

## Friends of New Forest Village General Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 St. Georges Centre

Present: Cllr Judith Blake Siobhan Merrion – vice chair Hazel Smith – Treasurer John Casey – Parks and Countryside PC Mosley 9 NFV/HV Residents

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1	Welcome & Apologies	
1.1	Apologies received from Cllr Paul Truswell, Cllr Kim Groves, Louise Nichols	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were noted to be a true record.	
	It was mentioned that the minutes are not very well advertised and the committee noted this and advised that we will ensure that these are posted up in a timely manner and will be published on the usual mediums and emailed to all attendees.	
	Friends of New Forest Village Facebook Page New Forest Village Community Page Friends of New Forest Village webpage	
3	Policing and Neighbourhood Watch	
	The residents raised the point that there is an increasing amount of moped traffic on the estate and plantation area whereby they are causing a nuisance. Residents advised that calls had been made to 101 offering further evidence but no follow up had occurred. PC Mosley agreed to meet with Hazel Smith and discuss as well as take the additional evidence. It was also suggested that residents can post the information on the Facebook page and tag in Rothwell NPT.	HS PC Mosley
	The drifting on New Forest way around Central Park was mentioned as was the behaviour of drivers on St Georges Road near the roundabout. PC Mosley requested any evidence be captured and Rothwell NPT advised in order for them to take things to the next level.	
	Some residents asked about the Neighbourhood Watch group and it was advised that it had been attempted to set this up previously however it had not quite got off the ground. It was decided that the committee would contact the local Neighbourhood Watch Co- Ordinator and invite them to the next PACT Meeting	HS

	There have been two instances on the estate in the last month; a burglary from a house on the Laurels which was entering using the "snaplock" method, and a forced entry into a garage on Waggon Road.	
4	Highways	
	A certificate of adoption has been raised by Chris Hickling for St Georges Road and this should be granted within the next few days. This now opens up the field for the cabling for Cabinet 82 broadband.	N/A
5	Developers	
	Residents raised the query concerning the unmarked speed bumps around the Central Park area; and the fact that these are unlit / unmarked. As the developers were not in attendance this will be carried forward to the next meeting,	Developers
	A meeting took place with the council as a result of the last PACT Meeting whereby the weeds in the path in the Central Park was raised. The Council gave a few options for this in that meeting and it was decided that they would uplift the tarmac and lay matting and grass seed the area. This would allow for treatment of the prevalent weed and would be ongoing for 18-24 months. Once the weed was eradicated it would be subject to a further meeting to decide what to do with the area. However, residents voiced their opinion that they would like it back to how it was originally planned to make it symmetrical. The A-frame to the West exit of the park would also be blocked off to protect the area from foot traffic during this time.	Developers Council Vicky Nunns
	The developers, however, had other ideas and soon after the above meeting they removed all the tarmac and seed the area. They however have failed to block the A Frame off and when asked will not do so. This therefore means that the foot traffic is still in the area and hence causing a muddy mess.	Developers Council Vicky Nunns
	The Central Park railings that were damaged by a car and a bin wagon are still awaiting repair – it was requested if one of these damaged ones could be used to block the aforementioned A Frame which is a possibility. The developers are responsible for the fencing.	Developers Council
	At the meeting with the council in Central Park it transpired that there will be no further tree planting in the area. Tree planning in the estate also is under review and it was mentioned that if a resident has been living in the house for a while and a tree was supposed to be there – there is now a distinct possibility it will not be planted. Residents expressed their dissatisfaction at this and the developers need to address this.	SM Developers
	It was suggested that Vicky Nunns who has been dealing with the council be invited to the next meeting.	SM
	Previous the topic of benches and bins on the plantation had been mentioned. There was no update on benches and no volunteers to take this forward.	N/A
	The council (Parks and Leisure) advised they would be happy to empty any additional bins but not to provide them. Residents to put a shout out to local companies to assist with funding.	NFV Committee

	Dog fouling has again raised its head and requests for signage have been raised. It has been suggested that we contact the local dog warden for these and also to request additional patrols.	HS
	If people notice dog fouling the councillor advised that pictorial evidence and also a name/address would be excellent. They advised that it is not illegal to take pictures of people and their pets in public areas (especially if they are causing a nuisance). The dog warden is called Ann and her telephone number is 07891 272174.	Everyone
6	Events	
	There will be a Christmas Fayre held at the Central Park and adjacent roads. This will be on Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2014 – further details will follow but volunteers are urgently needed.	SM
7	<b>A.O</b> .B.	
	<b>FUNDING</b> FONFV have run numerous events over the course of the last twelve months. The majority of these costs have been met out of the pockets of the committee members with some donations from members of the community, local businesses and some minor grants from the council. Unfortunately due to costs of this it would be unfair and unsustainable to allow people to continue to put their hands in their own pockets. Some members had spent in excess of £500 in order to ensure that the events took place and the community was not disappointed. For a handful of people to meet this burden is admirable. We therefore applied for some funding through the Community First Scheme and on 30th September a meeting took place to decide on allocation of the remaining monies.	
	Hazel Smith (Treasurer) of the FONFV attended the meeting (this was not compulsory) and talked through our application and put forward why it was such a good allocation of budget for the local community. It is therefore with pride that we announce we have received a grant in order to assist with the monies for future events.	
	Part of the funds has already been set aside so that we can procure our own sound system instead of having to borrow. This is a big investment which will take up a large part of these funds but is something that will be used at each event for years to come.	
	We will not be stopping here and will be applying to other sources to in order to make our events the best they can be for YOU the local community. Hazel Smith advised that the session had been beneficial as it highlighted different paths to go for the funding. She also mentioned that she had been asked to sit on the panel to assess funding and this was a big benefit to the group.	
	If any members of the local community wish to volunteer to be on the committee / assist with events etc please do let us know. The more people we have the bigger and better we can make events. You do not need to give a lot of time and it can be very rewarding. We are often looking for people to distribute leaflets – what better form of exercise.	
	Bulb Planting The FONFV have also requested a share of the bulbs that Leeds	

8	Date & Time of next meeting Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 @6.30pm	
	<ul> <li>Middleton Park Bonfire</li> <li>Will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> November and residents are urged to attend this as it is one of the best displays in Leeds.</li> <li>Middleton Leisure Centre</li> <li>Is now open and available for room hire</li> </ul>	
	<b>BSL Interpreter</b> A request was raised for this and if funding from council is available. It was also mentioned we should shout out to the local community to see if anyone can assist.	
	<b>Fibre Broadband</b> Documentation from Carl Thomas was distributed and any questions should be raised on the Facebook page to be answered	
	council give out every year. They will find out if successful in the next few weeks. An event will be planned to get these planted. Previous funding has been received from the developers to plant bulbs on the plantation and on the estate. Volunteers will be needed for this once the date has been set. Local schools are also available to help out.	