

Fenny Stratford & Manor Fields Residents Association

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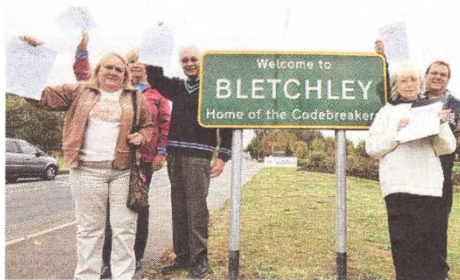
Next meeting of the Association

25 November 2009 at 7.00pm

At St Martin's Vestry Hall – between the church and Napoli

Trevor Dove of Milton Keynes Council will be there to deal with Traffic and Parking Issues

A Plan for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford



Over the summer, the Association collected signatures for two petitions, one calling for more thought to be given to parking in Fenny Stratford and for the land next to the canal behind Penn Road to be kept as open space rather than used for housing. These were presented to Milton Keynes Council at their meeting on 13 October. The petitions were featured in the 'Citizen' the week before. At the same meeting, Councillor Reg Edwards moved that

the Council note that the Residents Associations covering Bletchley and Fenny Stratford wish to Council to adopt 'A Plan for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford' The Plan would include:

Southern Bletchley Bypass

B&Q Roundabout

Tavistock Street

Possible one-way traffic systems

20 mph speed restrictions

Buying land for car parks

Traffic congestion in various locations

The motion was passed unanimously and officials were given the task of making proposals to address the issues raised in the motion for the Cabinet in November, which will also consider our petitions.

Council Tenants Meeting There will be a 'drop-in' meeting for Council Tenants at the Lakes Estate Community Centre in Fern Grove opposite Ennell Grove. It will be open from 11.00am to 5.30pm. People representing MITIE, Housing Benefits, Community Safety Wardens, Wheldons, the Housing Offices, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Residents Involvement Team and the United Sustainable Energy Agency (USEA) will be there, together with various local community groups and agencies.

Leisure Centre development

The new Leisure Centre is nearly complete and is expected to open on the 9th January 2010.

The detailed planning application for the second phase of the housing development associated with the new



Threatened trees

leisure centre has been submitted. The principle of the development and its broad outline were approved in 2007. The application number is 09/01662/REM. The detailed application differed from the granted outline permission in some small but important ways. In particular, The houses and apartments on the old tennis court area would be nearer to Baisley Gardens than originally proposed. The Association wrote to the Planning Department objecting that this would take light away from Baisley Gardens and involve losing several attractive trees.



Seat gets a make-over

The seat on Stag Bridge (where Watling Street crosses the Bedford railway line) was in a bad state. The planks had rotted; they were unattractive to sit on and could soon have become dangerous. The Association took this up with the Town Council and we are glad to report that the seat has now been spruced up. The iron work has been cleaned and repainted and the planks replaced. Now there is somewhere nice to take a break when you are walking back from Tesco or Matalan!



Travellers' site off Simpson Road

There are plans to create a travellers site off the Simpson Road right just after the Bletcham Way bridge. We will be watching this because, although no planning application has been submitted, some preparatory work appears to have been done.

Forthcoming events

Wednesday 25 November Residents Association meeting on traffic issues at 7.00pm in St. Martins Vestry Hall

Friday 11 December Carols round the Christmas tree outside St Martin's Church from 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 13 December West Bletchley Council and the Bletchley Park Trust are presenting a Festival of Christmas in the mansion at Bletchley Park from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. There will be a Christmas market, carols and other festive entertainment. There will be activities for the children, including an opportunity to see Santa.