

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held Monday 27 November 2006 @ Waitrose

Present

Jeff Fry (JF), Graham Edwards (GE), Patrick Martin (PM), Mike Wall (MW), John Thompson (JT), David Sandland (DS), Roger Hartley (RH), Pat Jones (PJ)

1. Apologies

Ian Williams, Valmai Bowden (VB)

NB Ian retires at the end of December 2006

2. Welcome & Introductions

PJ was welcomed to the committee meeting and everyone introduced themselves. PJ indicated that she would make a final decision on joining the Committee over the next few weeks.

3. Election of Officers

The following volunteered and were elected

Chair – Jeff Fry
Secretary – Graham Edwards
Treasurer – Patrick Martin

It was noted that this will be the 3rd and final year that GE and PM can hold these positions

4. Minutes of Meeting 23 October 2006

Agreed

5. Matters Arising/Action Points from Previous Meeting

- *JF to write to Clls Neil Roberts and Tony Thompson re: AGM*
- *Chairs Report for AGM – JF*
- *Advertise AGM and issues around Section 106 – MW to contact Chronicle and possibly Mercury*
- *Copies of minutes, Agenda, attendees list – GE*
- *Refreshments – DS*
- *Agreed to do a collection at AGM - PM*
- *GE to draft a timed Agenda and to include provision for a 2 minutes silence at 11am*
- *GE to collect refreshments from Waitrose*
- *MW to collect key for Hall and 'open up' at about 9.15*
- *ALL to be at the Hall for 9.20am*
- *Litter Pick - raise at AGM – ways of working with disaffected young people - JF*
- *Section 106 – JT drafting letter; JF could e-mail members for ideas on use of S106 funds but we do have some suggestions via the website. Possible projects to be presented at AGM and those present to be asked for views and other suggestions*
- *Footpaths – RH still waiting for a satisfactory response from LDC. Before writing to Nina Dawes RH to phone contact at LDC*
- *Amenity provision & infrastructure dates – JT to action*

All above dealt with or included in Agenda items

6. Finance Report

Balance prior to AGM £164.19 credit
Receipts @ AGM £26.20
Current Balance £190.39 credit

It was agreed that the association should apply for a grant from LDC for the following

Leaflets - £400.00
Web Site - £100.00
Professional advice - £300.00
Display Boards - £200.00
Total - £1,000.00

JF to action

7. AGM Review

- Need to see if we can increase attendance (29 people attended including cttee members) eg choose a different time, combine with cheese 7 wine)
- Consider a different format eg drop in and discussion session
- Improve advertising
- Invite all local councillors not just Leomansley Ward members
- Contact and invite other groups and associations
- Ideas for S106 – need to analyse responses received
- S106 consultation – we need to be proactive and send in the results of LARA consultation BUT make clear this does not replace wider consultation (*JF to action*). Also, if Lichfield City Council is responsible for consultation as the Parish Council, is there not a conflict of interest seeing as they are also bidding for funds for the Community hall? *JF to write to Cllr.Roberts following drafting of suitable text by JT*
- Invitation to Developer/LDC meetings – this has not happened. *JF to write to Cllr. Roberts but to inform Steve Hill that this action is being taken*

8. Blair House

Decision deferred at planning Committee – technical matter in relation to failure to advertise in local press regarding areas of land in 'unknown ownership' – refers to access track and areas of land on the track that will need works as part of the development. In addition, to provide the required 'splay' at the junction of the track and Walsall Road, part of the adjoining land may be required and the owner(s) have not been asked nor given permission. The application will need to go back to Planning Committee.

There remains the issue of information about the use of Blair house given by Taylor Woodrow's agents to prospective purchasers of property on the development. *MW to ask TS to draft response perhaps following a discussion with 'the solicitor' who lives on the estate – JF to identify*

9. 2 Friary Road

Property now demolished
Taylor Woodrow are understood to have made an offer for the site but the offer so far made is not high enough for the owners to accept

Would be good to get a quality photograph of the cathedral looking down Cathedral Walk – *JF to contact the Chronicle*

10. Play Areas

No action yet

11. Litter Pick

Meeting held 21 November – those present included representatives from HomeZone, Fire Service, Community Police. Youth Workers are to undertake further consultation. Would also be useful to have information on the age distribution of young people on the estate

12. Correspondence

None

13. Press/Publicity

Blair House issue subject of article in Chronicle and Express & Star

14. Agreed Actions

- *Grant from LDC – JF to make application on behalf of LARA*
- *S106 consultation - JF to write to Cllr.Roberts following drafting of suitable text by JT and to forward ideas received by LARA*
- *Invitation to Developer/LDC meetings - JF to write to Cllr. Roberts but to inform Steve Hill that this action is being taken*
- *Blair House - MW to ask TS to draft response perhaps following a discussion with 'the solicitor' who lives on the estate – JF to identify*
- *Photograph down Cathedral Walk - JF to contact the Chronicle*

15. Date of Future Meetings –

Monday 12 February 2007

Monday 14 May 2007

Monday 9 July 2007

All meetings to be held @ Waitrose and to commence at 8.15