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Kingsmere Residents' Association

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Date:	Tuesday 29 th January 2019
Venue:	Youth Centre, Kingsmere Community Centre

Guests:-	
Margaret Kunzer (MK)	Head Teacher, St. Edburg's School
Vicky Hodgins (VHo) and Carla Wilson (CW)	Directors, Kingsmere Community Centre
Cllr Debbie Pickford (DP)	Bicester Town Council (BTC)
Cllr Les Sibley (LS)	Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
Richard Emery (RE)	Senior Project Manager, Countryside

Attendees:-	
Bryan Taunton (BT) KRA Co-Chair; Viki Heil (VHe) KRA Co-Chair; Teresa Lamb (TL) KRA Secretary & School & Young People's Ambassador; Joe McKenna (JM) KRA Treasurer; John Bentley (JB) KRA Community Development Ambassador; Ashley Hayden (AH) KRA Green Space Ambassador; Graham Brogden (GB) KRA Patron; Cllr Nick Cotter (NC) BTC; Charles Toh resident; Wendy Toh resident; Adrian Reeve resident; Mary Herbert resident; Richard Herbert resident; Bob Mott resident; Barbara Mott resident; Alison Pearce resident; Gary Shepherd resident; Michelle Shepherd resident; Nick Starren resident; Ayad Ahmad resident; Nick Patrick resident; Laura Patrick resident; Sandra Ibrahiem resident; Gill Cornes resident; Mike Cornes resident; Jacintha Climo resident; Stephen Climo resident; Joanne Hayden resident; Paul Tyler resident.	

Apologies:	
Cllr Lucinda Wing, Cherwell District Council (CDC); Inspector Wendy Percival, Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police; Sgt Kerry O'Leary, Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police; Tim Davies, Bicester Community Warden; Steve Price, Countryside Regional Director of Planning; Nicola Riley, CDC; Ryan Onody, resident.	
None received from Cllr Dan Sames	

	<u>Item</u> Issues Discussed [Actions]	By Whom	By When
1	<u>Welcome & introductions.</u> Introduced AH, who joined the KRA committee at the last meeting (AGM) and has subsequently been given the role of "Green Space Ambassador".	BT	√
2	<u>Apologies.</u> Received from Cllr Lucinda Wing, Inspector Wendy Percival, Sgt Kerry O'Leary, Tim Davies, Steve Price, Nicola Riley, Ryan Onody (as above).	BT	√
3	<u>Matters arising from previous minutes.</u>	VHe	√



	<p>As of today these are now available on the KRA website. Copies of the minutes were circulated at this meeting and no matters arising were raised.</p>		
4	<p><u>Police Update.</u> Members of Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Policing team were unable to attend the meeting. Tim Davies, Bicester Community Warden and Accredited Community Support Officer (CDC) provided an update via email which BT read out.</p> <p>Since the community team last attended a KRA meeting they have conducted twice-weekly evening patrols during the summer months, dealing with anti-social behaviour (ASB) as well as community engagement. They involved themselves with the opening of Kingsmere Community Centre and look forward to further involvement in the future concentrating on youth provision.</p> <p>Vandalism/criminal damage has decreased greatly over the last 6 months due to many factors including more visibility from all agencies including CDC and TVP, who work in partnership to deal with issues within the Kingsmere Community. There were a couple of reported incidents over the summer months of 2018, including racist graffiti on Whiteland Way Park (Whitelands Farm park?) and criminal damage to trees and shrubbery. These incidents have been dealt with and offenders of other minor ASB identified. Tim has carried out double patrols with PCSOs in the area and they have spoken to many families with concerns (some just because they are new to the area) and signposted them to the appropriate people/areas. They hope to continue this relationship with the community in 2019 and beyond. Tim would like the residents of Kingsmere to know that the Community Safety team remain focused on reducing ASB and making the community feel safer and hopefully more resilient and confident in taking ownership of their community.</p> <p>It was reiterated that crime needs to be reported to the police - not on social media. If a crime is in progress call 999 (you will be given a crime reference number); if a crime has already occurred call 101 (you will be given a unique reference number - URN). If one has concerns about persons involved in anti-social behaviour then Tim Davies can be contacted on 07917040323.</p> <p>BT also gave an update from the Police Community Resilience meeting on 23rd January. This meeting also reiterated the importance of reporting incidents to the police via 999/101 as appropriate - not on social media.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood policing focus for the next 3 months will be Anti-social behaviour; Cycling in pedestrian areas (such as</p>	BT	Ongoing



