

Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive, 20th May 2013, Darwin Hall

Present: Jeff Fry (JF) , Gaye King (GK) , Peter King (PK), Dawn Hayward (DH), Paul Iedbury (PL), Geoff Lusher (GL), Barbara Lusher (BL), Ann Morrison (AM) , Lichfield community workers Tracey Potts and Jenny Crosby

Apologies: Judith Morracco, Graham Edwards, Ken Lawrence (held up in transit)

1. **Minutes:** confirmation of minutes of meeting 14.1.2013 agreed as correct
2. **Finance:** DH confirmed balance at £193.05 and internet banking now established. Quotes for 2000 AGM flyers sought by AM. Design detail by PL who kindly agrees to absorb web charges. Use of Darwin Hall free so far.
3. **Community Development:** Tracey and Jenny explained current local scheme for improving all aspects of community cohesion / job creation / training sessions for youngsters. Opportunity to raise LARA profile.
4. **Email list / LARA website:** Minor changes in progress / 103 names so far; advice for complaints of criminality to go direct to police. Need to increase database by "good neighbour" contacts.
5. **Street lighting:** AM reported no problems with existing services.
6. **Local bus service:** GL & BL reported WIP meeting with local Arriva depot manager. New timetable in pipeline; 35B could be improved to hourly; 60 service OK; 62 service could divert through Darwin; Some Staffs County Council support involved. Darwin Advertiser good vehicle for bus news.
7. **Open Spaces:** PK & GK pressing Cllr Smith for adoption dates / several divisions at present. Poor condition of the children's play area reported and subsequent work completed by developer. Developer still needs to replace benches on KO.
8. **Traffic Management / Road Adoption:** WIP by Cllr Finn progressing slowly; importance of highlighting parking outside schools; lighting at bottom of Cathedral Walk deemed insufficient with safety issue needing police awareness. GE pressing developers for bus shelters. LDC may need to get involved.
9. **Marston Pub:** JF updated us. Through the licensing hearing process we were able to accomplish: 1) that the area in the pub beer garden nearest the pre-school's play patio area be unlicensed and 2) that significant landscaping be done to act as a barrier between the play area and the beer garden.
10. **AOB:** Activity of Wilson Homes may need watching as they are interested in the fields in front of Waitrose. Cement dumped in Deykin Rd reported to Taylor Wimpey (TW) customer care office; JF may need to decrease his role in LARA due to outside pressures of work etc
11. **Dates of next meetings:**

4th September 2013
3rd October 2013
9th November 2013