

# **Annual General Meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> November 2015



# Welcome



# Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, and apologies
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th September 2014
- 3. Chairman's report
- 4. Finance Director's report and approval of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015
- 5. Appointment of auditors
- 6. Special Resolution New Articles of Association
- 7. Questions submitted prior to the meeting
- 8. AOB including questions from the floor



# 1. Introductions & Apologies

#### **Resident Directors**

Jono Brough (Chair)

**Duncan Ashwell (Vice Chair)** 

Matt Upex (Finance Director)

James Cook

Martin Hughes

Jane Whitehead

#### **Independent Auditor**

Robert Anderson (Streets)

#### Legal

Daniel Belsham (Buckles)

#### **Non Resident Directors**

Dan Browne (Kier)

Adam Cook (Landowner)

Paul Fellows (Bourne Town Council)

Jane Kingman (SKDC)

John Kirkman (Elsea Park School)

#### **Staff**

Barry Cook (Manager)

Rebecca Jones (Finance &

(Administration)

Peter Ellis (Groundsman)

Emma Ralph (Centre Admin)

Lynda Souch (Centre Admin)

Niki Szwed (Youth Worker)



# Item 2 Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014





# Item 3 Chairman's Report Jono Brough



#### Governance

- Two additional Resident Directors have joined The Board increasing the breadth of skills and experience
- Cllr Judy Smith stood down after serving as SKDCs appointee for several years
- Two Resident Members (Dave Forrest & Bryan Summers) have continued to support The Trust in their role as the Drainage Project Team
- We buy in expertise, when required, for anything which falls outside the capabilities of the Directors or staff



# Accountability

#### What have we achieved?

- Continued improvements in the collection of the Annual Charge and the aged debt reduced to the lowest level yet. We are currently pursuing debt from just six properties
- Use of the website has increased, and we interact more with members and residents via facebook when possible



# Accountability

We still need to...

- Further explore Charitable status for some of the activities we undertake
- Try to get more members and residents engaged with the activities and aims for which the Trust was established
- Break away from the control of the developers (if the Special Resolution is carried this evening)



#### The Centre

#### What have we achieved?

- Improved income generated from The Centre through increased (and longer) hires
- Fenced off the area to the south of The Centre, improving security and reducing anti social behaviour
- Curtains have been hung throughout the building to improve the look and feel and make the building more appealing to users



#### The Centre

- "Picnic in the Park" was well attended and offered something for everyone
- Our Youth Club continues to be popular and the Junior Section launch was a great success
- Childrens' activities are run during all school holidays
- The Events Group continue to organise and manage events for everyone on Elsea Park
- Small "start up" grants are still available



#### The Centre

This slide is unchanged from last year.....

- We can facilitate clubs and activities that members and residents might want to run and take part in, but this has to be driven by members and residents
- We would love to see more people get involved
  - The Youth Club desperately needs more volunteers
- Do you have any ideas? Can YOU help?



- The Trust is responsible for maintenance and repairs of all drainage structures on land that it owns
- We continue to monitor, manage, and improve the mechanisms we have in place to reduce the risk of flooding on Elsea Park and The Meadows



- Routine maintenance of our surface water drainage structures includes strimming, flail mowing, dredging, and de-silting
- Habitat Pond No 3 (closest to the A15) was dredged in September along with a number of ditches on the meadows



















#### Maintenance

- The wooden field gates at the vehicular entrance to The Meadows were beyond economical repair
- They have been replaced with steel gates to improve security and prevent further fly tipping







#### Maintenance

- We repair and replace existing post and rail and knee high rail fencing as required
- We "make do and mend" on some knee high rails where we plan to replace them with hedges under the landscaping improvement programme

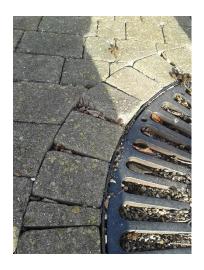


#### Maintenance

 Roots from the alder trees on Quaysides East and West were lifting the block paving. They were lifted and re laid after the roots were cut back









