



Kingsmere Residents' Association Meeting

Date: Thursday 10th September 2015, 19:00 – 20:30
Venue: Council Chamber, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, OX26 6PS.

Attendees

Graham Brogden (GB) – Co-chair, Viki Heil (VH) – Co-chair, David Waters (DW) – Secretary, Fiona Chalk (FC) – Communications, James Hiscott (JH) – Treasurer, Fiona O’Neille (FO), John Bentley (JB), Ayad Ahmad (AA), Laura Day (LD), Debbie Pickford (DP) – Town Councillor, S. Escoh (SE), Dave Howard (DH), Ann Howard (AH), Bob Mott (BM), Ann Mott (AM), Donna Khan (DK), Alan Khan (AK), Michele Clamp (MC), Tracey Banks (TB), Claire Onody (CO), Ryan Onody (RO), Adrian Reeve (AR), Miranda Markham (MM) – Bicester Village, Ian Wilkins (IW), Przemyslav Rybka (PR), Mike Henderson (MH), Peter Evans (PE), Michael Cowley (MC), Thomas Burgess (TB), Andrea Bingen (AB), Jon Heil (JH), Tori Sayce (TS), Michele Lucatello (ML), Roberto Lucatello (RL), Jules Gough (JG), Vanessa Curtis (VC), Sarah Plater (SP), Dan Bramwell (DM).

1.1 Welcome and introductions

All attendees were welcomed to the meeting by KRA co-chair GB.

1.2 Aims and objectives for KRA meeting

GB provided some brief background to the KRA and outlined the key aims and objectives for the meeting.

1.3 Apologies

Apologies noted from: PC Matt Longman (ML) – Thames Valley Police, Scott Young (SY) – Countryside Properties, Andy Levis (AL), Marcus Gilbert (MG), Richard Herbert (RH), Mary Herbert (MH), Lyn Gilbert (LG),

1.4 Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from previous meeting (20/05/15) reviewed & agreed.

1.5 Matters arising from previous minutes

Action points & updates to be covered within meeting agenda.

2.0 Broadband campaign update

Developers signed contracts with BTOpenreach for work required to install high speed internet across Kingsmere, this is due to be completed by January/February 2016. The KRA Broadband Action Group will monitor the installation progress and update residents if required.

3.0 Community centre update

VH updated the meeting concerning the Kingsmere Community Centre. Plans for the building have been approved by the Bicester Town Council planning committee. The building will be 252 square feet and will include a kitchen, offices, a café area, landscaped outdoor areas, a dedicated youth space and two meeting rooms. A KRA working group has been formed. Please contact VH if you are interested in getting involved with this particular project.

4.0 Countryside Properties/development update

SY was unable to attend the meeting, so no formal update was given from Countryside Properties concerning Kingsmere.

5.0 Bicester Village development update

MM (Community Relations Director from Bicester Village) attended the meeting to provide an update on the proposed future Bicester Village expansion (associated with the Tesco relocation). The expansion was approved by CDC planning committee over 3 years ago; however building work was delayed due to financial challenges. Roads approaching Bicester Village and the new Tesco Extra store will be remodelled over the coming year. This will include a 'hamburger' style roundabout by the Esso garage to facilitate traffic flow. The expansion of Bicester Village onto the Tesco site will take around 2-3 years; this will feature additional flag-ship stores, boutiques, further landscaping and car parking. The Park & Ride facility is due to open in October 2015; buses will connect this facility to Bicester Village, in addition it is planned that Bicester to Oxford buses will also stop there.

MM commented on Black Friday and highlighted that Bicester Village was not actively promoting this. Appropriate traffic management measures were planned for this date and for the run-up to the Christmas shopping period.

A number of questions posed by attendees:

- Who is maintaining the Park & Ride?
 - MM: OCC own this, however was supported by £3.2million investment from Bicester Village for the initial development of the site.
- Will there be buses to London or airports from the Park & Ride?
 - MM: Discussions are occurring regarding this.
- With the move of the Tesco store, will the petrol station also move?
 - MM: A petrol station will be built at the new Tesco site.
- Will you be able to walk from the new Park & Ride to Bicester Village?
 - MM: Yes, this was insisted upon by CDC during the planning process.

GB thanks MM for attending the meeting.

6.0 Kingsmere Retail Park update

DB, who was representing the proposed Bicester Gateway project joined the meeting. DB presented proposed plans, highlighting position, appearance and retailers who had bought into the project. Currently Marks & Spencer, Next and a 24 hour gym had expressed an interest. Benefits associated

with the project include significant financial investment, addition of accessible retail outlets for local residents and creation of around 300 jobs. The planning proposal was due to be presented to the Cherwell District Council planning committee on 1st October 2015; DW on behalf of the KRA committee is attending this meeting.

GB thanks DB for attending the meeting.

ACTION: DW to report back to next KRA meeting concerning outcome of CDC planning committee meeting.

7.0 Update on any development snagging issues

GB requested that any development snagging issues (i.e. roads, landscaping) be communicated to the KRA, who would then collate and forward directly onto SY at Countryside Properties.

Refuse concerns: GB highlighted some concerns residents had voiced re refuse collections. GB pointed out that any refuse collection issues can be escalated directly within CDC.

Parking on Whitelands Way: The issue of inconsiderate parking along Whitelands Way was raised. A KRA working group has been set up, please contact the KRA committee if you are interested in getting involved. The group are planning their first meeting.

Middleton Stoney Road Speeding: Concerns were voiced re the excessive speed of some drivers along the Middleton Stoney Road. GB on behalf of the KRA has been emailing companies directly, if the vehicles are commercial, i.e. delivery vans. Some companies have been quite responsive and apologetic. Thames Valley Police remain engaged with policing this area of road and performing speed checks. Traffic calming measures are due to installation prior to the Kingsmere primary school opening (January 2016).

8.0 Any other business

A number of questions were raised by attendees:

- What can be done concerning noisy dogs within the development?
 - DW: This can be escalated within CDC via their Environmental Health team. Noise diaries are often required as evidence of disturbance.
- Any news on a letter box on Kingsmere?
 - GB: No news on this matter.

Action: KRA committee to investigate whether a post box is scheduled for installation on Kingsmere?

9.0 Details of next meeting

The next KRA meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday 28th January 2016, 19:00 – 20:30, St Edburg's School, Kingsmere, Bicester.