



Minutes of MIDDLEMORE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Meeting held 8th September 2015 @ 8:00pm

Present – Karen Tweedale (Secretary) , Tamlyn Coleman, Councilor Chris Long, Alan & Rosemary Brown, Kate & Ian Campbell, Nathan Chettle, Christine Frost, Sam Sullivan, Bill Smiley, Simon

Apologies – Councilor David James, Councilor Malcolm Longley, Sarah Midson

Matters carried forward

Hidcote Way, Claydon Road & Farnborough Drive roadworks -

Prior to roads being adopted it is normal for developers to invite NCC to undertake a full survey of the site and ask for any remedial action to be taken, (at the Developers expense), to make the roads acceptable to County standards. During this period NCC will also seek certification from Anglia Water.

On this occasion DDC have appointed NCC to undertake a survey of the roads and to top dress Claydon Road & Hidcote Way to ensure that everything is completed to County Standards. NCC will also require certification from Anglian Water for all drainage works before any works commence.

MRA have also been advised that once the roads surfacing is complete all necessary landscaping works that need to be undertaken will be done..

Bridleway –

DDC have engaged a contractor to undertake works to provide a hard stone path through and slightly beyond the “Horse gate”. We are still awaiting timescale of when the works will take place.

KT to chase

Dog pooh & general mess –

Clean Up event taking place forthcoming Saturday (12th September 2015). Dog pooh spraying will also take place.

Bellway Site –

Play area has no rubbish bin - clarify if we can arrange for a bin to be sited on play area.

KT to make enquiries

Ground maintenance issues –

A resident got in touch to complain about grass outside flats corner of Hanbury Close not having been cut for some time. All flats should be covered by maintenance contracts between flat owners and residents.

KT to make enquiries

Barrier on Farnborough Drive -

Residents have been asking for the barrier to be opened for at least a couple of years. Having the gate there does not discourage drivers from trying to use the Heartlands industrial estate exit. Instead Middleton Road and Claydon Road are seeing an increase in traffic by drivers using Heartlands Industrial Estate as an exit. The gate was last open late 2012 until building works commenced on Site 8, 9 & Site 10.

It is to remain closed until Site 8E and Site 7 have been purposed and built. It is felt it would be unsafe for open access during any building works and also fail to deter HGV's using Middlemore as a cut through.



Traffic issues

Increase in traffic -

There has been a notable increase in the queues of traffic leaving the estate every morning. There are now often queues of traffic at island backing up Farnborough Drive, Hidcote Way and even for traffic trying to enter the estate and get around the island.

There has also been a seemingly marked increase in the amount of traffic on the Ashby Road which also causes some delay for traffic trying to leave the estate and turn right along the side of the reservoir. Traffic queues also form at the Daventry Court roundabout.

The problem is exacerbated by the fact that many households appear to leave the estate around the same time, the bus serving Middlemore obstructs the exit road off Middlemore and there are additional buses, additional school buses that now pick up from the estate every morning. (Guilsborough & Southam schools).

Possible solutions

- Residents strongly believe that the Farnborough Drive pathway (where the bus stop is sited) is wide enough to be adapted to allow buses to pull in and alleviate any obstructions to exiting traffic.
- Re-think the plans for Heartlands Business Park exit. Currently many of the residents are using this exit to get off the estate as many are heading south from Middlemore (i.e. towards Braunston, M40, Coventry etc.) We need to strongly evidence that this is the case – evidence needs to be watertight that this is heavily used, put a post on middlemore.co to get feedback etc. It is also felt that the traffic using this alternative exit helps alleviate some of the traffic build up on main routes. We also need to give clear evidence as to why we think the exit should not be closed – emergency exit etc.

HGV's -

There are still lots of lorries coming on to the estate, driving up Farnborough Drive and either turning back or heading up Middleton Road. The roads are clearly not designed to take HGV traffic and the barrier on Farnborough Drive clearly isn't acting as a deterrent.

CL to enquire

Some signage has recently gone up on the A361 directing traffic across the island – as it is too early to measure its effectiveness. Following on from various discussions a suggestion was made that signage be put up at the first roundabout to encourage HGV vehicles to turn around and leave the estate

CL to enquire

Street lights -

List of non working street lamps has been collated and DDC and developers chased up. Now that the darker nights are upon us this can be monitored and chased where needed.

KT to follow up

Bank account -

We now have a bank account at last; one of the benefits is that we are now in a position to apply for grants

**Defibrillator –**

£500 award from Councillor Longley - £400 will cover the defibrillator payment to British Heart Foundation and £100 will cover the cost for electrician. Grant application is to be forwarded to Daventry Town Council to fund the cost of a Defibrillator cabinet.

CPR Training –

Still to be organised to tie in if grant app to Town Council is successful.

Parking -

We are waiting to hear back from CSP regarding help producing a leaflet urging residents to park safely.

As roads are soon to be adopted by NCC a suggestion was made that we appeal once again for some of the grass verges to be adapted to accommodate parking and thus make the road safer.

Braunston Cycle Route –

No further feedback.

KT to contact Malcolm Longley

Community Event – 12th June 2016 - *It's the Queens Birthday !!*

We need a separate working group to set up and get this event off the ground.

Any other business

Buses complaint –

Complaints of buses mounting grass verges and pavements to get past each other or get around parked vehicles. Any complaints need to be reported, it was discussed that no action can be taken unless evidence and reported.

KT to get details of contact at Stagecoach / reporting procedure

Speeding –

Speed of some of the cars on the estate was discussed (inc Hidcote Way, Farnborough Drive) – evidence needed, incidents also need to be reported in to Police on 101.

DATE OF AGM MEETING IS 17TH NOVEMBER 1T 8:00PM

New committee to be elected – if you are interested in taking on one of the committee roles please email our secretary Karen - info@middlemore.co