



## **MINUTES OF MIDDLEMORE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 8PM**

**Present :** **Chair:** Kate Campbell  
**Secretary:** Karen Tweedale  
**Treasurer:** Nathan Chettle

**Vice chair:** Alan Brown  
**Vice Sec:** Ian Campbell

Also present: – Andy Crisp NHW, Councillor Long, Councillor James, Councillor Malcolm Longley, Jo-Anne Bevan, Neil Bevan, Rosemary Brown, Jean Gosling, Mike Gosling, Rob Hasker, Chris Wood

Apologies – S Rogers, M Rogers

### **1/ Neighbourhood Watch**

Guest Andy Crisp gave a presentation regarding how Neighbourhood Watch schemes work.

The recent ‘crimewave’ across many parts of Daventry has left many residents unsettled this winter. Daventry is one of the safest communities to live in and setting up a NHW watch would work to ensure that it is kept this way and reassure residents.

A useful website worth looking at is [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk). It also gives details of where Neighbourhood watch schemes are operating and supporting materials can also be found on this site.

Each time an incident is reported details will be passed on to coordinator and then, where applicable, information can be passed on to residents. It will also help protect those that are vulnerable within our community.

Smartwater kit is discounted via the Neighbourhood watch scheme - one off registration is £25. The smartwater kit will mark at least 50 items – it has a forensic identity code which is unique to the client. This acts as a deterrent to criminals and in the event of items being stolen they are easily traceable back to their original owner.

The scheme is also insured nationally. AC advised that we ought to be able to approach Town Council for assistance with funding for street signage.

## **2/ Roads & pathways, barrier , exits**

Two of our local councillors Chris Long & David James gave this report regarding roads and pathways and answered some of the questions that MRA and residents have asked.

### **1 Programme of works for carrying out Top Dressing of roads**

Daventry District Council wish to assure residents that they are trying to progress works to the satisfaction of everyone including the highway adoption authority, Northamptonshire County Council (NCC). To ensure the roads and footpaths are completed to a satisfactory standard for adoption, DDC has employed NCC Highways which is currently developing some design solutions and will be providing a completion programme as it must be satisfied with many aspects of the roads including: safety, serviceability and maintenance.

Top road surfacing of Claydon Road and Hidecote Way should take place before April 2017 as they form part of Phase 'B' of NCC Highways programme of works. Unfortunately as yet DDC have not received a firm programme from NCC Highways for these works.

### **Q.2 Plans regarding the barrier at the top of Farnborough Drive**

**A.2** In liaison with NCC Highways Daventry District Council hope to remove the barrier before April 2016, although they reserve the right to reinstate it, should inappropriate vehicles use this route for access. The reason why Daventry District Council reserve the right to reinstate the barrier is that unfortunately HGV's have tried to gain access through Farnborough Drive to the Heartlands Industrial Estate in the past. The barrier would be reinstated should this problem prove to be an on-going issue.

### **Q.3 Why was the link to the Heartlands completed before the rest of the roads.**

**A.3** The reason was that, a sum of money which had been received from developers as part of their infrastructure contribution, had to be spent on that particular section of road before early December 2015 otherwise it would have to have been returned.

Other questions arising included the exits from Middlemore – CL explained that DDC with NCC are looking at the possibility of widening the road and creating a pull in for the bus as the exit to the estate sometimes gets blocked by buses waiting to leave. The option of a second exit off the estate is also being looked into – Middlemore now has in the region of 800 houses and building works have not finished yet. It was also discussed that a precedent has already been set on Timken development which originally had only one exit planned but now has two – NCC will have the last say in this matter as they are the key deciders.

3/ Parking – letter will be going out to all households soon which has been created by Community Safety Partnership . KT also sourced a map for us to identify areas which might be adapted for parking.

#### 4/ Lighting

Steve Whelton at DDC has written to developers 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to report the following lights not working .

**Harron Homes**                      First pole on Hanbury Close  
Pole opposite No 7  
Pole outside No 23  
Middle 2 poles on cycle path rear of No 14 to No 40

**Persimmon**                        In front of No 20 Clevedon Court  
In front of No 8 Middleton Road

**Bovis**                                Pole No 1 Ickworth Close  
Pole Nos 2 and 3 Buscot Park Way  
Pole Nos 2, 4 and 6 Hardwick Hall Way

**Wimpey**                            2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> poles Hanbury Close

Lighting has still not been repaired. **KT to contact individual adoption managers.**

**5/Cycle path** – Ecological survey plans are underway and costings are being done.

#### 6/Middlemore mess –

Do we want to arrange a date / future dates for clean ups ? The hedgerows have recently been cut revealing an awful lot of rubbish. Lots of the rubbish is believed to be recycling rubbish that has blown around the estate. At this point we are going to contact DDC to ask if Enterprise can come out to litter-pick the areas. Another area of concern are the bus stops at the entry and exit to the estate. Lots of rubbish is being left / stuck in the hedge – would it be possible to get bins at these sites? We can ask the question.

**KT to contact DDC**

#### 7/ Buses – did they change the waiting stop ?

To keep Farnborough Drive clear , (between the roundabout and its intersection with the A361, (leaving Middlemore), it is hoped that buses entering Middlemore via Heartlands that are running early will at that end of the estate . This will help prevent the backlog of traffic that has been occurring.

#### 8/Public art

KT sent an update re ideas discussed at the last meeting. Tim will be in touch in due course.

### **10/ Defibrillator**

Defibrillator has arrived, the cabinet is on order – KT to instruct electrician to come and fit it.

### **11/ Cpr training**

- 26<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at the pub. This workshop is full but future training sessions will be held.

### **12/ Horsegate**

Steve Whelton has instructed a new contractor. They have visited the site and currently works are stumped due to the terrible weather

**13/Summer event** - a separate group will be forming up for this. First meeting will be next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at the pub. KT to advertise this on website.