round, St Edburg's School, Kingsmere, Bicester.