

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held Monday 5 December 2005

Present

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

1. Apologies

Ian Williams, Tim Shrigley

2. Welcome and Introductions

MW welcomed Valmai and everyone then introduced themselves

3. Election of Officers

Chair – MW advised that he would not be able to continue as Chair. MW proposed that JF be Chair and JF agreed to consider this. MW agreed to Chair today's meeting.

It was proposed that GE and PM continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively and this was agreed

4. Minutes of AGM 19 November 2005

The following amendments to the draft minutes were agreed

Cllr. Stockdale gave apologies for the meeting

Footnote required regarding Valmai agreeing to join the Cttee

Formal approval of the minutes will be required at the AGM in 2006.

5. Finance Report

No financial transactions since last meeting. With interest, current balance stands at L108.15 credit

6. LDF Core Strategy & Land Allocations

JT advised that on the Statement of Community Involvement - All representations made by LARA have been accepted by LDC. It will now be up to the Planning Inspector as to whether these are formally adopted

On the Core Strategy and Land Allocations JT summarised the key points of his report

- Object to the community facilities being sited within the Recreation Zone – the position of designating these areas as Recreation Zones should be maintained

- Phasing of development – on developments of the scale of Darwin Park any development agreement and master plan needs to tie the developer into ensuring facilities are developed ‘in step’ with the main housing development and not left until the end. Reference made to the Good Practice Guide of Sport England in relation to Play Facilities
- Framework Open Space – designation should extend to Cathedral Walk, Recreation Zones and the former cricket ground site

JT’s report was agreed.

7. Correspondence

Fly-tipping – woods are owned by the Maple Hayes Trust – MW to make contact on this issue and the riding of motorcycles in the woods

Questionnaires from AGM. Key points

- State of roads on new development
- Street lighting on new development
- Housing association properties on Walsall Road adjacent round-a-bout – meter boxes still not repaired following road traffic accident earlier in the year – VB to contact LDC re: ownership and GE to follow-up with identified Housing Association

JF felt it would be a good idea to have a public meeting in the spring to which the Developer could be invited to answer questions from local residents. Initially JT to contact Taylor Woodrow regarding a meeting with LARA

Access from Alesmore Meadow to ‘the Blair House track’- JF has drafted letter to the developer re: need for barriers to slow down cyclists

8. Press/Publicity

Recent publicity had expressed views that did not entirely agree with the ‘LARA consensus’. It was agreed that when dealing with the press need to ensure that if speaking on behalf of LARA that we represent a LARA view and not an individual view.

9. Feedback from ARA Meeting

Save Our Green Group now the South Lichfield RA

Next meeting will look at boundary issues to identify areas not covered by residents associations. LDC will then be ‘encouraged’ to seek formation of groups to cover these.

It was agreed that extension of existing RA boundaries to incorporate areas currently not covered should not be encouraged unless there was a very strong case for doing so.

10. Membership

Mike Barnby & Heather Butterfield to be added to the membership list

11. AoB

- S106An issue that might benefit from S106 monies is the footpaths (public rights of way) that cross the estate. This could be raised at a future meeting with LDC
- Walnut Walk – Cllr Neil Roberts has advised that the reason for not completing the resurfacing on Walnut Walk is that the street lighting needs to be completed first. GE to follow up

12. Agreed Actions

- JT to finalise LDF Core Strategy response and submit
- MW to talk to Maple Hayes Trust re: issues with woods
- VB to contact LDC re: ownership on Walsall Road and GE to then follow up the maintenance issue with the owners
- GE to contact Cllr Neil Roberts re: resurfacing of Walnut Walk/street lighting
- JT to contact Taylor Woodrow re: meeting with LARA
- MW to contact Richard King (Head of Democratic Services, LDC) and Nina Dawes re; S106 monies

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday February 6th 8.15pm. Venue to be agreed