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Date: Wednesday 5th July 2017, 19:00 – 20:15

Venue: St Edberg's Primary School, Kingsmere

Guests:-

Rosie Phillips – Cherwell District Council Development Partner

Richard Emery & Steve Price – Countryside

Richard Macer & Claire Cahill – Blast Productions

Residents:-

J Pain, S & I Abo Elnor, M Greenhill, J Yan, R & A Tariq, I & W Macrea, C Otalora, C Cheetham, G Carter, M Irving, W & C Toh, S & W Waddup, A Burgess, A Sokotowska, L Day, E Wilson, R Parrott, N Kerby, A Ardington, A Crofts, N Gallear, P Rybua, E Gordon, T Lamb, M Gilbert, M Maunder, D Liwall, A Reeve, M Kunzer, J Bentley, G Brogden, V Heil, B Taunton

Apologies:

Mike Smith – Highways

1.1 Welcome & Introductions

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

1.2 GB introduced to new residents the reasons the KRA exists, some of the past successes, such as the BT Broadband campaign and our hopes that the KRA can continue to represent and foster a sense of community within the development of Kingsmere.

1.3 Thanks to M Kunzer for the use of the school.

1.4 VH - Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were not going to be discussed due to the time constraints of guests and heat so everyone could get home in good time to enjoy the good weather.

2.0 Rosie Phillips. Rosie is the new Developments Partner at Cherwell District Council. She is working on Kingsmere and another development in Banbury. Rosie has been in post for the last 8 weeks and will be for the next 13 months. Rosie's primary role is to help form a Community Association that will eventually take over the running of the new Community Centre. Rosie has been walking around the estate, knocking on doors to say hello but not seen many people in the day. Rosie's contact details are rosie.phillips2@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

2.1 Community Centre. Work has started and it is due for completion Spring/March 2018.

The plans can be seen on the Cherwell planning website, application number:

15/02103/REM; 15/00104/SO and 17/00025/NMA. Rosie has already been contact by 5 + groups interested in hiring the community centre to run groups. Rosie said there is some very impressive public art to be installed in the centre

2.2 Rosie is happy to help and be a point of contact for anything relating to the council. She works for Cherwell but if the matter is dealt with by Bicester Town Council (BTC) or Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) she will pass it on and try to get answers.



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- 2.3 Newsletter. Rosie and the team at Cherwell will be producing a newsletter for Kingsmere. If you have anything that you want putting in the newsletter, if you want to publicize anything please email Rosie.
- 2.4 Bicester Gateway – It has been approved and confirmed there will be a Next, M&S and one other retail unit still TBC. Planning Application No. 16/02586/OUT
- 2.5 Sports Pavilion – Due to open September 2017 and will also include a large function room. Rosie attending a meeting on Friday 7th July. She will have more details then. Planning Application No. 15/01615/F. Countryside said they are keen to sponsor a sports team.
- 2.6 Whiteland Way (WW) – OCC are aware this is a 'rat run' not sure why as Vendee Drive was built to avoid this. OCC will adopt WW once David Wilson development has been completed and they are considering a 20 mph limit and/or white lines to try to reduce speeds. All roads are OCC responsibility (once adopted). OCC want to stop parking on WW. Rosie said double yellow lines are going to be installed.
- 2.7 Concern was raised over WW at the Sports Pavilion and the amount of traffic, parking entrance point to pavilion on a corner.
- 2.8 A gentleman who has represented the KRA at OCC meetings about WW spoke about how concerns/suggestions had been laughed at in previous planning meetings e.g. having access to pavilion from Vendee Drive rather than WW.
- 2.9 JB raised concerns over the junctions of Haydock Road meeting Pioneer Way, no clear signage, very wide section of road not clear who has right of way. CC suggested there should be a roundabout here.
- 2.10 JB raised concerns with junction with Pioneer Way and the A41. A yellow box is required to indicate to people on the A41 that there is a junction. It is felt people are not seeing the lights. GC suggested cameras be put on the lights to catch people who are going through the red lights. Another resident suggested cutting back the hedges in the middle of the A41 maybe a first step to making this junction safer.
- 2.11 CC asked if double yellow lines will be put on Pioneer Way to prevent overflow parking to the Gateway retail development?
- 2.12 Are there any plans to improve cycling routes off Kingsmere into town?
- 2.13 Tesco trollies being wheeled through estate and dumped. The resident had approached Tesco but were told there is nothing they can do. GB stated this is unusual for Tesco as the KRA contact in Tesco (Celia) is normally very good. Can grates be put in to prevent trollies from being taken off the Tesco site?
- 2.14 Rosie asked everyone who is concerned about these points to email her directly. She can then use the emails to show people (the council) how many people are concerned.
- 2.15 Rosie will be in Brewers Fayre on Monday 10th July between 9 – 11 if you would like to speak with her about joining the Community Association or other matters.
- 3.0 Blast Films Claire Cahill introduced herself and explained they are in the process of making two 1 hour films on behalf of BBC2. These are about the housing crisis, new housing developments and they create a sense of community and integrate with the communities they are being built in and around. They are filming all over Oxfordshire speaking with Developers, Builders, South Oxfordshire District Council, West Cherwell, Schools etc. You may see them around Kingsmere over the next few months, say hello. If you feel you have something you want to share with Claire about your experience of joining the new



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4.0 Middleton Stoney Road (MSR) / Roads Update – MS had sent his apologies BT a resident gave an update on what had been happening primarily with the MSR.