	<p>Sheep Street); Speeding (particularly in Langford Village - the meeting was held in Langford on this occasion). [ACTION: All resident to continue to report incidents or concerns via the appropriate channels.]</p>		
5	<p><u>Kingsmere Community Centre Update.</u> Lots of activity at the centre since it opened in September 2018. 230hours bookings in September; 1030hrs in November; 580hrs in December and 330hrs so far in January (closed over Christmas period and some groups only run term-time). Lots of different groups are using the centre and they have held a variety of different events: a concert attended by ~150 people; St Edburg's school KS2 carol concert (~300 people: children, staff and parents); Christmas Fair; charity coffee mornings (Poppies and Pudsey). During the previous week the centre was involved in "Village Hall Week" and held extra events including additional play sessions, an over 50's group, an open evening and Geocaching. Coming up KCC are hosting a production in partnership with the Mill Arts Centre on 2nd March; there is a bridge club starting on 5th March; and workshops on cake decorating and life coaching are also being held. The KCC website has now launched and they thanked James Hiscott for all of the work on this. A cafe manager has been identified who will launch it with the aim of someone taking over the role. The cafe is going to be open for coffee mornings every Friday from now on and it is hoped that opening will be extended to include another weekday and possibly a Saturday or Sunday too. The centre continues to fundraise to get a defibrillator installed and they are planning to have a young persons' awareness event later in the year. Laura Patrick (resident) offered to arrange some free defibrillator training through her employer (South Central Ambulance Service) if a defibrillator is installed. The KCC team invites any resident with a skill or interest to share/utilise, or who just wants to get involved to volunteer. [ACTION: Residents interested in getting involved to contact KCC team.]</p>	VHo/ CW	Ongoing
6.	<p><u>Bicester Town Council (BTC) Update.</u> In May the boundaries of the town council wards are changing, with Kingsmere being within Bicester South, with Langford Village. Debbie Pickford is not standing in that ward so will no longer be our representative after that time. Amongst other things, BTC is responsible for cemeteries and parks. BTC has an ongoing programme of updating parks across the town.</p>	DP	



	<p>BTC is working with Cherwell District Council and Chesterton Parish council to develop plans for Burnehyll Community Woodland (between Kingsmere and Chesterton, off Vendee Drive behind the park and ride). The land is due to be handed over by Countryside at the time of the 1st occupied property on phase 2 (approximately autumn 2019). There is a “Friends of Burnehyll Community Woodland” group that residents are encouraged to get involved with. There will also be allotments at this site.</p> <p>Cemeteries: Land has been allocated as part of the Eco village development (Elmsbrook) for a new cemetery. It will NOT be near Vendee Drive (the water table is too high so would never be a suitable site). The existing cemetery will NOT be extending further into Pingle Field.</p> <p>GB asked DP about mainstream retail in Bicester and regeneration of Sheep Street. DP explained that high streets across the country are struggling and having to change, due to changing habits and internet shopping. Also the impact of out-of-town/edge-of-town developments, such as M&S Food to open at new Kingsmere retail park, with threat to town centre store. Bicester Town Council will do it’s best to encourage and support the town centre, but the council can’t do much.</p>		
7.	<p><u>Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Update.</u></p> <p>Kingsmere Retail Park – it is a shock that the new M&S store will only be a food store and not clothes like the one in Banbury. This is a further worry for Bicester town centre.</p> <p>Health village: Consultation was held last year. Collaboration between Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Countryside. Plans were submitted for up to 100 residential units and large surgery. CCG is looking to create 2 hubs of surgeries (Coker close existing site plus a new site at either Kingsmere or Graven Hill). LS has put forward some concerns regarding the plans (it is a large scale hub of surgeries: 5,400sq ft; 3 floors), particular regarding adequate parking and worries about the cumulative traffic impact on the area due to all the different developments within such a small area.</p> <p>Positive news: the Middleton Stoney Road crossing has been installed - thanks to St Edburg’s school children and staff, and the KRA. Example of the community working together.</p> <p>The footpath from Newton Close to Oxford Road has also been completed. Further work to the northern section of Middleton Stoney Road to Howes Lane to make foot/cycle path improvements is planned.</p> <p>Flooding by the original pedestrian crossing half-way up</p>	LS	



