

MINUTES

MEETING NAME: The Parks Community Association

MEETING DATE AND TIME: 14th November 2013, 7.30pm

PRESENT: Christina Akinwande (CA)
Emma Walker (EW)
Amy Chapman (AC)
Councillor Shelagh Pile (Cllr SP)
Councillor Trevor Kensall (Cllr TK)
Councillor Chris Turrell (Cllr CT)
Lesley Doyle (LD)
Paul Regan (PR)

APOLOGIES: Martin Reilly (MR)
Adam Howard (AdH)

1.	<p>Welcome and introductions Apologies were noted.</p>	Action
2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising The minutes of the last meeting were correct. Updates on the actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Car Parking</u>: LESLEY? - <u>Neighbourhood Survey</u>: no comments received, however, the group approved the survey to go ahead (see further discussions at point 5). - <u>TVHA Funding</u>: AC investigated and funding can only be sought once charitable status had been achieved. To follow up as appropriate. - <u>Publicity Signage</u>: MR / LD to organise. To update at next meeting. NB: PR stated he had building photos that could be listed on the new Website asap. 	LD MR/LD
3.	<p>Update on Community Centre/Sports Pavilion</p> <p>LD reported that building has begun and the car park has been levelled ready. The foundations for the building are to be begun next week which is great news. There is a new Clerk of Works working for Bracknell Forest Council who is very proactive and he will be keeping an eye on things at the location.</p> <p>The group expressed their concerns about the ongoing drainage issues – AP (Alan Pitt) has indicated that this shouldn't be an issue as (since the sink holes were done and tests performed) the drainage implemented on site has improved the problems. PR did inform the group that the flooding Typhoon Close side of the path (running in front of the site) is better but there are still issues beyond it...where the entrance to the car park will be. It is thought this is coming from the flat football pitches – there are extended concerns about how this will be further made worse when the pitches are laid with whatever surface has been chosen. LD will follow this up with AP at their meeting next week and feedback to the clerk of works.</p> <p>PR told the group that from what he could see after the heavy rain, that the balancing ponds</p>	LD

	<p>for drainage to the bottom of the development appeared to be coping with the rainfall. This is good news.</p> <p>The group raised the following concerns for LD to raise with the contractors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The workmen are on site before 8am (as agreed with the contractors). This is causing disturbance to the residents especially on Typhoon Close. Please can the workmen be asked to turn off engines / radios before 8am. ▪ A well established tree has been cut down in front of the community centre site. 2 issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was there any consultation about this tree being removed (is it protected etc) as there was no consultation with residents. - Will there be some screening put up as residents on Typhoon Close can see all of the work taking place that was previously shielded by this tree? ▪ Signage for work traffic at the end of Typhoon Close: There are lots of work vehicles coming into Typhoon Close having to turn around in a very small area. There are concerns over safety for the house / vehicles / people in this area. 	LD
4.	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>The group reassured LD that we are keen to take forward the running of the Community Centre on its opening. Completion is still due July – September 2014 so this is when we have to aim to have lots of final points agreed by.</p> <p>The RA has successfully set up its website – we need to chase the CA site to have set up ASAP to advertise the group and start getting some interest.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would need to have a larger meeting to encourage people to attend and get to know the group and what we do and in turn have more sign up to the association. As a result, it was agreed that we will plan for a meeting in January (pre meeting arranged for early January) and our Inaugural General Meeting in March (hopefully!).</p> <p>We must agree a date in January and again in March at a suitable location (the group agreed Ranelagh school might be good) to advertise and have more people attend. LD to look at availability and we will agree as a group the dates.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>LD / ALL</p>
5.	<p>Community Centre Neighbourhood Survey</p> <p>No comments were received but the group agreed the survey. We asked last time if we would be able to see the data from the survey and LD said that we would be able to receive non-identifiable data which would help inform us about the residents in the area and the services they would like to receive.</p> <p>It was agreed that the group would like to have a flyer advertising the survey to people (with an online link and some hard copies available too) and would be happy to door knock in due course. AC/EW to draft a flyer for LD to print ASAP for us to distribute (include link to survey, details of January meeting, link to CA section of the website, Facebook link) – this would happen early January (after our next meeting perhaps).</p> <p>It was agreed that the survey would be started approx. December and the January meeting could be used as another opportunity to advertise / get some completions before a deadline of March time (when our general meeting will take place and we can report back some of the headline figures).</p> <p>LD will ensure the survey will include a section saying (vaguely) ‘ if you would like to be involved in the CA, give your details and we will pass these on <u>or</u> go to this link / page to make contact yourself’.</p>	<p>LD</p> <p>AC / EW / ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>LD</p>
6.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday January 7th 2014 – Coppers Hill Youth Centre. LD to book.</p>	LD