

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held Monday 12 February 2007 @ Waitrose

Present

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

1. Apologies

Pat Jones (PJ), Valmai Bowden (VB), Tim Shrigley (TS)

2. Welcome & Introductions

JF welcomed the following observers to the meeting – Mason & Margaret Parker, Chris Hamilton, Mark Harris, Ted Huxley.
Committee members introduced themselves

3. Minutes of Meeting 27 November 2006

Agreed

4. Matters Arising/Action Points from Previous Meeting

- *Grant from LDC – JF to make application on behalf of LARA- done*
- *S106 consultation - JF to write to Cllr.Roberts following drafting of suitable text by JT and to forward ideas received by LARA - done*
- *Invitation to Developer/LDC meetings - JF to write to Cllr. Roberts but to inform Steve Hill that this action is being taken - done*
- *Blair House - MW to ask TS to draft response perhaps following a discussion with 'the solicitor' who lives on the estate – JF to identify – now transpires that owners of 119 Walsall Road own an area of land adjacent to the track that will be required for making a 'splay' onto Walsall Road*
- *Photograph down Cathedral Walk - JF to contact the Chronicle- done*

5. Finance Report

Balance prior £165.39 credit following payment for the hire of martin Heath Hall

6. Meeting with Developer & LDC

Key points

- Lighting on footpaths – order to be placed by end of March (but little pressure from LDC). Perhaps consider asking Police to comment on the dangers lack of lighting poses or involve press, perhaps focusing on the paths adjacent the balancing ponds and Cathedral Walk
- Ownership of the track to Blair House – from the second garage said to be in the ownership of Deltabridge although there seems confusion as to whether Taylor Woodrow have an interest
- Footpath by Victoria Hospital – TW deny any re-routing and LDC won't upgrade
- Sewage pumping station – STWA responsibility

Those present generally dissatisfied by the responses received from TW & LDC. Should now ask for a meeting with Nina Dawes to push on these issues and perhaps ask for the appropriate Cabinet Member or Leader to be present. *JF to draft letter to include questions regarding*

- *which elements of the development have been handed over to public authorities?*

- *Quality of the development brief in tying down the developer*

Should this approach fail to elicit a satisfactory response recourse to MP or Local Government Ombudsman to be considered

7. POS Friary Road end of Darwin park

Area to remain POS and to be landscaped starting in April

8. Planning Issues

- 2 Friary Road – no update although there is a suspicion that ground conditions may be poor
- Blair House – no further update but no one adjacent the track has been approached regarding access. As an aside, property on Alesmore Meadow backing onto the track has had a newly planted hedge stolen and they are pursuing the matter with the police.
- Cricket Ground – application for 21 houses negotiated down to 20. LARA has formally objected to the construction of extra dwellings on the site. *MW and/or JF to attend planning committee and JF to e-mail members to alert them to the planning application*

9. Play Areas

Work has now started and additional drainage being laid

10. Correspondence

None

11. Press/Publicity

Any immediate opportunities likely to relate to the planning application for additional dwellings

12. Agreed Actions

Letter following meeting with TW & LDC - JF to draft letter to Nina Dawes to include questions regarding

- *which elements of the development have been handed over to public authorities.*
- *Quality of the development brief in tying down the developer*

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- *Cricket Ground Planning Application - MW and/or JF to attend planning committee and JF to e-mail members to alert them to the planning application*

13. Date of Future Meetings –

Monday 14 May 2007

Monday 9 July 2007

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