

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 20th February 2012 at 4, Caterbanck Close

Present: Jeff Fry (JF) Chair
Mike Wall (MW) Treasurer
Graham Edwards(GE)
Rick Hill(RH)
Gay King (GK)
Richard King (RK)
Ken Lawrence (KL)

Apologies: None

1 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that the minutes of the AGM held in November needed to be approved by the next AGM. As the last Executive Committee meeting had been held in November it was agreed that it would be prudent to re-circulate the minutes.

Action: JF

2 Finance Report

MW reported that the balance stood at £186.99 and confirmed that the £25 could be paid to the alliance. He indicated that suggested subscription was £5, ideally paid by cheque.

MW confirmed that he needed the new Executive Committee members to provide details and signatures to be able to counter sign cheques.

It was agreed that MW would liaise with RK and KL to sort out details

Action: MW

3 Action Points from AGM

- 3.1 Communications by Lichfield City Council (LCC) - JF confirmed that LCC would continue to use the Lichfield gazette as their chosen medium of communication
- 3.2 Litter bin needed at entrance to Leomansley Woods - It was agreed that John Smith at Lichfield District Council (LDC) to be contacted
Action: KL
- 3.3 Section 52 Right of Access to Leomansley woods – It was reported that the signs, that had since come down, were intended to deter misuse and access was not a problem
- 3.4 Timing of AGM - It was agreed to aim for 10th November 2012 at Martin Heath Hall and a provisional booking would be made
Action: GE

4 New Business

- 4.1 Vacancies for Vice Chair and Secretary. GE volunteered for Vice Chair and KL volunteered for Secretary. This was agreed by the meeting, and it was agreed that the rest of the committee should be informed.
Action JF
- 4.2 Ormonds Close footpath light – it was agreed that this should be raised with Clr Terry Finn in the first instance
Action: GE
- 4.3 Roads – JF reported that the first adoption (Whitehouse Drive) would be on 1st April 2012. Staffordshire County Council (SCC) to be advised of need to notify residents.
Action: JF
- 4.4 Western Recreation Zone (WRZ) – It was reported that the definition of ‘recreation’ was loosely interpreted by LDC, and that a developer (David Wilson Homes) was interested. It was suggested that residents should be warned so that they could watch out for developments e.g. the developer’s web site. It was mooted that “no change” was not an option given the site owner’s preferences and that residents should be consulted. This approach it was recognised was not in line with that of Clr Jackson who opposed proposing anything. It was agreed that Clr Jackson and Neil Cox would be consulted in the first instance
Action: MW
- 4.5 Track to Blair House – MW reported that whilst planning permission for three dwellings had been granted the conditions required that the vehicular access linking the dwellings to Walsall Road required a “splay” at the Walsall Road frontage. It was reported that the owner of one of the properties adjoining the current track had received what could be perceived to be threatening letters from solicitors acting for the developer. It was suggested that archive evidence might be useful in determining the boundary and that John Thompson may have some photographs.
Action: MW
- 4.6 Post box on Walsall Road – It was agreed to lobby the Post Office in the first instance about replacing it near to Angorfa Close and that a petition would be useful
Action MW
- 4.7 Festival Gardens – PK reported on his correspondence with LCC about the need to clean up the brook. It was recognised that the area fell outside the boundaries of LARA but it was agreed that the matter should be pursued in writing with LCC as the brook drained into the LARA area
Action PK

5 Date, time and venue of next meeting

It was agreed to meet at 8pm on Monday 16th April, and the kind offer from MW be accepted and the meeting be held at 121 Walsall Road