	<p>Middleton Stoney Road will hopefully be resolved soon – OCC and Countryside are coming together to get it fixed. Richard Emery said that he hoped they now had a solution so it should be fixed in the springtime.</p> <p>A41: There has been a traffic signage and marking review (including Pioneer Way junction and Vendee Drive roundabout).</p> <p>Mary Herbert (resident) asked when the Bicester ring road would be completed to relieve the traffic pressure on this section of A41. LS replied that this would be dependent on the outcome of the Oxford-Cambridge expressway route decision.</p> <p>In Kingsmere double yellow lines have been installed on main trunk roads and are working.</p> <p>A resident asked if the road (bus route) could/would be gritted – LS to ask if Whitelands can be added to gritting route even if not yet adopted.</p> <p>Road safety: Problems at Vendee Drive roundabout, Pioneer Way junction and U-turns at Tesco traffic lights. Urgent review. LS to attend a road safety meeting at OCC on 11th March. He will be discussing some of the information already collected but if residents have other examples/evidence could they email it to him prior to the meeting.</p> <p>DP: Civil parking enforcement (such as double yellow lines) – CDC/OCC partnership looking to take this on (currently enforced by police). CDC and OCC are also working together to repair Vendee Drive roundabout.</p> <p>[ACTION: LS to ask if Whitelands Way can be added to gritting route even if it is not yet adopted]</p> <p>[ACTION: LS to feedback outcome of A41 safety review and meeting on 11th March]</p>		
8.	<p>(Cherwell District Council representative for Kingmere not in attendance but CDC update covered by DP/LS in previous sections.)</p>		
9.	<p><u>Countryside Update.</u></p> <p>Countryside provide the infrastructure and sell parcels of to different housebuilders/specialist developers.</p> <p>There are currently 4 house builders on phase 1:</p> <p>Bellway – due to complete phase 1 April/May (have parcel in phase 2 to start)</p> <p>Persimmon – complete June</p> <p>Bovis – have finished development at MSR end of estate and 1st occupations of new site between Persimmon and village centre.</p> <p>Linden – Whitelands Way – due to complete April and have started on new parcels next to school/towards Esso.</p>	RE	