#### **Improvements**

- We've undertaken our first Arboricultural Survey, carrying out essential maintenance on a number of older trees
- 180m of close board fence that screened off
   Setts Green has been removed to provide views of the conservation area from Coltsfoot Drive



#### Changing this





#### To this





#### **Improvements**

- The schoolchildren helped plant one hundred saplings (donated by The Woodland Trust) on the Setts Green Conservation Area
- Additional (more mature) trees have been planted on Linear Park



#### **Improvements**

- Two long hedge lines have been planted along Pimpernel Walk and Sandown Drive
- The hedge on Sandown Drive is being extended up to The Centre
- A high-density hedge will surround the pond on Cooke's Field
- Some 3500 bulbs have recently been planted on Linear Park and the Eastern edge



- We've had a lot of good feedback regarding the improvements to the amenity land – Peter Ellis and our contractor (Ground Control) continue to do a great job!
- Planting and landscaping improvements are on going



#### What's on The Horizon?

**Public Open Space on the David Wilson Homes Site** 

**Shops** 

**Sports Facilities** 

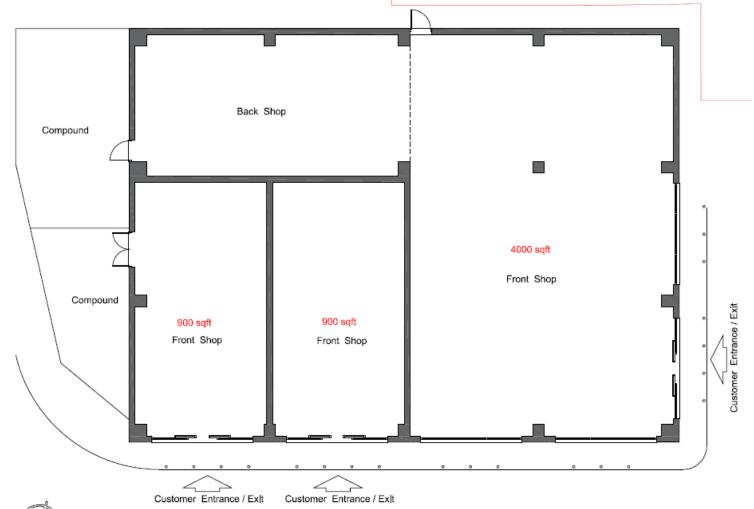


#### New POS

- We're meeting with David Wilson Homes later this month to agree on the remedials prior to taking over the POS and the new play area on the DW site
- We believe that there is a lot of work for them to do!



# Shops at Oak Springs





# **Sports Facilities**

- The sports pitches (to include parking and changing rooms) are now likely to be located to the north west of The Spinney adjoining Kier's latest building phase
- We are in the early stages of agreeing what we thing the best options might be, liaising with various SMEs

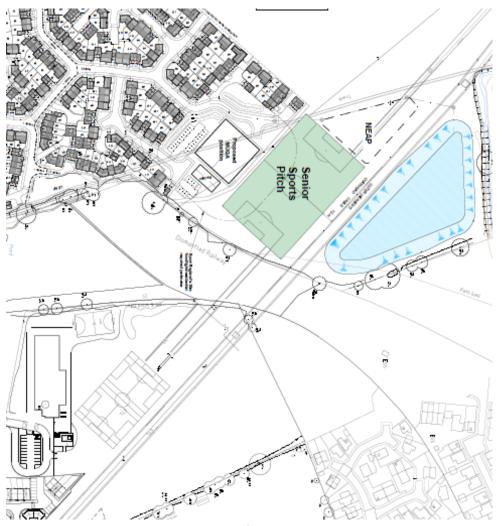


# **Sports Facilities**

- Initial proposals are for either
  - A full sized grass pitch with a smaller
     Multi User Games Area (MUGA)
  - A 3G synthetic pitch and a smaller "recreational" pitch for informal games

