

Leomansley Area Residents Association (LARA)

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, 12 January 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the LARA was called to order at 8pm on 12 January 2011 in 4 Caterbanck Way, Lichfield by Rev Jeff Fry.

Present:

Graham Edwards (GE), Jeff Fry (JF), John Thompson (JT).
Apologies: Patrick Martin (PM), Mike Wall (MW), Rick Hill (RH).

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Open Issues

1. Financial report – skipped as Mike was not able to attend.
2. Election of new secretary – skipped as nobody has come forward yet.
3. JF updated everyone on s106 projects: Muga is 80% done and Kensington Oval Environmental Enhancement project is underway now.
4. JF to email Neil Whitehouse of all the dates of the Exec meetings which are upcoming as he may be interested in joining us.

D. New Business

1. Update on the Alliance of Residents Associations – Jeff update us on the current thinking of the Alliance. The Alliance has decided to go with the recommendation of 4000 homes instead of the council's 8000 homes. This is because they believe that if we start recommending 4000 then we may end up with something reasonable. Also, the Alliance is putting together a position paper for the Core Strategy. We, LARA, will make our contributions to it.
2. Section 106 Funds Application. It was decided that Jeff would proceed with an application for the interpretive panel (signage) for the beginning point of the trim trail. Jeff asked if there was anyone else who had any ideas for an s106 application for capital projects. A possible one for lighting on footpaths was considered but we thought that maybe it would be better to ask the council to undertake this themselves. 4th of February is deadline for the applications.
3. Response to Richard King about the lighting on the footpaths in Darwin Park Estate (e.g. footpath 36, Blair house, Ormonds Close).
 - i. Footpath 36 - Suggest that LDC use s106 funds to procure lighting on fp36. Ask – is Taylor Wimpey not responsible still for fp36?
 - ii. Blair House - Richard King says that Blair House is nearing "resolution" – must ask what is this resolution and how will it light the path?
 - iii. Ormonds Close – LDC proposing to cutback the trees / shrubs here. But who will maintain the footpaths?

4. JT had to leave early
5. Preliminary discussion took place on the LDF and Core Strategy. The deadline for views is 28.2.2011. Some areas that need to be tackled include
 - i. Recreation zone outside Waitrose
 - ii. Friarsgate
 - iii. Hs2 route
 - iv. Greenbelt in South Lichfield and any others
 - v. Infrastructure issues
6. Next meetings will be:
 - i. Wednesday, 16th February, 8pm Jeff's house
 - ii. Wednesday, 4th May, 8pm, Jeff's house
 - iii. Wednesday, 14th September, Jeff's house
 - iv. Wednesday, 12th October, Jeff's house
 - v. Sunday, 19th November, AGM, 10am, location to be announced

E. Agenda for Next Meeting / Action Points

1. JF mentioned that PM was co-opted at the AGM but had to send his apologies for this meeting
2. JF to ask MW for £25 fee for the Alliance of Residents Associations – used for renting the church hall (Catholic church on St John's Street)
3. Membership issue – do members have to pay a due or not?