

Picket Piece Residents Association

Minutes of meeting online – 3rd March 2021

Attending: Chris Parker (CP) Pippa Hulme (PH) Tom Stevenson (TS) Keith Rackham (KP) John Aslett (JA)

Apologies: Judy Marr

1. Welcome

2. Wash-up on AGM and looking at 2021 objectives

- **Community Garden** – has a separate email address set up for residents that have expressed an interest in helping support the project CommunityGarden@PicketPiece.org. Information has been shared on Facebook. Matt Blunden (Rubus Landscapes) who is a landscape gardener and has had previous experience of doing a community garden in Basingstoke, as kindly offered his expertise in design for the garden. Likely need to produce a questionnaire to consider what the community would like to see in place. There are grants available, likely require matching funds/business plans for the area CP to look into this further. Meetings have taken place with Andrea Harris from Test Valley Borough Council.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – was set up by Micheal Lees last year, but sadly he had to step down due to work commitments. Was some concern about scheme considered to be snooping on neighbours, but it was explained it is more for crimes, and to get information on what's going on in local area. Gives us access to, and builds rapport with Andover Police, relevant updates from local crime and issues and up to date information on security etc. Has a separate email address Neighbourhoodwatch@picketpiece.org. There is a website www.ourwatch.org.uk with further information. Our area coordinator Steve Highstead is able to offer advice if required. Need to send email/social media posts to look for volunteers for the scheme – note it can be set up however you want. CP to action posts for social media.
- **Baby and Toddler Group** – Looking for volunteers to keep this important group running as the current leaders have moved away. PPRA will be getting further information, Iona and Alison have both moved away. PPRA will assist where we can, can help look into funding/grants if any are available. They will produce a Facebook post asking if there are any volunteers to take over. We will set up a bank account and a spreadsheet, as recommended by Andrea, Alison & Iona to assist with the running of the group
- **Road Safety** – Covering speed watch, speed indicators, parking issues etc KR has looked at the ATC website for update on the speed indicator, it has funding, we will get one but still waiting on where to place it. Lamppost 33 still has the Locksbridge sign on the moment for building work, and lamppost 38, Hampshire Highways didn't seem to know it even existed. A question was raised about further speed bumps on Locksbridge Road, but as far as aware the road is being laid like-for-like at this time. Have signs given to us kindly from Lauren Banfield designed to normally go on bins to warn drivers to slow down. May need to consider a way to place these more permanently as the bins go out on Friday's on alternate weeks. John was on the previous speed watch volunteers group, and explained it was the lack of follow up that caused the group to dissolve. Create a separate group for road safety and lobbying. KR happy to provide supportive role for this. CP discussed doing a sign audit – lots of the 30MPH signs are hidden behind shrubs. Can either report on the official website or seek permission to clear ourselves. KR noted that the recent roundabout/sewage works have left a dip in the road.

Apparently they have until the 8th March to finish before complaints can go in. Was previously told the mini Locksbridge roundabout was also having raised islands on it to ensure correct usage but the workmen seemed to not know anything about this at the time. A road safety email address will be set up shortly, JA will create an email to be sent and will look at preparing a meeting and a list of potential goals with actions and timings

- **Village fate** – considering asking the Sports and Social club for a co-lab once covid is over, something to bring the village together after this time. Hopefully we can talk to them in case they have something in mind already that we could offer our assistance with.
- **Creation of other kids groups** – Had been a request at the residents meeting about more kids groups, would require volunteers, also need to see interest and availability (for cubs/brownies or something) CP will write ad for newsletter re this.
- **Drop-in clinics** – hoping to restart the drop-in clinics, expressed interest to support this by Cllr Nick and Mandy Taylor (Test Valley Community Engagement Officer). Useful to keep up to date with issues raised potentially by people who don't use social media.
- **Support Public Art** – awaiting to hear when it is getting underway. The money is funded and protected for the project as per section 106 on the Locksbridge development, PPRA is keen to get community engagement.
- **Christmas Market** – looking to potentially get local businesses involved, both within the village and beyond.

3. **AOB** –

- KR pointed out for future AGM's it might be useful to have a run through prior with the committee as we did ask people to introduce themselves as a last minute thing but didn't really give any warning. A very good point that has been noted!
- Situation on planning – currently all new applications are on hold following the discovery of nitrates entering the River Test. Still awaiting outcome of the proposed Junior pitch.

Next meeting to be held Thursday 1st April 2021 – webex meeting
Please send any points to be raised to Pippa Hulme - secretary@picketpiece.org