Fordbank Residents Association – Fifth Meeting

**26th March 2015**

**Didsbury Sports Ground 7pm**

**Present:**

**Ford Lane:** Apostolos Antonacopoulos and Irini Stathi (16), Rachel and Lee Woods (46), Tony and Jackie Butterworth (62), Jane McLaughlin (64).

**Fordbank Road:** Stan and Ann Pritchard (20).

**Dene Road:** Rachel Pattinson (40), Amjad Husein (78).

**Highfield (Dene Road):** Stefan Bielecki (F13)

**Granville Gardens:** Dave Kramer (10),Milly and Rick Taylor (17), Siobhan Watson (20), Lucy Holden (22).

**Whitehaven:** Mike Clarke (20), Richard and Christine Gee (22).

**Woodford Gardens:** John and Ruth Waterton (1), Mike and Joyce Cunningham (24), Mike and Julie Broderick (35).

***25 resident attendees, plus Chair (TB) and Secretary (RED).***

***Invited Guests: Councillor Carl Ollerhead (CO) and Councillor David Ellison (DE) and Sue Thurston (DGN).***

**Apologies: Ciara and Patrick Cullen, John Llewellyn, June Owen, Barbara Goodman, Chris Caplin, John and Mary Thomas, Ruth and Chris Mullin.**

*The meeting started with some light refreshments of tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes.*

1. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.**

TB introduced the meeting and discussed the minutes from the previous meeting. TB described action completed following last meeting.

1. **List of attendees.**

RED distributed list of attendees on spreadsheet for everyone to sign. Lee Woods kindly assisted with this. Usual practice of signing up and adding email addresses.

1. **Update from Councillor David Ellison (DE).**
* There has been a consultation for making the roads in the estate ’20 mile hour’ limit. Please do not object!
* Police monitoring of speed was held on Dene Road for a week and no one was caught diving over the speed limit.
* Ford Lane will be resurfacing during the new financial year (from April 2015). MCC will be borrowing £100 million to repair a number of roads in the city.
* Road humps on Dene Road West were discussed and one resident suggested that they should be replaced with smaller rubber ones.
* The estate will only have bumps at the outer edges of the new ’20 mile hour’ areas.
* Pavements also in need to attention around the estate and this comes out of the same funding for roads.
* A number of grids in Didsbury Village need to be drained – the one outside Evans fish shop and the one outside Jo Padmore’s. Furthermore the one at the end of Ford Lane and Deneford Road requires attention.
* One resident thanked the Councillors for the replacement of a damaged lamp post in the middle crossing of Dene Road; which was reported as being damaged and repaired very quickly.
1. **Invited Guest: Sue Thurston from Didsbury Good Neighbours.**

Sue (a trustee of DGN) discussed the role of Didsbury Good Neighbours (DGN) and the use of the pavilion café in Didsbury Park. Their main remit:

* Helping those who are less mobile
* Assisting people to events e.g. cinema, theatre
* Helping with shopping
* Volunteers always welcome, especially those with a car, from any age and have to undergo police checks.
* Café is open 10-5 during the week and 10-8 on a Friday and Saturday. There will be live music Fridays 5-8pm.
* Various classes are also run at the pavilion.
* Ford Bank RA to join up with DGN for being a dementia friendly community.
* If you can offer any help please contact at: [www.didsburygoodneighbours.org.uk](http://www.didsburygoodneighbours.org.uk).
1. **Update from Treasurer.**

Currently £684 in the bank. £430 from the cash grant. £125 from residents and £106 to Shaun for the website.

The reminder of the cash grant to be used for Digital Champion Training. TB to purse this training and to discuss with Shaun of helping residents with using the internet. There is a possible link here with Didsbury Good Neighbours., who currently run sessions at Didsbury Library on Wednesday afternoons.

Residents who still need to pay their annual subscription, can do so by one of the following ways:

Option 1:

Transfer to the account via BACS.

Account Name: Ford Bank Residents Association

Account Number: 53755460

Sort Code: 20-26-20

*Please write the address on the payment.*

Option 2:

I enclose £5 cheque made payable to Ford Bank Residents Association and will deliver to Milly Taylor (Treasurer) at 17 Granville Gardens.

