

Middlemore Residents Association

Meeting held 4th March 2021 at 7.00pm

In attendance:-	Chair	Gail Howes
	Vice Chair	Kate Campbell
	Secretary	Karen Tweedale
	Treasurer	Megan Nelson

Also in attendance - Jean Gosling, Mr & Mrs French, Mr & Mrs Drinnan

The meeting opened with The Chair thanking the outgoing committee for their ongoing support & dedication to the residents of Middlemore.

1/. Futures Housing

There have been endless complaints regarding Site 8E (Futures Housing site). Complaints are mainly relating to dangerous parking rubbish, construction traffic and deliveries etc

KT spoke with Futures Housing project manager – Melanie Cockerill ((24/2); she advised that she hadn't initially been made aware of the issues. It appears residents were complaining to DDC and the issues didn't filter through to Futures Housing. The site team hold a weekly 'Toolbox meeting' where a reminder about considerate parking and issues regarding the litter will be raised again. On the subject of litter the site team have a labourer litter picking on a weekly basis now.

Volume of vehicles parking and those on blind corners were considered to be the most concerning issues.- with reports of motorists having to reverse along an already dangerous stretch of road to allow the buses to get through. At the time of this meeting Engie, the builders onsite are in the process of signing a licence to use the land opposite which belongs to Ladhar Developments. Estimated handover date for this site is expected to be in August.

Action – continue to monitor the situation and ask residents to forward any complaints directly to development@futureshousing.co.uk and copy in info@middlemore.co

2. Crown Care

The nursing home is now operational. Ladhar developments (the owners of Crown care) are waiting to see what is happening with the market before carrying out further development. Due to Covid the number of residents joining them is very gradual . Action -Keep ears open and seize opportunity to get involved when Covid restrictions ease

3. Middlemore maintenance

Street lighting – KT is collating information regarding street lighting to be repaired

Litterpick – we hope to organise a litterpick soon. KT to speak with Town council to find out who our litter heroes are so that we can publicly recognise them on our social media and to find out where the problem areas are .

Litter issues along waterfront in front of housing – human excrement and rubbish thrown over by fishermen. The decided plan of action is that a resident already in communication with them will follow this issue up. Resident also advised to make environmental health aware of this issue.

Dog poo - Resident asked how often the dog poo bins get emptied. The one near care home seems to not be emptied very often. KT explained success of paint means poo campaign that she and KC took part in previously Action. – KT to make enquiries about revisiting ‘poo spraying’ and links into council to target problem areas.

Drugs activity? - Number of communications received relating to possible dealing – NHW members have been written to and asked to notify police and NHW co-ordinator. **Action** – post to go on social media urging members to report in to the police

Fly tipping issue on Stoneacre Close and other areas cropping up – case officer is Paul Harker

Cycle path – Members expressed concern over the safety of the cycle path where it meets the canal towpath. As this is Phase 1 this issue should be addressed. Members agreed that a letter would be sent to the planning officer to voice concerns. N/b. Deadline to comment on this planning application has passed so committee have agreed no further action will be taken

4. Bank account

Signatories have been agreed and bank mandate to completed

5. Defibrillator. - EMAS regional co-ordinator recently met with KT. We urgently need a set of new pads and a new set of batteries for the defib. **Action** KT to follow up

6. Liability insurance

This needs to be renewed as soon as circumstance allows. **Action** tbc

7. AOB raised

Trees. - A residents has expressed concern over potential works to trees and hedgerows around Futures housing site,

Action KT to contact West Northamptonshire to clarify what trees & hedgerows have TPO'S.

Roadworks on A361 for Micklewell Park - KT to contact Orbit to find out how and when roadworks for the development will affect local traffic and Middlemore residents.

Parking

People parking on dropped kerbs etc. Fire brigade signs – why were they only up for a short time. KT to contact Community safety partnership to find out about what can be done – perhaps another leaflet drop.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

4TH may

6th July

7 Sep

2nd Nov

11th Jan

1st March – AGM



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