4.1 Issues with crossing the MSR raised back in January 2016. No progress by March 2017 so a meeting was called by the KRA and St. Edburg's school. 23 attended the first meeting inc Mike Smith from /highways, Councillor Les Sibley and Steve Emery from Countryside.

Concerns were heard and it was agreed the MSR was a primary concern for people's safety. A second meeting was held on 10th April with 10 attendees from both Kingsmere and Kings End. This led to the Big Crossing Day to raise awareness. This was planned to coincide with the launch of Healthy Bicester launch on 13th May. Posters and logos (Taylor Johnson) were designed by school. Our own traffic survey was carried out (70 people in 1 hour). Media were contacted. Leaflets delivered to all of Kingsmere + School bag drop. Final planning meeting on 8th May (attend by 9).

4.2 Big crossing day 151 people crossed in 90 minutes (10.00 – 11.30); 91 adults, 61 children 6 dogs. Adults – 79 foot, 12 bike, Children – 28 foot, 12 bike, 5 scooter, 15 pushchair. Council cancelled their survey planned for same day.

4.3 Jacqui Cox is new contact, has confirmed we will have a crossing, should be by Spring 2018. BT holding JC to the timeline she has supplied. BT is expecting a meeting with JC to discuss progress in the next month.

4.4 There are planned works on West side of Oxford road and south side of MSR up to Newton Close to put in a path.

4.5 Countryside have put in plans for additional road in to Kingsmere from MSR between Shakespear Drive and Howes Lane – Be aware if this does go ahead there could be temporary traffic lights (Possible October/November time) – Countryside thought more likely early 2018.

4.6 Concerned about U turns on A41 were raised.

4.7 GB reassured everyone that other road/parking issues have not been forgotten. Focused on MSR as many children crossing and this could be addressed as the road is already adopted. All issues will be addressed in time.

5.0 Countryside – Strategic developers of Kingsmere, put in key infrastructure but each developer is responsible for their own site. Phase 1 started 2008 with 1600 new homes planned of which about 800 are now occupied. Phase 2 now has been given consent for 700 more homes starting in March 2018. Kingsmere total 2400 homes. Phase 2 includes a two form primary school.

5.1 – Travel surveys issued. Will be doing this again. There are speaking with stage coach about bus times/frequencies etc.

5.2 – Secondary school - Due diligence is taking place before the land can be handed over to OCC. This should happen by the end of the year and plans should be seen early next year.

Due to be a 600 place Sports Academy expected for September 2019

5.3 – Countryside are responsible for building the community centre. Due March 2018. They are putting out to tender the building of the community retail space to specialist builders. It is not yet known what the anchor store will be.



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5.4 – St Edburg's school temporary car park will be relocated to the same side as the school to allow for Bovis to start construction.

5.5 – Steve confirmed there is no consent for flats above the retail space and it will be office space.

5.6 – Postbox – The Royal Mail has promised to put this in by the school. They later changed their mind and want to put in by the A41. Victoria Prentis MP involved. Told Royal Mail we need it by the school, this should have been done by Christmas 2016. Royal Mail refusing as not been adopted. There is one planned for in the village centre. We continue to push for this but likely it is not coming until the village centre is constructed.

5.7 – Countryside are only responsible for the parks in the communal areas. Parks on each builders developments are the developers responsibility. Issues raised include:

Thorns & thistles in Foxey Leys. Poor design of Foxey Leys. Only for certain ages i.e. can't have siblings playing in the same park if there is an age gap. The design is done in conjunction with Cherwell as they adopt them. Steve will speak to them about this.

Rubbish bins not being emptied in parks (Crompton Rd). Cherwell litter pick weekly.

5.8 GB stated infrastructure will come as the council adopt each development. There has been a drop in standards in the last few months. This is between developers and their ongoing maintenance contracts. Another resident stated the tardiness of the contractors is leading to bigger issues as seeds are starting to root in the roads making the job bigger.

5.9 – Countryside are keen to sponsor any groups. If you know of a team that needs sponsorship please speak to Richard or Steve.

5.10 – Sandown Road. No road signage, road not complete and no boards up to protect residents from dust.

5.11 – Blind spot at end of Pioneer road joining WW.

6.0 Other Updates

6.1 GB We hope to have up to date plans and the developers for both Bicester Gateway and the St. Edburgs Walk (SEW) developments at the next KRA meeting planned for September.

6.2 The developers of SEW carried out a survey of 2000 people in sheep street recently. 76% travel outside of Bicester to do their main stream shopping. This is not very reflective of our Eco Town status.

7.0 The KRA

7.1 VH reminded that the KRA is run on a voluntary basis as are all the meetings. GB & VH the Co-Chairs will be standing down at the next AGM in September as they stayed on to keep the KRA going. Both GB & VH are stepping down to allow new blood/fresh eyes build on the work of the KRA to date. New committee members are needed otherwise the KRA will cease to exist. VH explained that would be a shame given the incredible sense of community everyone has created and the successes of the KRA to date.

7.0 A.O.B

7.1 It was requested that anyone presenting at meetings have visuals for all to see.

The meeting closed.