

Minutes of Maids Moreton Conservation Group
Wednesday 17th March 2021
7.30pm by Zoom videoconference

Present: Stevie Lishman, Pauline Kneafsey, Diana Clark, Fiona Hancock, Bernard Page, Lyn and Kevin Robinson, Pat Hardcastle, Natasha Rose, Clare and Andy Hodgson, Jill and Brian King, Cheryl and Keith Dawson and Derek Carpenter

Apologies: Jane Wood

1. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mound Acct £125.79
- b. MMCG Acct £1266.71 Printing costs for newsletter - £48.00

2. Liaison updates

a. PC

- i. At the forthcoming VALP Inspector's hearing Carolyn Cumming will speak for The Buckingham Society and Pat Hardcastle will speak for MMPC with the hope and expectation that the site for 170 houses in MM will be removed from the VALP.
- ii. Planning permission has been applied for Stage 3 of the Moreton Rd development. There are 25 new documents to be viewed. The PC will respond as there are fears that MM will be flooded with traffic.
- iii. TV Police are responding to complaints about antisocial behaviour, from youths who gather near the Cricket Pavilion.
- iv. A grant has been received from Bucks Community Board for the removal of brambles.
- v. After a suggestion from Warren Whyte, Pat and Keith will go and look at the traffic calming measures employed by Dadford.
- vi. There is concern about the new entrance for the development leading on to the Towcester Rd from the land previously owned by Kevin Cozens, as a roundabout at the foot of Bycell Rd would make the junction much safer.
- vii. It was suggested that the Five Year Rolling Village Plan should include a litter pick, carol singing in the church by the churchgoers as well as by other organisations. Ideas and other suggestions would be most welcome.
- viii. A further suggestion considered that the front cover of the PC newsletter might be misleading as it could be mistaken for a church newsletter and might not be read.

b. NP

- i. Aiming for a final draft late March and a summary will be in the PC spring newsletter.

3. Subgroups

a. Footpaths

- i. Overwhelming majority agreed on Derek purchasing gravel for the depressions on the footpath from Duck Lake to Hall Close.
- ii. It was agreed to attach chicken wire to the bridge by the pond to make the surface less slippery

b. Scotts Lane

- i. Thursday 25th March, 10 am – an orange bag will be placed in Scotts Lane for the removal of brambles – rain or shine - with adherence to Covid restrictions.

4. Discussion

- a. Information Pack for new residents
 - i. No specific reasons why previous 'Help at Hand' folded other than people stopped using it. Georgie suggested that churchgoers could probably be relied on to become street wardens.
 - ii. Pauline will put together some ideas that can be discussed.
- b. Bat Boxes – some are now in position.
- c. Annual Review of Policies
 - i. No change was required and policies will be signed before next meeting.

5. Admin

- a. Newsletter: Ready for distribution. Please pick up from Lyn between Thurs 18th and Sunday 21st March.
- b. Future Meetings: *Woodbine Cottage* from Cheryl; *Old House* from Diana, Dealing with Litter – Natasha; Talk from Pat on his magnificent new book on Sustainable Forests – dates to be arranged.
- c. It was agreed that our first meeting in the village hall should be on Wednesday 15th September 2021. PK will contact Lucy.

6. AOB

- a. None

Date of the next meeting - Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.30pm.

After the meeting we enjoyed looking at some old photos of Brian and Jill King especially those associated with Brian and his family who lived at the Buckingham Arms. We had a brilliant insight into how Maids Moreton has changed since the early 1900s. Thank you Brian and Jill.