

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held Monday 28 February 2005

1 Present

Mike Wall (Chair), John Thompson, Jane Wale, Patrick Martin, Graham Edwards, Jeff Fry

2 Apologies

Roger Hartley, Ian Williams

3 Minutes of Meeting 24 January 2005

Agreed as a true record

4 Matters Arising

- Walsall Road Development and associated issues – on Agenda but Trunkfield Brook – JW to raise with Environment Agency
- Timetable for LDF consultation – to be put on website
- Communication – information has been included in the 'Beacon' and LARA's own Newsletter/Bulletin has been issued
- Website – Jeff to put a 'counter' on the website

5 Finance

Hire of the Hall from November has now been paid and donations received have been paid into the account – which now stands at £68.01 credit

6 Membership

Now stands at about 65 members with the addition of Gail Minihane and her husband and the removal of locally elected representatives (councillors)

7 Correspondence

- Letter from Mr Smith, Staffordshire CC dated 8 February 2005 (previously circulated) – clear that current policy in relation to public consultation is inadequate. MW to respond on this basis and pointing out the role LARA could fulfil. MW to also contact Cllr Terry Finn to look at the following
 - Highways issues
 - Progress with by-pass
 - Roads on Darwin Park estate
 - Public transport
 - Access to Christchurch School
 - Pre-school places
- Letter from Gail Minihane re post boxes and public transport – GE to write to Royal mail and e-mail GM. MW will take up the public transport issue with Cllr Terry Finn

8 Local Development Framework Consultation

Exhibition at Guildhall held on Saturday 26 February. Consultation is now part of the statutory process and comments need to be in by 24 March 2005.

Evident there is an issue with sites for office development

Need to consider the designation/redesignation of the recreation zones – they should be framework open space and any move to now designate as commercial would seem at odds with the original planning approval for the overall development

JT to produce a draft form of words, which he will e-mail to MW

City Forum is involved in the consultation process and agreed that LARA should stay involved with the Forum

9 Issues for Meeting LDC Officers

JT,MW,JF,RH,PM to meet with Ian Thompson & Steve Hill

JT has produced a list of key issues. MW to summarise into an agenda and send to LDC together with names of Cttee members who will attend

10 Proposed Meeting Association of Residents Associations

Instituted by Beacon Street RA

Another meeting is to be held to be hosted by LARA – MW to resolve date, time and venue

11 Planning Application Public House Sandyway Farm

Recommendation was that it be refused

12 Any Other Business

None

13 Agreed Actions

- JT to draft form of words to mobilise support against redesignation of recreation zones and send to MW
- MW to contact Cllr Terry Finn
- JW to contact Environment Agency
- GE to contact Royal Mail
- MW to write to CC on response to consultation on crossings and cycle route on Walsall Road

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21 March 2005 @ 8.15pm MW's house 121 Walsall Road