

Community Group Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 6pm
At the Storey's Field Centre at Eddington

Those present

Janet Bunker, Parish of Ascension (Chair)
Sarah Christensen, Lansdowne Road
Sue Finer, Storey's Way Residents Association
Mandy Maxwell, Girton St Andrews Church
Cllr Cheney Payne, Castle Ward City Councillor
Cllr Claire Richards, Castle Ward Cambridgeshire County Councillor
Brian Walker, Windsor Road Residents' Association

University

Heather Topel
Warren Forsyth
Biky Wan
Chris Evans, Cambridge Archaeological Unit

Apologies

Matthew Danish, Cambridge Cycling Campaign
Cllr Lynda Harford, Cambridgeshire County Councillor
Cllr Valerie Holt, Cambridge City Councillor
Suki Mann, Huntingdon Road Girton Residents Association
Ann Mullinger, Windsor Road Residents' Association
Aaron Walker, Nineteen Acre Field Residents' Association

0. ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the group and introductions were made.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Janet Bunker asked if more residents can attend this meeting. BW explained that the faith workers had been approached to join the group but had not responded. The residents themselves are not organized groups so it is difficult to identify a representative.

Action: Invite someone from Teddington (parent / toddler) and other groups if possible to the next meeting.

3. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PROJECT

Heather Topel gave an update on the project since the last meeting which included:

- University construction on Phase 1 is nearly complete – just 40 apartments are under construction which should be finished by Christmas. 75% of the homes are now let to tenants.
- Hill are marketing Athena. The show homes are open and the first resident moves in this month. S3 planning application has now been submitted.
- Hotel remains at pre-application stage and it is likely to go to formal consultation in Autumn 2018.
- The SFC officially opened in July with a flag parade. Bookings are steady. The SFC and Eddington Nursery has been shortlisted for the RIBA Stirling Prize.
- Work continues on the retail but relies on occupation of homes for footfall. The retail will be occupied gradually and the first shops to be prioritised will include a coffee shop, pub/restaurant, pharmacy and a bike related unit. There are currently temporary retailers in market square including a coffee bar, mobile barber and the University is in discussion with foodPark for lunchtime trade.
- Events have been held at Eddington. The Cycling Festival ran in May and Open Eddington ran in the weekend just gone.

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Q: Is the Nursery open yet? (Janet Bunker)

A: The Nursery will open in Autumn and the fit-out is being undertaken (HT)

Q: Please tell us about the parking provision and the knock-on effect of parking on surrounding streets (Cllr Claire Richards)

A: Home-purchasers get a car parking space with their home. University tenants do not automatically receive a car parking space – applications are received and people pay a fee for their car parking space. Residents' visitor parking is available with permits. Pay and Display is available on the street. The University will review the car parking fee and monitor the demand and responses. In October the University will conduct the car park audit on surrounding streets to know if there is any impact on cars parked on nearby residential streets as a result of the car parking strategy and fees. If there is a desire for residents to look into controlled car parking zones then the University has funds to consult on this. (HT)

Q: Are you extending the hours of the bus? (Cllr Claire Richards)

A: The hours will be extended and include a Sunday service. (HT)

Q: How was the decision made to provide the heating? How does it compare cost wise? (Cllr Cheney Payne)

A: There is a communal system that provides heating and hot water via the district heating network billed from a company called Core which is a University established business entity. The standing charge is included in tenants' rent. It is difficult to compare the cost of this system to a gas bill but there is a method of comparing the size of dwelling and temperature settings via the Heat Trust Calculator. (HT/WF).

Q: Does the energy centre use gas? (Janet Bunker)

A: Yes, it is currently gas, but it can take different sources of fuel to adapt for the future (WF)

Q: Are there bins for dog waste at Eddington? (Sue)

A: Yes, there are two in service along the lagoon. There are no plans for bins around the sports grounds and along the Ridgeway near to Storey's Way because we want to discourage dogs off the lead on the sports pitches. (WF)

4. AOB

The timing of the next meeting was discussed and felt that a meeting in the New Year would be appropriate. BW is going on maternity leave so the person covering the role would be in touch to arrange the next meeting.