

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of meeting held 17th August 2004 at 30, Alesmore Meadow, Lichfield

Present.

Dr Mike Wall, Sue Bindless, Patrick Martin, Roger Hartley, Jane Wale, Lynn Terry and Jeff Fry.

Apologies

Tony Cadwallader and Graham Edwards

It was agreed that in the absence of the Secretary RH take minutes.

Minutes of meeting held 19th July 2004 These were accepted as a correct record.

Draft Constitution

MW had made amendments to the draft constitution which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The meeting carefully considered the document clause by clause and agreed a number of changes. These included :-

Clause 3 removal of age restriction, and a tighter definition of the Leomansley Area.

Clause 5 deletion of Vice Chairman (and all subsequent references) and the increase of ordinary members up to 7.

Clause 7.1.3 to add *at the discretion of the Chairman.*

Clause 7.2 the year end to be the 30th June

Clause 8 that there was no need for the person auditing the accounts to be a member.

Clause 9.1 to add at the end - *Executive Committee*

Clause 10 to tone down the requirement to convene meetings from shall to should.

Clause 11.2 in light of the decision not to charge subscriptions, this clause to be removed.

Clause 14 consideration to be given to strengthen this clause to limit individual liability to a fixed sum, ie £1. 00.

MW said he would make the necessary amendments, circulate by email and also place them before a solicitor for comments. The final draft would be put to the public meeting to be held on Saturday November 13th for ratification and adoption.

Membership It was agreed that anyone living and able to prove they lived in the agreed catchment area were eligible as members. For others who wished to be members, but lived

outside the area, The Executive Committee would determine such matters on request. It was formally agreed to accept Tony Cadwallader into membership.

Business Plan

MW said he apologised for not producing a written paper. He set out a vision that provide for efficient organisation of meetings, which he felt was covered by the constitution, and secondly how we related with the membership.

It was agreed that we needed to appreciate the concerns of members and how best to respond to them.

We needed to develop dialogue with elected representative and key players in all the services, Local Authorities, Police, Health etc.

It was important that we set parameters in conjunction with others and that the membership clearly knew what these were.

It was agreed that provision should be made for Councillors, local clergy, Police and others to attend executive and open meetings particularly where specific issues had been identified.

It was agreed that email was the preferred means of contact between committee members and between them and the membership. All agreed that their contacts details be included in a leaflet to the membership that would act as a calling notice for the public meeting, seek clarity on issues of concern and general offers of help and support. MW would prepare this mailing which would be delivered by hand across the estate. The leaflet would have to be punchy to attract as many as possible.

JF offered to set up a simply web page, with copy of the constitution and interactive facilities for the membership to contact us. It would include contact details for response agencies supporting the stance that we were more strategic than day to day in our approach. Further development could be made to develop the site into a professional site serving the needs of the membership.

It was estimated we would need about 2000 leaflets and MW was to approach the Chief Executive of the Lichfield DC to see if they could assist either financially and /or practically. It was hoped they would agree to run off the copies. The Chief Executive was also to be asked if Resident Association mailings could be included with Council mailings, such as annual council tax demands.

Finance Report

It was agreed that the Treasurer approach banks with a view to opening an account. **Cheques to be signed by any two of the three officers.** Tony Cadwallader as Treasurer of the now defunct LAG would be asked to transfer funds to the new account once set up.

Arrangements for Public Meeting

See Business plan for broad outline. The Martin Heath hall was booked for **November 13th 10.00 to 12.00 noon**. In addition to house by house mailing notices would be placed in public places (by permission). In addition GE be asked to book the kitchen in order that

refreshments could be served. A number of the EC agreed to serve these. The meeting should provide for the adoption of the constitution, ratify the Executive Committee actions and give a mandate for future action.

Consideration to be given to a guest speaker on a topical theme, for which ideas to be emailed to MW. Highways and the further encouragement to reduce flow and speed on the Walsall Rd was one suggestion. A speaker may encourage folk to attend.

It was agreed that a single issue meeting be held to finalise arrangements.

Lichfield Area Forum

Dr Stanley (Lich DC) had called a meeting of Resident Associations at which we were represented by MW. PM and SB. It covered much of the content of this talk at our inaugural meeting and went on to establish who should attend Forum meetings. Each RA to send up to three representatives.

Date, Time and venue of next meetings

Monday 1st November 8. 15pm at Mike Wall's home, 121 Walsall Road.

Saturday 13th November an open meeting in the Martin Heath hall from 10. 00 to 12. 00 noon.

The meeting closed at 10. 00. with thanks to Sue for provision of refreshments.