

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 September 2010

Present: Jeff Fry (JF) Chairman, Rick Hill (RH), Mike Wall (MW), and John Thompson (JT).

1. Apologies

Graham Edwards (GE) Secretary, Simon Lake

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th May were confirmed as a true record.

3. Finance Update

MW reported he had received £55 in membership donations and the current balance is £129.87

It was agreed the Chairman should send out an e-mail reminder about membership contributions.

4. Section 106 projects

The current situation with the grant approval was discussed. The original proposal for equipment to be located around the trim trail has been modified at the request of Lichfield District Council (LDC) who wished to see all the equipment located for ease of maintenance on the MUGA site. Concerns about this location were expressed in that it is out-of-the-way, and not likely to be used by the same users as the MUGA. Since however the grant is dependent the District Council Leisure Services Department accepting the ownership and ongoing maintenance liabilities it is unlikely that they will agree to the original locations. It is however intended that the trim trail will be marked and a plan be displayed. Consideration is being given at the District Council to the VAT that will be payable on our projects.

It was agreed that in authorising the work to proceed that should be expressly understood that the monies allocated by way of grant must not be exceeded and that ownership and liabilities in respect of any equipment, plants etc provided shall transfer to the District Council in respect of the trim trail and the County Council in respect of the environmental works at The Friary.

5. Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that the meeting be held on Saturday 20th November at the Martin Heath Hall. An invitation is to be extended to the District Council for speaker on the Local Development Framework and to the Police in respect of community policing. The notice of meeting would include the agenda and achievements during the last year. JF would supply a draft prior to finalisation at the next committee meeting. GE would be asked to book the Hall.

6. Highway issues

Traffic speeds and the need for speed calming on Walsall Road were discussed. MW felt the situation was better than it was. Concerning the MUGA provision on Sainte Foy Avenue JF had been advised it would open for use in October with a formal opening in November. The installation of a pedestrian crossing will unfortunately be at a later date.

7. Implementation meeting.

Since the last meeting on 28th June Taylor Wimpey has initiated significant progress on works to drains and sewers in Darwin Park which had resulted in some temporary road closures. A letter to Persimmon regarding outstanding highway works is outstanding.

8. LDF Spatial Strategy

JF has been informed by Neil Cox at LDC that an informal consultation process is underway about the general levels of housing provision. Government policy announcements have delayed the timescale and current indications are that the proposed specific site allocations will be published in summer 2011, the Core Strategy adopted after November 2011 and the submission to the Secretary of State in 2012.

9. Communication/Consultation With Members

JF is to open the new forum on the web site.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

It was agreed to meet on Wednesday 13th October at 8.15 p.m.