

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 March 2010 at Waitrose

Present: Jeff Fry (JF) Chairman, Rick Hill (RH), John Thompson (JT), Mike Wall (MW), Simon Lake (SL), Graham Edwards (GE) Secretary

Also present for the first part of the meeting Cllr Terry Finn (TF)

1. Welcome and Introductions

JF welcomed Simon Lake to the Executive and advised that Cllr Terry Finn had agreed to attend to explain the current position with highways and other issues relating to Darwin park.

2. Apologies

Mike Wall advised that he would need to leave early.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were deferred to the next meeting.

4. Cllr Terry Finn

TF distributed copies of e-mail correspondence with Staffordshire County Council (SCC) on highway issues related to Darwin Park. Key points

- Remedial works to street lighting – developer is waiting for a start date from Central Networks
- Missing bollards on Caterbank Way and at pinch points on the estate and missing signage – safety inspection to be undertaken
- Drop kerbs, Walnut Walk – SCC to contact Developer
- Adoption of drainage (required before highways can be adopted) – target is end of May; recent CCTV inspection has revealed further 'jetting' work required

Discussion and action – agreed that an action plan for the completion of all the outstanding works is required. The action plan should have clear target dates. TF agreed to follow-up. Also agreed that a senior officer from SCC should be at the next meeting with the Developer

5. Finance Update

MW reported

- £135.07 cash in the bank
- £56.30 cash in hand
- Total assets £191.37

Liabilities

- £79.00 printing costs for public meeting and AGM (owed to MW)
- £50.00 for hire of Martin Heath Hall
- Total Liabilities £129.00

Net Assets £62.37

Lichfield City Council have advised that LARA will not receive any grant aid this year and therefore there is a need to raise funds by other means eg from the membership

SL agreed to look at producing a flyer for residents on raising funds

6. Communication/Consultation With Members

Use of e-mails and LARA Newsletter to continue. To also consider setting up a 'Forum' for discussing issues

7. S106 Funds.

LARA still has issues about how the remaining funds will be distributed and used. It seems clear that the funds could be spread quite widely whilst many issues directly related to Darwin Park, and which might yet require funds, remain unresolved

8. Community Hall.

Opening date – 26 June 2010

4 Directors appointed – Clls Jackson, Smith, Autey and Finn

9. MUGA

LARA's position remains that it is for the local authority to properly consult all residents of Darwin Park and to also elicit the views of young people on the estate.

10. LDF

Deferred to next meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 24th May 8.15 p.m. Venue – JF to ask Waitrose for one further meeting at the store. Subsequent meetings should be at the Community Hall.