*Please write the address on the payment.*

Option 3:

I enclose £5 cash and will deliver to Milly Taylor (Treasurer) at 17 Granville Gardens.

*Please write the address with the payment.*

1. **Social Events.**

Unfortunately Ruth was unable to attend the meeting.

* RED to work with Ruth on the Neighbour’s Day funding and date.
* Residents suggested that we hold a stall at Didsbury Festival on **SATURDAY 13th June 2015.** The Festival will start with the PROCESSION leaving from St. Catherine's RC Primary School on School Lane, DIDSBURY @ 11.00 am. The Procession will walk down School Lane onto Wilmslow Road and arrive at Didsbury Park for 12 noon. RED to contact Jean Bridgson for a stall. John and Ruth Waterton have volunteered to run it. If other residents would like to be involved, please contact Ruth Bradshaw at ruth@ruthbradshaw.co.uk.
* Residents are requested to donate to the stall any plants or second hand books.

1. **Update from Chair, Tony Butterworth.**
* Discussed the recent meeting with the Councillors.
* Described the recent helicopter landing at DSG fields.
* Resuscitation training – TB has organised a half day with the North West Ambulance team for residents to be trained as emergency responders. Date to be circulated. All welcome to attend.
1. **Update from Secretary, RED.**
* Post boxes have been repainted following a residents concern in the previous meeting – thank you to Councillors.
* Didsbury Village Cleaned- thank you to Councillors.
* Didsbury in Bloom – residents are welcome to help themselves to the herbs on Ford Lane, either on the grassy knoll or the tub at the corner outside number 64. Please support by adding hanging baskets outside the front of houses and watering the plants on Ford Lane in the hot weather (when it arrives!).
* Didsbury Gardens Open Day will be 14th June 2015 which is run by Didsbury Civic Society <http://didsburycivicsociety.org.uk/>.
* Fly tipping – please send photos to *Mickayla.Simmons@gmp.police.uk**.* Please also copy Carl in at: cllr.c.ollerhead@manchester.gov.uk.
* Update from Mickayla (via email) – one intrusion to report since the last meeting.
1. **Invited Guest: Councillor Carl Ollerhead (CO).**
* Residents thanked Councillors for repairing the drain outside of the doctors in Didsbury.
* Residents thanked the Councillors for tidying the electricity site on Granville Gardens.
* Residents expressed concern about the parking of the new School and new houses sites. CO explained that some of the ‘section 106‘ money will be used to create parking. The planning application for the houses has yet to be approved at planning. MMU has gifted the site to MCC for 100 years.
* One resident asked how is the Halls of Residence going to be demolished?
* CO explained that Didsbury currently does not have a centre plan and this is going to be focused in the near future for Didsbury Village.
* CO explained that HS2 still planning to go ahead with a possible link between West to East too. Location of shafts is still to be discussed.
* Ford Lane Car Park – work will be started in the next month to resurface and tidy up, up to Simon’s Bridge.
* Lighting – CO to chase the study regarding whether 1 or 3 lamp posts are needed at the end of Ford Lane.
1. **AOB.**

Residents expressed their concern about the amount of litter around the fields and over the wall on Ford Lane. Can a date be arranged to clean up. DSG also volunteered some helpers. There is funding available to apply for this event. A Saturday morning was suggested. <http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500291/clean_city/6367/clean-up_your_community_with_a_200_grant/3>

1. **Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be confirmed later in the year, likely to be September 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**Actions**

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| Organise the Resuscitation training | TB  |
| Check on Ford Lane Car park work and lighting  | RED |
| To contact remaining residents for subscription fees | MT |
| Social Events and link to Didsbury Festival  | RB and RED |
| Apply for clean-up grant/ organise date | TB |
| Link with DGN for dementia friendly community | TB |
| To circulate minutes to all households in the area | RED |
| To book the venue for next meeting | TB |
| To discuss and plan agenda and date for next meeting | TB/RED |