

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Notes of meeting held on 14th May 2007 at Waitrose store

Present	Jeff Fry(JF); Patrick Martin(PM); Roger Hartley(RH); John Thompson(JT), Mike Wall(MW); David Sandland(DS); Andy Smith(AS)
Apologies	Graham Edwards; Pat Jennings; Valmai Bowden
Minutes of meeting 12 th Feb. 2007	Approved as a correct record
Matters arising	<p>1. Letter to Nina Dawes (inc quality of development brief). JT & MW have met Stephen Hill to explain their concerns about slow pace of progress with provision of amenities on Darwin Park and dissatisfaction with attitude of LDC officers. Mr Hill appeared to take the criticisms to heart and promised to include LARA in future meetings with developers. There has since been one joint meeting with LDC and developers and some signs of a change of attitude (formal agenda & minutes, some pressure on developers from LDC). It was agreed to hold back the proposed letter to Nina Dawes.</p> <p>2. Cricket ground planning application JT attended. Application for 22 dwellings approved.</p>
Finance update	There have been transactions since last report. £165.39 in account. Lichfield City Council has awarded grant of £50 to LARA but money has not yet been received.
Meeting with LDC and developer	See above (matters arising). Minutes of meeting have been circulated. Next meeting planned for 20 th June at 3.00pm. Developers have agreed that litter bins and poo bins will be installed soon and footpath lighting by July 31st. MKW stressed that similar promises have been made before. He suggested that if there has been no progress on these issues by 20 th June LARA should insist on enforcement action by LDC. DS was especially concerned about the lack of adequate lighting and suggested involving the police.
Darwin Park: shaping the future	<p>Members were concerned that the consultation document had been worded to encourage responses which would support building on the Western Recreation Zone. It was agreed that JF would e-mail members encouraging them to submit responses to LDC.</p> <p>JF to submit response on behalf of LARA.</p> <p>There was much discussion about the proposed parking arrangements for the Community Hall. DS agreed to contact Waitrose Head Office to find out whether pressure could be brought to bear to reverse or amend the decision to 'lend' 50 parking spaces.</p> <p>The most recent proposal for the Community Hall suggests a capacity of up to 288 people. It is anticipated that the planning submission will be in the second half of June.</p>
Other planning issues	<p>2 Friary Road.</p> <p>JT reported that Stephen Hill had indicated that confidential discussions are taking place. He anticipated that there will be further news at 20th June meeting with LDC and developers.</p>
Date of next meeting	9 th July 2007 8.00pm