

Current provision of Notice Boards

The Parish Council has 8 external notice boards throughout the Parish the closest to Riverside Park is located at the Beechfield Centre, these notice boards are only used for Parish Council information.

The Parish Council also has 1 community notice board on the side of Graylings and 1 at Tews Lane, the use of which has been granted to the Roundswell Residents' Association.

Location:

Side of Community Store: The store will be leased to the Football Club and if approved this would need to be agreed with the Football Club and acknowledged within the lease.

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ITEM 10

Good morning Victoria

As we discussed I am writing on behalf of the Fremington Riverside Park and Waters Edge newly formed Residents Association to ask the Parish Council to consider funding the installation of a Notice Board on the estate.

Background. The estate has been under construction for some five years and the final houses have now been completed and sold. The developers are now completing the final areas of landscaping at which point the public areas, others than those adopted by the local authorities, will be handed over to the management company. Our understanding that this will be done in late Spring 2021, but could be delayed dependent because of the current restrictions.

Discussions between residents on the estate and with local councillors concluded that the best way forward was for the residents to form a Residents Association which could represent the them, both homeowners and tenants of housing authority homes, in future discussions with the management company primarily, but also with the local authorities, for the benefit of all.

A survey was conducted with forms being delivered to all the houses on the estate, as well as an on-line option. This elicited a good response from nearly 50% of the properties. They were supportive of forming a Residents Association and also provided thoughts on types of issues that should be progressed. The form circulated also asked for volunteers to form a committee. These volunteers have since met on three occasions (virtually) and elected a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The committee has also adopted a constitution.

If it were not for the current Covid crisis we would hold a General Meeting and invite all the members of the estate to attend. At this meeting we would seek the approval of the residents to the constitution and ask them to vote on the members of the committee. This will be done as soon as the current restrictions allow this and to this end we very much see

ourselves as the interim step until we can do what is necessary to formalise the current arrangements.

The committee has agreed a list of priorities it should progress in the short and medium term, one of which was to improve communication with the residents.

Purpose of a Notice Board. As stated one of the short term aims was to improve communication with the residents by various mediums. The Residents Association has already set up an Internet site, but this has yet to be fully developed. We also use Facebook and as stated above have and will continue to use maildrops to all houses. However, both these avenues do incur a cost and as yet the association does not have any funding.

Another option which we consider would be very useful would be to install a Notice Board at a prominent location in the estate. This could be used to post useful information from the Residents Association, but could also be used by the local authorities to publish their own information.

Location. The committee believes there are three really good locations. The first of these would be on the side of the Community Store, which the Parish Council has adopted. This location is close nest to a number of footpaths and would be the easiest to install and probably the least costly.

The second would be next to the footpath by the LAP/LEAP on Seaking Road. The Parish Council has not adopted the LAP/LEAP but I am confident that developers/management company would be receptive to putting this on their land. The notice board would be located within the boundary of the LAP/LEAP but accessible from the footpath.

The final location would be alongside the footpath on the open green space as residents enter and exit the estate. This would be more prominent, but could spoil the overall feel of this green space. Again this land will be owned by the management company and would need their approval to put up a notice board.

Of the three locations the committee feel that putting the notice board alongside the LAP/LEAP would be the more preferable.

Further Information. The committee has written to both developers on the site seeking financial assistance for the association and it would be our intention, should we be successful with these requests, to assist the Parish Council with the cost of the notice board.

The committee would be grateful if the Parish Council could consider this request and see it as a way of forging the bond between the residents of the estate and the local authority, and subsequently the wider Fremington community.