

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held Monday 23 May 2005

Present

Mike Wall (MW)(Chair), Patrick Martin (PM), Graham Edwards (GE), Jeff Fry (JF), Roger Hartley (RH)(part), John Thompson (JT)

1. Apologies

Ian Williams

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 21 March 2005

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the 21st March 2005.

3. Matters Arising

Map of area – JF to do
Bulletin – now on website
Copying of future bulletins – MW to confirm with LDC
Message in Beacon Newsletter – done
Letter to LDC – done
LDF response – done
Letters to Cllr Terry Finn & Ron Hilton – done
Meeting with Taylor Woodrow – on agenda

4. Finance Report

Transfer of Funds from Leomansley Action Group now complete

Bank Balance stands at £108.08 credit

5. Correspondence

Letter received from Royal Mail confirming there will be a post box on Sainte Foye Avenue.
GE to write back thanking for response and to check whether there is likely to be a post box at the new Waitrose supermarket

6 Meeting with Taylor Woodrow

Malcolm Caddy, Taylor Woodrow, did a power-point presentation highlighting the 24 acres of open space (19 acres major open space and 5 acres incidental open space).

Play area plans have been submitted to LDC

Probably 2 further years of development. There is an issue of there being no S38 agreements in place regarding the highways – this became evident when responsibility passed from Taylor Woodrow's East Midlands Office to the West Midlands.

May be issues with the safety of the balancing ponds in respect of the steep banks

Need to write to Nick Sedgwick and thank him for the meeting, point out the key issues and suggest further meetings/consultation would be very useful

Key Issues

- Like to see plans for the play areas
- LARA would wish to be part of the consultation process
- Would be useful to have a LARA presence at the LDC/Developer meetings
- Would be useful to be on the circulation list for the minutes of LDC/Developer meetings and to see previous minutes
- Point out the possible danger of the steep banks on the balancing ponds
- Raise issue of access road from Walsall Road to the abandoned house – new development has pedestrian access on to this track but no one appears to be maintaining it. Position is similar with the footpath at the side of the Victoria Hospital.

GE pointed out some concerns IW had regarding our issue of emergency access on the new development and felt we needed to ensure we have facts to support our case. JT said this had been raised originally through a meeting between a local member and the fire service but he would clarify.

7. Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance – Sport & Recreation

Important document that LARA should respond to. JF, JT, MW to draft a response which will be e-mailed. JF to put reference on website and e-mail members the hyperlink to LDC website

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8. Response from LDC

Need to reinforce the request for LARA to be involved in the LDC/Developer meetings.

Point out that since a significant proportion of the S106 monies have gone to the Garrick the remainder should be focused on the Leomansley area. Current ideas include the Scouts Hut, Community Hall, car parking/traffic management at the school, endowment fund for the new community building

MW to meet Chronicle reporter and discuss the response from LDC

9. Letter from Lichfield Civic Society

Generally felt not to be very helpful and missed the point on the need to keep and make use of land zoned for recreation

10. Communications

Bulletin No.3 to be issued as e-mail

11. AGM

Agreed date to be 12 November or 19 November should the 12th not be available

12. Membership

Membership list remains as per previous meeting

13. Agreed Actions

- Letter to Royal Mail – GE
- Letter following up meeting with Developer – JT
- Supplementary Planning Guidance – website JF;e-mail JF/MW;
- Response to LDC letter – MW
- Meeting CC – MW

- Booking of Hall for AGM – GE
- Fire Service access on estate – JT to clarify

14. Date of Next Two Meetings –
Monday 25 July 2005 8.15pm @ 121 Walsall Road
Monday 26 September 2005 @ 121 Walsall Road