

# NOTES OF MEETING – TILEHURST GLOBE – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Present:** Liz Ellis (Chair), Maurice Freming, John Venning, Pat Ager and Pam Webb (Notes), Judy Cullen, Kate Jones, Lesley West, Julie Alexander, Ray Clayton, , David Glanville, Lisa Moon, Jenny Cottee, Ricky Duveen, Tom Steele, Alison Foster, Apols Helen Manghnani, Steve Goodman, Eloise Jones, Carol McLellan

The meeting was to review the state of projects relating to our green space and to talk about matters in Tilehurst that we would like to put to candidates in the coming elections.

We did also talk about the Rescue Event and a few other matters as well..

**Rescue** This year we met at the entrance into Mclroys Park by the mini roundabout in Thirlmere Avenue on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. As with last year, Saturday does not seem a popular day for clearing rubbish. Nevertheless we had enough people to clear quite a large number of bags of rubbish from the park. Liz had cleared rubbish from Gypsy Lane. And in the afternoon we cleared Bates Hill. Linda had managed to unearth a camp at the top of Mclroys in the woods. The usual tires and beds were also found. We kept a record of these large items and the list will be sent to the authorities. We decided that we would not offer to help with the clearance of these items. On Sunday morning at Blundells Copse and we had more volunteers for this session. Again there were many items that we would not clear but will report to the authorities, nevertheless we found and collected a considerable amount. Even so Jenny commented on the fact that in general these woods and parks are looking better than in other years and we tended to agree.

**Trough at Scours Lane** Clinton Payne has said it is fine to go ahead with planting the trough in Scours Lane. Thanks to the lady who has volunteered eagerly to plant it out.

**Kew Gardens Seed Pack** We were sent a pack of Kew Gardens Wild Flower Seeds by Grow Wild. Thanks to them for this. Judy offered to take them home and grow them on. We were invited to think about where we will put them when they are viable.

**Bunds in Walnut Way** The Guides will undertake some planting at extreme end nearest the Triangle. Ray asked what to do with the plants that he has. We thought that he should plant them when he was ready to do it, keeping plants together so area planted is clear and to avoid the top ( bikes etc usage) but use sides selecting best areas for the specific plants ( eg shade etc).

**A Short History of Tilehurst** We need more copies of the leaflet by Mike Keep. Leslie thought that her husband might be able to make some copies for us.

**Experimental planting of weeds in verges** This project is currently under way. The object is to plant short weeds in grass verges to encourage wild life and insects in an urban environment. This would also reduce any maintenance on the part of RBC since the verge could be given a high cut and so leave the plants untouched. It was thought that we ought to look out for short weeds to use in such a project.

**Reporting Crime and Nuisance Leaflets** Jenny handed round copies of the RBC leaflets which we have emails out to our members, but may think about doing it again since they are packed with useful information.

## Questions to be raised with candidates

**Pincents Lane Development** A question was raised about the development under consideration at Pincents.Hill. This new project is thought to be for an unacceptable number of houses: There is no consideration for the infrastructure or any of the support require of such a large project. Once this subject was raised members were full of objections to the scheme – especially the loading it will put on Tilehurst. Lisa was especially incensed that the roads are already overloaded and that access to the M4 is difficult and can take up to ¾ hour on a normal day, even after 9am. The roads will be even more loaded if the houses are built at Pincents Hill since this will be added to the increase from other building sites in West Berkshire that border on Tilehurst without any provision of their own infrastructure.

**This application for 265 dwellings on East side of Pincents Hill with a small 7 Ha area designated as public park development is still open for comment (Ref. No: 19/00113/OUTMAJ )**

Not only is this development proposed but also the Golf Club that was on the other side of the road has been bought by developers for housing. This will further increase the loading on Tilehurst.

**Trees in Tilehurst** We have lost three major trees in Tilehurst in the last few years. We have been offered trees to plant but we need to provide a list of sites that are suitable for trees; including whether there is any chance of getting trees planted in Park Lane. Please contact TG to work with others on this issue

**Drug dealing** What is happening about the drug dealing in Tilehurst? Apparently the PCSOs at the Feel Good Friday events collect information about such things. Maybe we ought to invite them to one of our meetings?

**Threatening Behaviour in the Triangle** The lack of CCTV in the Triangle is on ongoing Saga. Ricky said that all threats should be reported on phone number 101.

Or use this email; to get directly to our local police team [westreadingNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:westreadingNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The meeting finished at 9 ish.

The next meeting is on **Wed 17 April 7.30-9.15pm**