

# Minutes

## Alders and Birchgate Residents Association Meeting

**DATE** 18 July 2024

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**TIME** 19:30

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Gary Dick

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Gary Dick, Naomi Minto, Maxim Souter, Cllr Dave Roberts, Cllr Suzanne Nuri Nixon, Nicole Quinn (Giles Landscaping), Steve Cole (Taylor Wimpey), Tammy Taylor (Taylor Wimpey), Reese Horne (Taylor Wimpey), members of the public

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Introduction from Cllr Dave Roberts and Gary Dick.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – Simon Nicholls (Bovis Homes) and Robbie Dunderdale (Committee Representative) unable to attend.

### WHY WE NEED A RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Gary Dick explained the need for a local residents' association, which in this particular case, is for everyone who lives on the Alders and Birchgate estates, whether Council tenants, owner-occupiers, leaseholders or private tenants.

It is made up of a group of people who come together to address particular concerns on the estates or to build a better sense of community in the area.

It can play a vital role when consulting with local communities is needed and it can carry out a range of activities from resolving local problems to organizing street parties, or from promoting recycling projects to campaigning for youth facilities.

The purpose of the residents association is:

- To represent residents views and concerns;
- To provide a forum for residents to meet formally to consider matters of local concern and importance
- To encourage and promote a sense of community spirit
- To be inclusive
- To have a consultative role when there are proposals to make changes in the area.

### ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Gary Dick volunteered to be Chairman. A motion to elect Gary was made by Cllr Dave Roberts. All present voted in favour, and Gary was confirmed as the Chairman.

Naomi Minto volunteered to be Vice-Chairman. A motion to elect Naomi was made by Gary Dick. All present voted in favour, and Naomi was confirmed as the Vice-Chairman.

Maxim Souter volunteered to be Treasurer. A motion to elect Maxim was made by Gary Dick. All present voted in favour, and Maxim was confirmed as the Treasurer.

Peter Hughes volunteered to be Treasurer. A motion to elect Peter was made by Gary Dick. All present voted in favour, and Peter was confirmed as the Secretary.

Committee Representatives confirmed as;

Robbie Dunderdale; Tom Dunston; Angela Thomas and James Harding

## **CONSTITUTION**

Maxim Souter covered discussions relating to the constitution and passed around copies for attendees to review. A brief overview of the constitution was provided.

The Committee will be transparent in terms of the financial aspect of the association.

The Committee will adhere to GDPR.

All present voted to accept the constitution.

Cllr Dave Roberts recommended signing and dating the constitution.

## **ESTATE MAINTENANCE**

A question was asked by a member of the public as to who is responsible for the estate maintenance. Cllr Dave Roberts confirmed it is not the responsibility of the Council. It is currently the responsibility of the Developers who have outsourced the work to a third party, Giles Landscaping.

Following discussions with Simon Nicholls at Bovis Homes, Gary Dick confirmed that Bovis are proactively working towards handing over the management of the site maintenance.

Cllr Suzanne Nuri Nixon confirmed that there is movement in what happens to the area moving forward.

Steve Cole of Taylor Wimpey confirmed that they are responsible for the estate maintenance of the Taylor Wimpey phases of development at present. In the fullness of time Taylor Wimpey will hand maintenance responsibility over to Giles Landscaping.

Queries raised by members of the public in respect of the amount of work which still needs to be sorted out before responsibility of the maintenance of the estates is handed over. Steve Cole of Taylor Wimpey confirmed that asphalt, street lighting and road works are still to be done. Members of the public asked Taylor Wimpey to communicate with the residents' association on progress.

Questions were raised by members of the public as to who is responsible for the swale between Hopkins to the North and Bovis to the South.

Members of the public requested to see a Site Maintenance Management Plan at the next meeting.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members of the public asked how they can communicate with the Residents Association moving forward. Gary Dick confirmed an e-mail would be set up. Cllr Dave Roberts advised that a page could be added onto the Visit Wymondham website free of charge. Members of the public asked if leaflets could be used to communicate with everyone in the community as some residents do not have access to the internet or do not use social media. Gary Dick advised that leaflets had been put up on display around the local area to raise awareness of the meeting. A member of the public asked if a noticeboard could be made available. It was confirmed that a noticeboard is present on the Bovis development, adjacent to a children's play area. However, it appears to be locked. Members will look into using this as another form of communicating with the local community.

Letter to management company to notify them of the association. Include constitution and send via recorded delivery.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, venue and time to be confirmed.