

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TENANTS' & LEASEHOLDERS' FORUM

25TH JULY 2019

FERNEHAM HALL

In attendance: Cliff Murray (Chair); Carla Banks; Liz Bartlett (Acting Vice Chair); Jo Cobb; Pam Corbin; Allan Davies; Diane Davies; Dorothy Dicks; Ann Fells; Yvonne Goddard; Anne Haddow; Doreen Mallows; Sheila Maltby; Adrian Martienssen; Alice Martienssen; Barbara Perry; Sonia Prescott; Phil Taylor; Ken Tomlinson; David Town; Paula Weaver; Linda Wylie; Janine Hensman; Robyn Lyons; Sam Sokhi; Fleur Allaway & Jennie Larkin.

1. Welcome & introduction:

Cliff Murray introduced himself as the Acting Chair of the Tenants' & Leaseholders' Forum in the absence of Tracy Thomas and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Liz Bartlett stood in as Vice-Chair for the meeting

2. Apologies for absence:

Eileen Bailey; Mr & Mrs Buxey; Joan Chapman; Mr & Mrs Chandler; Mr & Mrs Coad; Marie Condon; Mrs Davenport; Glen Doubleday; Dorothy Dicks; Sally Eeles; Debbie Gibbs; Roy Gibbs; Anne Haddow; Jim Hennessy; Sheila Hewes; Dave Hurden; Mr Johnston; Liz Leach; Phil Leach; Mrs MacFarlane; Mrs Marsh; Maureen McIntosh; Ruth Payne; Colin Ponteaux; Bill Prescott; Jeanette Rigden-Murphy; Peter Robertson; Barbara Robertson; Sandy Shearman; Maureen Tanner; Tracy Thomas; Ken Tomlinson; Mrs Weir; Derek Whitear.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes were approved and proposed by Peter Roberston and David Town.

4. Matters Arising:

An action sheet from the last meeting was circulated giving details of actions taken. In addition to this, Jennie Larkin said that at the AGM in April, she had circulated a revised Code of Conduct; Constitution and Procedure for electing officers to the Forum. Those at the meeting had been invited to take these away and give any comments to Jennie. As no comments were received, all three documents were passed in their amended form.

5. Presentation by Robyn Lyons on Fareham's Affordable Housing Strategy:

Robyn talked to the Forum about the strategy and looking to the future. Robyn explained that the Strategy is out for public consultation and that the Forum was welcome to take away copies and comment on them.

The Forum divided into groups to decide what priorities they had. These comments will be fed into the Strategy and Robyn will come back to the Forum to say how

comments were fed into the final document. The feedback is attached to these minutes.

The consultation closed on 5th August 2019.

Questions to Robyn:

Mrs Perry asked if it would be cheaper to update older properties rather than to build new? Robyn said that no, this was not always the case.

Paula Weaver commented that you only seem to see large houses being built for the private sector. Robyn said that Fareham Borough Council is looking to build the right type of housing in the right place. Paula went on to say that lots of sites are left to get overgrown and that she strongly objected to building on green field sites.

Adrian Martiennson wanted to know how much housing is planned and who is it for? Robyn explained that need varied and that the housing stock needs to be more flexible.

Barbara Perry asked about flats without lifts. Robyn explained that there is no obligation to provide a lift in a block.

David Town mentioned the large houses being built around Winchester. Robyn said that large developments must have Affordable Housing.

Is there any news on Welbourne? Welbourne is progressing, but, there is no other news at the moment.

6. Staffing Update:

Jennie Larkin said that there are four new staff in Tenancy Services. Karen Franks in the Neighbourhood Officer for North Fareham; Steve Penfold for Stubbington and South Fareham and Maxine Neal for the Western part of the Borough. Maxine shares the area with Jon Johnson. In addition to this, Sam Sokhi is the Housing Welfare Officer.

7. Feedback from meetings with contractors and South Coast Training:

Liberty Gas:

Cliff said that he had received a letter from Liberty Gas about access and mentioning the charge of £32. Jennie to raise at the next meeting with the contractor.

Cleaning and caretaking:

Jennie Larkin said that windows in blocks were due to be cleaned in August. Any feedback would be welcome and should be given to Jennie.

South Coast Training:

Dorothy Dicks said that she had particularly enjoyed the last South Coast Training event in May and that she found it very informative. Dorothy said that it was good to meet other tenants from other organisations and to share ideas. Tenants also hear

about what is going on with housing nationally and how they can influence the housing agenda. Workshops vary and the day was highly recommended by Dorothy.

Editorial Panel and newsletter:

The next newsletter will be out in late Autumn.

Grounds Maintenance:

The grounds maintenance group has not met for a while. There are issues on some sites and all feedback should be given to Jennie Larkin.

Mountjoy:

Mountjoy are the contractor responsible for empty properties. At the moment there are a few issues with the length of time it takes to deal with a void property. More feedback will be given at the next meeting.

8. Any other matters:

Pam Corbin said that the shed door needs to be painted. Reported to maintenance.

There are no charging points for electric cars at Lincoln Close.

Bins need cleaning at Melvin Jones House. Also, the door to the scooter store needs cleaning.

Gutters need cleaning at Northmore Close and the bins need cleaning.

The Forum would like to know the result of the Stock Condition Survey. Jennie to speak to Shaun Barnett.

There are saplings growing under the windows at Redoubt Court.

9. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Tenants' & Leaseholders' Forum will be held on Thursday 7th November 2019 at 6:30pm at Ferneham Hall.