<p>No adoptions of roads have taken place yet. It required 80% of properties fronting the road to be completed. Phase 1 has been divided into 4 sections, with the first section due to be presented to OCC in April.</p> <p>MSR – 2year maintenance period ended in September 2018 and necessary repairs to speed pillows were made.</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance of street lights (Countryside responsible for Whitelands Way, Pioneer Way and Hexham, plus Friars walk footpath). RE has checked tonight and identified 5 lights that need to be repaired.</p> <p>Play areas – Countryside responsible for 12 main play areas (house builders are responsible for additional smaller parks). Countryside are the process of getting their play areas adopted by CDC this year. All of their parks undergo annual ROSPA inspections – these are due in February.</p> <p>Tree replacements – vandalism and some don't take. There is only a short planting window.</p> <p>The Adoption Manager for CDC (Tim Screening) was on sight in January – areas won't be adopted until everything is right.</p> <p>Travellers – some measures have been put in place but still need to look at phase 2.</p> <p>(Comment from resident that the car park barriers at the Whitelands Farm Sports Pavilion are still left open.)</p> <p>Community Centre – maintenance ends in April</p> <p>Car parking – looking at relaxing double yellow lines at school drop-off/pick-up times and to consult with stakeholders regarding installing ANPR enforcement at village centre (shops/community centre) car park.</p> <p>Shops (by Community Centre) are due to be handed over in mid-February – it will then take a few weeks for them to be fitted out before opening. Parking behind the shops has been amended and will provide parking for shop staff, as well as residents of the flats above the shops.</p> <p>The retail park (near Brewers Fayre) is due to be completed in the autumn/before the end of the year. There will be some changes to the A41 as part of the retail development (ACTION: KRA (BT) to contact Jehu to get details about what work is planned/if there will be lane closures/planned timeline.)</p> <p>Phase 2: Cala homes showhome to open in August. Cala have 2 parcels; Bellway have 3 parcels and are due to start building in April. There will be 2 temporary access roads from Vendee Drive, as well as the main entrance. Work on Vendee Drive will start once the work on the MSR entrance has been completed. There will be a temporary reduction in the speed limit on Vendee Drive to 30mph while these works are</p>		
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	<p>undertaken. Residents are reminded to use the enquiries@kingsmereinfo.co.uk email to raise any issue or ask questions relating to the development.</p>		
10.	<p><u>St Edburg's school Update</u> The school has now been on the Kingsmere site for 3 years. There are now 350 children at the school and this will increase to 400 in September when 13/14 classrooms will be in use. The design and position of the school means that it faces into the centre of the community and the school loves to linking with the community: Countryside; the Community Centre. Other groups that the school has worked with are arts/sports/schools partnership; weekly church visits; OYAP – school was involved in the lantern parade. Parking – school are aware of the problems and have tried to implement drop-off zones at both the front of school and Cartmel – this has reduced the number of cars needing to park by ~25 a day. The school Open Evening will be on 21st March.</p>	MK	
11.	<p><u>Secondary School Plans Update</u> Following the concerns raised by residents, the plans for the secondary school were modified and needed to back through planning consent. TL received an email from Liz Clutterbrook (OCC Project Delivery Lead) which said “Kevin Broughton has confirmed that he has had no objections to the application so it can be dealt with as a delegated decision which he expects to get done by the deadline for determination which is 27th February.”</p>	TL	
12.	<p><u>Environmental Issues</u> Volunteers are invited to attend the “Friends of Burnehyll Community Woodland” meeting on 12th February at 7:30pm in Chesterton. In March AH is going to organise a litter pick (to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean). This will be advertised via the KRA Facebook page.</p>	AH	
13.	<p><u>Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 6 month review</u> The double yellow lines have now been down for 6 months and OCC have asked us to review how they are working. There was a show of hands of meeting attendees to indicate if they thought they were working: 0 thought they were NOT working ~60% thought they were working (~40% abstained/thought they were working to some extent/working but with issues)</p>	BT	



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	KRA is aware of pockets of issues including Haydock Road (near junction with Whitelands Way) and speeding on Whitelands Way (MSR end).		
14.	<u>Open Panel Discussion</u> This mainly focussed on proposals for health village (raised by JM). Discussion around the parking provision and that there would be consultation on the location of the hub. As part of the planning application process there will be formal public consultation. All residents should engage with consultation process as it is such an important issue.		
15.	<u>Any Other Business</u> Dave and Ann Howard (who could not be present at the meeting) have succeeded in their campaign to get "Chesterton" removed from Kingmere addresses. Dave and Ann have also secured a discount on "Ring" products. A previous discount was available and a 2 nd will be advertised on KRA Facebook page as of tonight (29/01/19) and will be valid until March.		

The meeting closed at: 21:03