

Present

Fairfield Parish Council (FPC) – Councillors Chris Bidwell (Chairman), Barrie Dack (also representing FPRA), Penny Daffarn and Amanda Hunt

Fairfield Park Resident Association (FPRA) – Nick Reynolds (Chairman)

Directors of Fairfield Hall Management Company (FHMC) – Alan Field (Chairman) and Gavin O'Brien

Middlemarch Residents Association (MRA) – Nick Andrews and Terrence Tinsley

Steering Group for Fairfield Gardens – Rochelle Duffy and Ruth Lowe

PREIM Limited (The new Management Agent for Fairfield Gardens) Oliver Taylor

Meeting chaired by

Chris Bidwell

Notes taken by

Katrina Henshaw (Parish Clerk).

Please note this is NOT a decision-making meeting but an exchange of information only.

1 Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Geoff Smith (MRA)

2 Welcome and introductions

- 2.1 Everyone introduced themselves and CB explained the purpose of these meetings were to work together to protect the Fairfield Environment for the benefit of all the residents. They are informal meetings with only notes taken and no minutes.

3 The old road and footpath behind the school

- 3.1 FHMC were asked if they would consider installing a gate across the road to stop vehicles access and parking, this is due to rubbish, and drug paraphernalia and other items being left behind by the vehicle occupants. Many school children use this route and these items are unsightly to them and parents.

FHMC were also asked if they would add the upkeep of this path to their maintenance contract as it's becoming very uneven and needs clearing along the old kerb edge of weeds and grass.

FHMC advised this area had never been discussed but they were happy to investigate the issues raised. They do have budget problems though so FPC agreed they would be able to apply for a grant. FPC and FHMC to meet on site to look at the problem and discuss possible solutions. **Action: FPC / FHMC**

4 Noticeboard for Fairfield Gardens

- 4.1 The developer will not give permission to install the noticeboard until the development is complete. FHMC offered to store it in the compound until then.

5 Noticeboard at the end of Hardy Way

- 5.1 It was suggested that this noticeboard is moved nearer Middlemarch and a possible location was on the leaf hand side as you drive into Bannatynes car park, near the pillars. FHMC and FPC to agree location. **Action: FPC / FHMC**

6 Areas of grass cut by FPC that are the responsibility of other people

- 6.1 FHMC agreed to look to cut the area of land that is owned by Hotbed on the left as you enter Kingsley Avenue. **Action: FHMC**

7 Area near balancing pond

- 7.1 FHMC agreed to look at cutting down the remaining overgrowth near the balancing pond adjacent to Hitchin Road and between Kingsley Avenue and Eliot Way. **Action: FHMC**

8 Footpath across cricket ground

- 8.1 It was agreed that the lighting of this footpath needs to be improved. FPC to investigate options and discuss them with FHMC. **Action: FPC / FHMC**

9 Outside Gym and Trim Trail

- 9.1 FHMC agreed to meet with FPC to look at possible locations. **Action: FPC / FHMC**

10 Tennis Courts

- 10.1 FHMC advised that there was a lady who wanted to use the tennis court and it had been agreed to tidy up the courts so they could be used. FHMC would look at how the courts can be made available to everyone.

The next steps for FHMC are to have a community day to clear the courts and purchase a padlock. FHMC to advise the proposed date for the clearance day. **Action: FHMC**

FHMC to advise FPC of the proposal to tidy up the brambles as FPC offered to include it in the orchard contract. **Action: FPC / FHMC**

FHMC to submit a grant application to FPC for posts and net, if required. **Action: FHMC**

11 FPC Tree Replacement Policy

- 11.1 The draft policy has been distributed to all and no one had any comments on this. FPC will be looking to adopt it at the next parish council meeting. **Action: FPC**

12 Bannatynes overflow car park

- 12.1 FHMC agreed to discuss the ongoing litter problem with Bannatynes. **Action: FHMC**

13 Barrier between Bannatynes and Middlemarch

- 13.1 FHMC agreed to discuss the broken arm with a sharp end with Bannatynes. **Action: FHMC**

14 AOB

- 14.1 There is a pheasant nest in the East Orchard.
- 14.2 The Central Bedfordshire Local Plan Examination will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

15 Date of next meeting

- 15.1 The next meeting to be held on Thursday 27th June at 7.00 pm unless it is considered necessary to have one before.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.