

# L A R A

## Leomansley Area Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2014  
at Darwin Hall at 20.00hrs.

Present: Geoff Lusher (Chairman), Paul Ledbury (Vice Chairman),  
Dawn Hayward (Treasurer), Barbara Lusher (Secretary) Ann Morrison,  
Peter King, Gaye King, Jeff Fry, Dave Mosson, Veronica Birkett, Jay Bryan  
Mike Gallagher

Apologies: None

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- 1) The meeting was opened by the Chairman who introduced Mike Gallagher, a new member co-opted onto the Committee and he was warmly received by other members.
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - the minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February were agreed and duly signed.
- 3) **Matters Arising** – Lamp post – lighting. Ann reported that all lights which had been advised to her as not working were reported to Persimmon on 10<sup>th</sup> February but as yet she has not had any response.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn informed members that the balance in the account was £3199.66 of which £2951.90 was ring fenced for the Section 106 projects, and our actual balance for LARA stood at £247.76.  
She also reported that the Bank Mandate had now been sorted and new signatories of the executive had been added.
- 5) **Subscriptions** – It was agreed by all in attendance that the subscriptions to be brought in would be £5 per annum per member and not per household, and this would be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 which is the start of our new financial year. It was also agreed that a membership card should be issued to each member following receipt of their subscription and Paul would look at the most cost effective method of achieving this. One idea was to do it through Vistaprint who charge £9.99 for 250 cards. It was agreed that a letter, setting out the aims and achievements of LARA, would be sent during May and June to all addresses held on our membership list at present. The letter could be emailed to those with an email address and the rest would be either posted or delivered by members of the Committee.

Veronica and Jay had been hard at work arranging for a Quiz Night at Darwin Hall. It had been agreed by Louise Flemming that the hire of the room would be £50 as long as the building was vacated by 10.30pm. Insurance had been investigated and Veronica advised that for a one-off event the insurance would be £75, yet an annual insurance policy would only cost £172.

After discussion the Committee approved that the entrance fee would be £6 per person and £5 for those in membership of LARA. We would run a raffle, and Waitrose and Morrisons would be contacted to see if they would provide tea, coffee and food. Anyone requiring alcohol could bring their own. Teams would be of 4 or 6 allowing 2 or more couples to attend. A date of 5<sup>th</sup> July was set provisionally and Ann Morrison announced that she had run several quizzes in her time and if required would be more than happy to do this one. She didn't want anyone to think

she was taking anything away from the efforts of Veronica and Jay so hadn't offered before tonight. Everyone was more than happy for Ann to take on the Quiz as long as the rest of the Committee played their part in making this our first event a success. Publicity would be via posters, Darwin Advertiser and other local papers and Paul would look at this for us.

Action Paul

- 6) **Unadopted Roads** – Following the last meeting and Dave Mosson's enquiry as to whether Alesmore Meadow had yet been adopted, Geoff contacted Sharon Daniels at Staffordshire County Council who sent an email advising of all the roads yet to be adopted and why they had not yet been adopted. They are as follows:-

Alesmore Meadow; works to be completed soon

Blakeman Way, Stonynge Place, Thropp Close, Trunkfield Meadow – awaiting road lighting certificates from developer & approval from Eon that 2 columns can remain in place.

Boathouse Drive, Parnell Drive, Sandfield Meadow (part), Bains Drive – inspection to be carried out with developer and SCC very shortly.

Lightwood Close, Harman Drive, Broadbent Close (part) – remedial work needed to be carried out/road lighting certificates needed.

Maddocke Walk, Caterbank Way, Colling Drive – awaiting remedial reports.

Allington Way (part) Newbold Close, Lawrence Way (part) – service strip issues, lighting column damaged.

Trunkfield Meadow – Check being carried out by Eon/SCC to see if road lighting works completed.

Thacker Drive – Inspection being carried out by SCC and Eon to identify any remedial works.

- 7) **Hallam Park** – Ongoing – nothing to report at this stage.

- 8) **106 Funding** – Jeff Fry reported that the projector had arrived and the invoice to LARA would follow in due course. With regard to the Gateway & Friary project, Jeff agreed to chase John Thompson to see what progress was being made.

Action Jeff

- 9) **Siting of Bus Passenger Shelters** – Geoff had been informed that the developers had stated that they were not prepared to fund hard standings for shelters at locations other than those on the original plan where they alleged hard standings had been provided. Geoff had advised Terry Finn who would seek out the original plan. Geoff considered that the shelters should be sited at locations where they would be used and not at whatever locations had been selected by developers. If no agreement on funding three shelters could be reached with developers, it was agreed that two sites be selected from the LARA three, the funding for which, including hard standings, would presumably be within the developers' budget.

- 10) **Unreasonable behaviour of Neighbours** – Veronica had contacted Geoff in the hope of coming to the aid of a neighbour who had had ongoing issues with their next door neighbours in respect of noise, problems with one of the tenants, refuse left unattended, mess in the back garden etc, etc. She explained the problems and then informed the Committee that the problem may now have been addressed as the person responsible for the majority of these problems had now been removed from the premises. Despite her efforts it was felt that this sort of issue should not be dealt with by LARA directly but by the Council, Environmental Health, Police etc and these authorities be informed should anything like this occur again. However praise was given to Veronica for being the good Samaritan in trying to help our neighbours.

11) **Refuse Collection** - Geoff advised that he had received an email from a neighbour Huw Gibson on Deykin Road regarding dustbins that had not been emptied in Trunkfield Meadow, who advised that as the bins held waste food products he had seen droppings from vermin in his garage and was concerned of any health implications. On inspection it was clear to see that there were several bins which were not emptied and no way of knowing to whom these bins belonged as there were no numbers on them. It was felt by Huw Gibson that when people move house they put their bins out to be emptied, when the new occupants move in they have no way of knowing where their bins are so order new ones from the Council. Geoff contacted the Lichfield District Council Refuse Dept and advised of the problem and the following week the bins were emptied.

12) **LARA Logo** – In order to progress this further Paul requested a higher resolution of the Logo from Veronica's daughter in order to get this set up for the website and future letterheads for the Association. Action Paul

13) **Website** – Nothing to report

14) **Any Other Business** – Peter King suggested that when we hold our interim meeting with residents and members that perhaps the PCSO 22576 Vitalis Okopnyj would be someone who could come and speak at the meeting and advise those present of the present crime situation in our Community. His email address is [okopnyj@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:okopnyj@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

Mike Gallaher informed members that there is a Christchurch magazine in which we could advertise events and be more involved as to what is going on within the Community. The subscription was £5 per annum and he would let Geoff have the details.

Barbara confirmed the letter to Waitrose in respect to the Community Matters Boxes had been sent.

Members were then informed that invitations had been sent to all our local Councillors to attend one of our meetings with a very good response. All but one Councillor had responded by saying they could attend our meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that the first part of the meeting should be for the councillors to introduce themselves and explain their respective roles, with a question and answer session, with the second part devoted to LARA business, thus freeing the councillors to depart at half time.

It was then suggested that maybe we could contact members of LARA who have an email address to see if there were any issues they would like us to raise with the Councillors at the meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Action Paul

15) **Date of next meeting** – The dates of the forthcoming meetings were agreed as:-

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**  
**Both at 20.00hrs at Darwin Hall unless otherwise advised.**

**Please note that a response is required from all the executive and apologies must be sent if anyone is unable to attend a meeting.**

Signed.....

Chairman