

Report to Communities Committee – 12th September 2023

Open Space Adoption – Mandeville Park – Bloor Homes.

Background

Back in 2018 the Parish Council agreed in principle to adopt the open spaces on Mandeville Park from Bloor Homes. It has now reached the stage that Buckinghamshire Council are satisfied that all the open space areas have been installed and maintained to the standard required for adoption.

Next Steps

The Clerk met with Adam Brown, the Adoption Manager for Bloor Homes, on the 4th September to walk the estate to understand what would be adopted and to talk through other requirements.

There are a few issues that were identified.

A large number of trees either hadn't taken or had been vandalised so needed replacing. There was the option of the Parish Council asking Bloor Homes not to replace all the trees but give the Parish Council a cash sum for spending on the trees at a later date or on other amenities.

Bloor Homes are due to put in six benches, which were to be in one location. I suggested that it would be too many in one place and could they be spaced along the path. They are agreeable to this. The locations to be decided.

Bloor Homes will be passing over:

- Grassed Areas.
- Footpath.
- Wildflower Areas.
- Pond Area.
- Play Area.
- Hardstanding Right of Way Area to Thames Water Pumping Station.
- Hardstanding Car Parking Area.

Bloor Homes will provide information of the current maintenance programme and the schedule that they are using now so that will form the tender specification.

Bloor Homes will be sending the Parish Council an outline of the area to be adopted and then there will be another walk around with Bloor and Buckinghamshire Council to finalise everything.

Then the legal work will begin.

It is proposed that a further walk around will take place with Bloor and Buckinghamshire Council. Councillors would be welcome to join if available.

For Decision

To continue with the adoption of Mandeville Park estate.