

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held Monday 21 March 2005

1 Present

Mike Wall (Chair), John Thompson, Patrick Martin, Graham Edwards, Jeff Fry, Roger Hartley

2 Apologies

Jane Wale (congratulations to Jane on the birth of her baby boy), Ian Williams

3 Minutes of Meeting 28 February 2005

Agreed as a true record

4 Matters Arising

None

5 Finance

Bank Account remains at £68.01 credit

6 Membership

No change

7 Correspondence

No specific correspondence for the residents association

JT has received notification as a resident of a 40-bed ancillary block for the Bowling Green pub. Response date is 21 days from 17 March

8 Meeting LDC Officers

MW, PM, JT, RH, JF attended. Key points

- £1 million from Walsall Road development still to come
- LARA can play a facilitating role in consultation as well as being consulted in it's own right
- Need to provide LDC with a map showing LARA boundary
- S106 monies – not a transparent decision making process. Need details of :-
 - Monies paid by developer
 - How much has been spent and on what
 - What monies are left
 - What schemes are in the pipeline and what is their value

- Need to emphasise LARA's view that schemes to be funded should be relevant to the development
- Need to seek residents views on how monies might be utilised (use of bulletin and at AGM in November)
- Current suggestions from LARA for use of s106 monies include :-
 - Scout hut
 - Enlarged car park at Martin Heath Hall for car parking by parents taking/collecting children from school
 - Refurbishment of Martin Heath Hall
 - Nursery/playgroup

- Additional contribution to new community hall, which should also be combined with a new health facility
 - Play area linked to the new community hall
- LDC should hold consultation events for Darwin park residents and residents of the surrounding area, many of whom will be unaware of the S106 contributions and their possible uses
- Need timetable for the completion of play areas, walkways, lighting etc – currently lagging too far behind residential development
- Recreation zones (see below under LDF)

Overall felt the meeting went well

9 Local Development Framework Consultation

2 main issues

- Recreation zones vs. commercial use
- Completion of southern by-pass

Agreed we should resist the redesignation of any of the Darwin park recreation zones as commercial or housing. They should stay for recreation use. Any change seems to go against the original planning approach and may contradict current central government policies of concentrating development on city centres. Recreation zones should be offered extra protection by being designated green belt now that there is a definite 'edge' to the Darwin park Development

LARA supports the completion of the southern by-pass and no further developments should occur until it is completed. If local authority views on the by-pass have changed we need to know why.

10. Meeting Cllr Terry Finn

Took place Thursday 17 March. Number of issues raised but no detailed responses. Key actions:

- Write to Cllr Terry Finn to thank him for coming to the meeting
- Reiterate the issues – by-pass, lack of consultation on the Walsall Road works, lack of co-ordination of roadway maintenance resulting in traffic congestion, what will happen with temporary round-a- bout on Walsall Road, delays on handover of roads and lighting, public transport – what will happen and when (some preliminary discussions have been had by the CC and operators), narrow roads/obstructions on the Darwin park estate which could delay emergency services

11 Proposed Meeting Association of Residents Associations

Organised for Wednesday 23 March at MW's house 8.15pm

MW, JT and PM (if possible) to attend

11 Any Other Business

None

12 Agreed Actions

- LARA boundary Map for LDC – JF
- Link to LDC website for LDF responses – JF
- LARA Bulletin – JF
- Copying of bulletin – MW to approach LDC

- Message in Beacon Newsletter - MW
- Letter to LDC following up the meeting – JT
- LDF response from LARA – JT
- Letter to Cllr Terry Finn – MW
- Letter to Ron Hilton re: mtg Cllr Terry Finn – MW
- Contact Nick Sedgwick (Taylor Woodrow) re: meeting - JT

Future Meeting Dates

Monday 23 May @ 8.15pm

Monday 25 July @ 8.15pm

Monday 26 September @ 8.15pm

Venue: likely 121 Walsall Road

AGM - Saturday 12 November @ 10am Martin Heath Hall