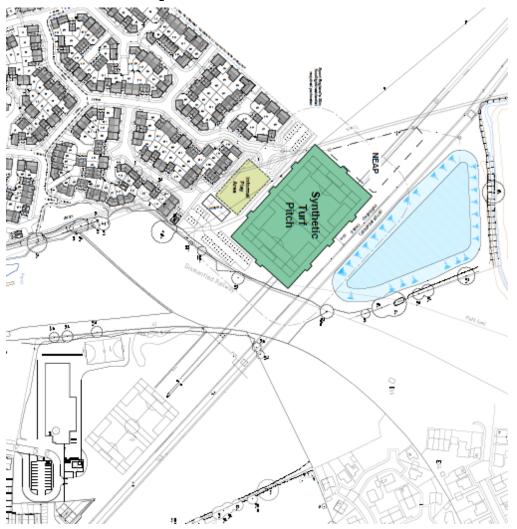


# Option 1 – Grass and MUGA





# Option 2 - 3G





# Similar facilities in use at Corby Glen (Option 2)





# **Sports Facilities**

- We will be asking residents for their views
- It's likely the planners will have the final say!





Item 4

Finance Report
and Approval of the Accounts
for the year ending 31 March 2015

Matt Upex



## **Profit & Loss Sheet**

#### ELSEA PARK COMMUNITY TRUST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

#### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

TURNOVER	Note	2015 £ 255,588	2014 £ 215,083
Other operating income	2	6,782	3,344
		262,370	218,427
Staff costs Depreciation written off fixed assets Other operating charges	3	107,897 36,661 103,338	104,593 37,357 126,769
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	14,474	(50,292)
Interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges		20 (6)	23 -
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		14,488	(50,269)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities		20	2
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		14,488	(50,269)



## **Balance Sheet**

#### ELSEA PARK COMMUNITY TRUST COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

#### BALANCE SHEET

#### 31 MARCH 2015

		201:	5	2014
	Note	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	4		1,078,881	1,094,448
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	5	29,619 220,598		27,188 192,068
		250,217		219,256
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one				
year	б	79,023		78,117
NET CURRENT ASSETS		250 450	171,194	141,139
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIE	S		1,250,075	1,235,587
RESERVES	8			
Other reserves	9		1,000,300	1,019,200
Profit and loss account	9		249,775	216,387
MEMBERS' FUNDS			1,250,075	1,235,587





# Item 5 Appointment of Auditors





# Item 6 Special Resolution – Adoption of new Articles of Association



## **Articles of Association**

### Current position

- Kier still have overall authority on the Board
- Kier underwrite the activities of the trust
- The company is still governed by the original Articles of Association

#### Where do we want to be?

- Independent of Kier
- Run by the residents
- Have Resident Directors that have YOUR support
- New Articles of Association fit for purpose and published



## Where are we now?

- New Articles of Association are ready for the vote
- We have proved to SKDC we are a "Going Concern"
- SKDC have accepted that Kier can be released from underwriting the Trust but insisted on either:
  - A variation of the Section 106 Agreement
  - The Trust placing a bond with SKDC to pay for grounds maintenance on Elsea Park until September 2016 in case The Trust should fail



## Where are we now?

 If the vote is carried, the Articles will come into operation once the bond is in operation and the Articles registered at Companies House





# Item 7 Questions Submitted Prior to the AGM





#### Question 1

When will Superfast Broadband be available on Elsea Park and can The Trust do anything to help progress it?





#### Question 2

Is the Covenant regarding Caravans and work vans being parked on drives still in force?

If not, when was it changed and if it is why is it not being enforced?

A caravan has been parked in Aykroft for some time, and work vans in Pond Lane





#### Question 3

Is McDonalds collecting their rubbish off Elsea Park? The litter has been getting worse even though there are more bins and could an arrangement be made with McDonalds especially at weekends





#### Item 8

# Any Other Business (beginning with questions from the floor)





# Close

# Thank you for attending

