



Fenny Stratford & Manor Fields
Residents Association

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Annual General Meeting of the Association

Wednesday 22 August 2012 at 7.00pm

at St Martin's Vestry Hall (between the Church and the Napoli Fish Bar)

As usual, the AGM will include the election of the committee. This is especially important this year as the current Chairman and Secretary are not putting themselves forward for re-election. The Association needs new blood for the officers and committee if it is to continue to function properly. Please consider whether you can take on a committee post to support your community.

In addition to the usual AGM Business, the meeting will be asked to discuss and, if possible, adopt some Rules for the Association. The Association is largely funded by Milton Keynes Council and to continue doing this, they need to know and approve of the Rules under which we are operating. The draft Rules are overleaf.

Please come along and give your views on what the Association should be doing.

Proposal to build houses on land to the South of Penn Road Our campaign against this proposal to build houses on the land to the south of Penn Road has achieved some success. On 28 September 2011, Milton Keynes Council refused the planning application (11/00980/OUT) because the density of the housing would be too great and because the development would generate too much traffic. As the period of six months to appeal the Council's decision has now passed without an appeal being lodged, the application can be regarded as dead. However, as the Council decision did not reject the principle of housing on the site, the applicants may, at some time in the future, submit a new application which addresses the particular grounds for refusal.

FENNY STRATFORD AND MANOR FARM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

DRAFT RULES

1. The Association is called Fenny Stratford and Manor Farm Residents Association. The Association covers the area outlined on this map.
2. The aims of the Association are to
 - (a) protect and maintain the area covered, including its housing, environment, facilities, community spirit and services for all residents;
 - (b) represent and support residents of the area covered collectively and individually;
 - (c) facilitate, in co-operation with Milton Keynes Council, the involvement of Council tenants in matters involving Council housing, and
 - (d) actively consult and encourage participation by all residents to achieve (a), (b) and (c).
3. The association is open to all residents of the area covered, irrespective of nationality, race, sexuality, gender, disability, age, religion, political opinion, tenure, marital status, parental status, health, criminal record or any other reason.
4. The association will hold at least ... general meetings a year which will be open to all residents of the area covered. The Annual General Meeting will be held in June. All present at meetings must abide by the annexed Code of Conduct.
5. The Annual General Meeting shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, as officers of the Association, and up to 4 others members to form a committee. If the committee has fewer members, the committee may co-opt residents of the area covered to make up the number. All officers and committee members retire at the Annual General Meeting but may stand for re-election.
6. On a written request, signed by six residents of the area covered, the committee shall call a Special General Meeting to discuss a subject specified in the request. The subject shall be specified in the notice calling the meeting
7. 21 days notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting and 7 days notice for any other meeting.
8. Normally, meetings will seek to reach a decision by consensus. If a vote is necessary, a simple majority will suffice to decide the question. In the event of equal votes for and against, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
9. In order for a meeting to take a decision, there must be at least 10 members present, including officers.
10. Changes to this constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting, provided that the proposed change or changes have been fully specified in the notice calling the meeting.
11. If the Association is no longer able to continue, it may be wound up at a Special General Meeting called explicitly for the purpose. 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given. If less than 10 members are present at the meeting, a further Special General Meeting must be called. If there are less than 10 members present at that meeting, it may nevertheless take a decision to wind up the Association.
12. In the event that the Association is wound up, the funds of the Association shall be dealt with as follows.
 - (a) Any money granted to the Association by any person or organisation for a particular purpose which has not been completed shall be returned to the grantor.
 - (b) Any funds remaining after (a) has been done shall be disposed of in a way which best furthers the aims of the Association as determined by the meeting at which the winding-up takes place.

