

Friends of New Forest Village
General Meeting
Wednesday 10th October 2012
St. Georges Centre

Present: Louise Nichols – Chair
Elaine Upton – Secretary
Cllr Judith Blake

John Casey – LCC Parks
Dave Blackham – LCC Parks
PC Rowlinson – WYP
PC Smith – WYP

17 New Forest Village /Heritage Village Residents

Item	Topic	Action
1	Welcome & Apologies	
1.1	Apologies received from Cllr Kim Groves and Cllr Paul Truswell.	
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
3	Actions from previous meeting	John Casey
3.1	Action 4 – Gap in fencing on St Georges Rd still not repaired. Fencing is on order.	
3.2	Action 19 – There are no plans available for the next stage of the Leisure Centre, however the following briefing note was circulated to the meeting. Middleton Leisure Centre / pitches Member briefing for New Forest Village meeting 10th October 2012 The current leisure centre closed on 29 th July to make way for refurbishment works which will continue until March 2013. Funding for the project comes from Sport England (Inspired Facilities Fund), Leeds City Council (Sport & Active Lifestyles, Adult Social Care and Parks & Countryside) and Section 106. The centre will provide the following facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 court sports hall • Dance studio • William Gascoigne Community Room (with kitchen) • 1 squash court • Soft play room • Multi purpose room • 'Changing Places' disabled changing facility • Improved indoor and outdoor changing rooms • Youth room • Multi use games area • 3G pitch • Improved disabled car parking • Garden area • Children's play area for the play group 	

	<p>This will allow the centre to open its doors to a wide range of community users, from sports enthusiasts (both indoor and outdoor) to dance groups, playgroup, Adult Social Care, older people and youth groups as well as catering for meetings, parties and training courses.</p> <p>For example, at least 20 places for customers with learning disabilities who live locally will be provided and will be supported by staff from Adult Social Care's Fulfilling Lives to attend the base and take part in the programme of available activities across the centre. This will achieve all four key principles of the Valuing People Strategy; Rights, Independence, Choice and Inclusion in supporting customers to move out of segregated settings into truly integrated community buildings.</p> <p>Works have also been continuing outside the centre, managed by Parks & Countryside:</p> <p>Planning consent was acquired in December 2011 for the remainder of the enhancement works to the land surrounding Middleton Leisure Centre to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The realignment of the football pitches to the south of the Leisure Centre to create 3 senior football pitches and 2 junior football pitches. • The installation of a pitch perimeter barrier, including dog-proof weld mesh around the western junior football pitch. • The installation of a goal end to the north of the playing pitches. • The construction of various link paths throughout the site. • The installation of ball stop fencing to the eastern and southern end of the site. • The installation of fencing to the western side of the site, including A-frame motorcycle barriers. • The installation of fencing to delineate the boundaries between the playing fields and St George's Centre. • Planting of heavy standard trees throughout the site. • Initial works towards the construction of an access road to the rear of the main Leisure Centre car park to Leeds Corinthians / LCC rugby ground and southern playing pitches. • All pitches to be drained and levelled including the installation of soak aways where required. • Installation of pitch perimeter barriers, including dog-proof weld mesh to the 3 senior football pitches. • The construction of further link paths throughout the site. • The provision of site furniture throughout the site including interpretation boards, litter bins and benches. • Further planting of trees and shrubs throughout the site. <p>The enhancement of this area will create one of the largest outdoor sporting facilities in the south of the city.</p>	
3.3	<p>Action 32 – A Frames LCC need to identify vulnerable areas with Police. Residents advised that this is Sharp House Road Entrance where the sleepers are still missing.</p>	John Casey
	<p>Action 14 – Trim Trail – Nothing to report in Cllr Groves absence.</p>	Cllr Groves
3.4	<p>Action 38 – Plantation Paths – Paths to be repaired, no timescale available.</p>	John Casey
3.5	<p>Action 39 – Rubbish – This has now been attended to.</p>	

