

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held Monday 25 July 2005

Present

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

1. Apologies

Ian Williams

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 23 May 2005

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the 23 May 2005.

3. Matters Arising

Post box – GE outlined response from Royal Mail – no date yet for post box on Sainte Foye Avenue & a post box at Waitrose needs a request from them as well as review of local post box availability

Letter following meeting with developer – awaiting response – MW to follow up

Website link – done

Local Development Framework – to check whether LARA's comments have been incorporated in latest draft – JT

Response to LDC letter – JT has responded (4 July) with main issues relating to S106 monies

Booking of Hall for AGM – booked 9.30 – 12.30 Saturday 12 November

Emergency Services access – JT has circulated note

4. Finance Report

No financial transactions since last meeting. With interest, current balance stands at £108.10 credit

5. Correspondence

Letter received from Royal Mail - see Matters Arising above

6 Blair House Planning Application

Owned by Delta Bridge Investments

Plan to develop 4 houses on the site with access off Alesmore Meadow

Has been a meeting of some local residents and a solicitor (relation of local resident) is prepared to support residents.

Said to be a S106 document which identifies issues concerning 'loss of benefit' – this is said to have formed part of the documentation given to local residents when they purchased their homes (JF to follow up)

Overall felt LARA should object to the proposal to develop Blair House on the grounds that this area is all identified as public open space in the wider Darwin park development documentation. In addition, although only 4 houses, additional development will obviously increase further the total number of dwellings on the whole site.

Letter of objection to be copied to local councillors

7. Waitrose Development

Concern about

- How close it is to new homes
- Deliveries will have access of Whitehouse Drive (an issue that was raised with planners at last years November meeting)
- Will it have a 'mini police station' incorporated
- Will there be a request for a 24 hour liquor licence

MW to arrange meeting with Waitrose

8. Public Transport

Understood public transport will not operate through the estate until the roads have been adopted

PM to check latest position with Cllr Terry Finn when they meet later in the week

9. Leomansley Mill

This property has fallen into considerable disrepair and unsure what the future for the site is. GE said he thought he had seen an 'advert' in a local estate agents window identify the development opportunity the site presents. RH to check with local estate agents

10. Feedback from Meetings

- Association of Local Residents Associations – each residents association reported on its activities. The *Save Our Green Campaign* has now become the South Lichfield RA. *Beacon Street RA* – has been using 'speed guns' as part of its campaign against speeding traffic. General views discussed included idea of a *central post-box* for RAs to communicate with the LA, need to *clarify role* and make a better contribution to the Lichfield City Forum, particularly in being more proactive over the agenda. The LCF could be better used for RA and public agencies communicating with each other. *S106 and local decision making* – need to ensure involvement of local people
- Lichfield City Forum – a summary of the consultation in February has been done – RH to e-mail round

11. Communications

Agreed to continue use of

- E-mail
- Occasional bulletins
- Articles in Beacon
- Articles in Chronicle

To also consider using free 'directories' that have recently appeared

MW to draft an article for the Beacon, Chronicle, Mercury and for e-mail

12. AGM

Will be 12 November

Will need to give minimum 21 days notice

Consider (re)election of officers

Summary of actions over the year

Discuss and agree minutes from last years meeting

Presentations – possibly talk on Community Hall and/or Waitrose development

Item for members of public to raise issues of local concern

GE to draft agenda for next meeting

13. Membership

Requests for membership from
Bob Newnham – 26 Alesmore Meadow
Tim & Glenys Shingley – 22 Alesmore Meadow
Roy & Carolyn Smith – 16 Lightwood Close
Emma & Matthew Jackson – 43 Alesmore Meadow

13. Agreed Actions

- **Follow up letter with Developer – MW**
- **Local Development Framework – JT to check latest draft**
- **Meeting with local groups and LA re: S106 – MW to organise**
- **S106 letter/development of Blair House – JF to obtain copy & MW to check planning application**
- **Blair House letter of objection – JT**
- **Meeting with Waitrose – MW to organise**
- **Public Transport – PM to raise with Cllr Terry Finn**
- **Leomansley Mill – RH to check with estate agents**
- **Lichfield City Forum – JT to e-mail summary February consultation**
- **Communication – MW to draft short article**
- **AGM – GE to draft agenda and see if can 'advertise' date in Whats On (through Tourist Information)**
- **AGM – MW to contact Peter Young re: presentation on Community Hall**
- **Membership List – GE to update, identify new members, and circulate**

14. Date of Next Two Meetings –

Monday 26 September 2005 @ 121 Walsall Road
Saturday 12 November @ Martin Heath Hall