3.6	Action 40 – Litter Collection prior to grass cutting – Crews will once again be reminded of this.	John Casey
3.7	Action1 – Recycling Bins for apartments. Cleansing has advised that there is no space for additional bins. Cllr Blake to liaise with Developers.	Cllr Blake
3.8	Action 11- Bird Boxes. Taylor Wimpey has confirmed a donation of £250. Need Bank Account details.	Louise Nichols
3.9	Action 16 – Bin Collection. The whole estate is to be issued with new stickers displaying the correct collection day. Cllr Blake advised that the brown bin issue is a wider problem than NFV. It was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled prior to the next meeting to resolve this issue.	Cllr Blake/ Louise Nichols
3.10	Action 20 – Additional Roadside bin. Ward based funding will supply bin, hopefully in Spring 2013.	Cllr Blake
	<u>Developers</u>	
3.11	As no representative from the Developers was present, all points have been carried forward.	
	Action 6 - The streetlight at the junction of Rivendale/Pearl Place has been poorly erected and there is a potentially dangerous hole which needs attention.	Developers
	Action 7 - Lighting on New Forest Way / Fenton Gate has never worked. 16 further faulty lights were reported. Details to be forwarded to Cllr Blake.	Developers Cllr Blake
	Action 2 - Playground in Central Square. There has been a further delay. The contract has now been awarded and work is scheduled to begin before the end of June. Completion date requested.	Developers
	Fencing by Plantation - The order has been placed, work will commence shortly and be completed by end of June. Clarification was sought by some residents as to which fencing was to be replaced.	Developers
	Action 13 - Replace sleepers to prevent access for quads etc. from the access route from Sharp House Lane.	Developers
	Action 15 - Remove or repair the sign at the entrance to NFV from Heritage Village.	Developers
	Residents requested that the developers include St. Georges Rd. in the schedule for road sweeping.	Developers
	No 23 Street Lamp on St. Georges Road has been out for over 1 month.	Developers
	No 1001 Street light at junction of St. Georges Rd/Willowdale needs re-siting. Dangerous for disabled / pushchairs.	Developers

4	Amendment to constitution and election of Secretary	
4.1	Louise Nichols explained that in order to amend the constitution and hold elections for members of the committee, a Special General Meeting must be called.	
4.2	Louise Nichols informed the attendees that the next meeting would be a Special general meeting at which it would be proposed that the position of Vice Secretary (currently held by Elaine Upton) would be removed and, following the resignation of the Secretary, for a new Secretary to be elected.	
4.3	Louise Nichols proposed Elaine Upton who advised that she would prefer not to do the role permanently.	
4.4	Nominations were invited at the next meeting.	
4.5	Louise Nichols agreed to publish the proposed changes to the constitution on the Friends of NFV website, with links on the Facebook groups.	Louise Nichols
5	Developers Update	
5.1	No representative from Developers attended the meeting and no written update had been received.	
6	Leisure – Parks & Countryside	
6.1	No further issues were discussed.	
7	Policing and Neighbourhood Watch	
7.1	Current crime figures since last meeting to date. 6 reported crimes 2 Theft of motor vehicles 2 Theft from motor vehicles 1 Burglary from plastic shed 1 Criminal damage on building site	
7.2	It was reported that there has been a massive drop in anti-social driving since the speed bumps have been installed in the Central Square area. Cllr Groves provided documentation regarding the responsibility lying with the developers until the roads been adopted by LCC	
7.3	Following a discussion regarding priorities, it was agreed that the priority would change to have higher visibility on the whole estate.	WYP

8	Highways – no representative in attendance, all issues remain on minutes	
8.1	Residents requested that the speed calming measures on St. Georges Road be speed pads across the road not cushions.	Developers
8.2	The mini roundabout at the junction of New Forest Way and St. Georges Road is scheduled to be painted on the road. Residents requested that further consideration be given to this and for a brick built structure to be erected to ensure vehicles slow down.	Chris Hickling
8.3	There is no street lighting at the bottom of Woodland Drive and one lamppost which was damaged by refuse wagon has not been repaired.	Chris Hickling
8.4	Residents reported that all work on St. Georges Road by R J Howards had ceased and asked for a progress report.	Cllr Blake
9	Special Projects	
9.1	Broadband – Cammy & Carl continue to have dialog with BT Open-reach on this matter. The problem with Cabinet 82 and a residents TV was discussed.	
9.2	Halloween – A flyer for the forthcoming event was circulated and residents were encouraged to take flyers to distribute and to attend and volunteer for the event.	
9.3	Sharp Lane Plantation – Andrew Newson advised of the bulb planting session.	
10	A.O.B.	
10.1	Louise Nichols informed the meeting of Community First Funding that is available for Community led projects and encouraged residents to propose ideas and projects.	Residents
10.2	A resident asked for an update on the proposed changes to the Transport Infrastructure. Cllr Blake advised the meeting that there will be a park and ride facility at Stourton with a trolley bus to the City Centre which will continue to West Park.	
10.3	A request was made for a notice board to be erected on the plantation to enable residents to be informed of forthcoming events. Louise Nichols agreed to add this to the list of projects to put to the vote of residents.	Louise Nichols
10.4	Cllr Blake advised the meeting that the consultation to expand Sharp Lane Primary School from 2014 was going ahead.	
11	Date & Time of Next Meeting	
11.1	It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 st November @6.30pm. Cllr Blake advised that no Councillors would be able to attend.	