

**L A R A**  
Leomansley Area Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2014  
at Darwin Hall at 20.00hrs.

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

Apologies: Mike Gallagher, Councillors Terry Finn & Andy Smith

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- 1) The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20.00hrs and he thanked everyone for being able to attend a day earlier than originally arranged, which was due to Geoff and Barbara having to travel to Bristol on 4<sup>th</sup> June for an afternoon funeral and being unsure as to what time they would get back.
  
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - the minutes of meeting held on 30th April were agreed and duly signed.
  
- 3) **Matters Arising** – None
  
- 4) **Draft Response to Proposal for new Development at Hallam Park** – a draft of the LARA response to the new development had been emailed to all members of the executive for their thoughts and input prior to this being sent to LDC by 6<sup>th</sup> June. Jay was concerned about item 3, which related to vehicle access onto Limburg Avenue. After discussion it was agreed to reword this paragraph to emphasise that a safe junction permitting right turn out of the site should be agreed. A couple of members thought that this was the final letter but Geoff assured everyone that this was the draft and any amendment could be made before it was sent by email to LDC by the closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> June.
  
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn informed members that there was no change in the bank balance of £1055.26 of which £807.50 was ring fenced for the Section 106 projects, and our actual balance for LARA stood at £247.76. As the remaining funds of £807.50 were unlikely to be used before the end of the LARA financial year, Jeff agreed to send Dawn the 106 Application to show why the Section 106 money was in our account in case of any queries from the accountant. In respect to the Stereo System for Darwin Hall, Jeff reported that the person who he was dealing with had been in hospital for some time but he would contact him again once he was home.
  
- 6) **Fundraising** – Paul had helped with the design of the leaflets for the quiz along with Veronica and produced them at the meeting, and very striking they were too. They were distributed amongst the members with maps (provided by Jeff) and it was agreed that these be distributed week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June. The cost of the leaflets was £62.75 and this expenditure was approved. In respect of insurance for

this event, after discussion it was agreed to get an annual policy up to the value of £100 which would cover us for any future events within the next twelve months. Further advertising obtained had been adverts in the Beacon Magazine and the Darwin Advertiser promoting the quiz night. It was suggested that we put some laminated posters on lamp-posts. Geoff believed that this was illegal but he would write to LDC to confirm the situation. Barbara would email Cllr Finn and ask his thoughts on this.

Paul would organise the tickets, Dawn volunteered to collect money on the door and help with anyone wishing to join LARA. All Committee Members to be at Darwin Hall for 7.00pm to help set up the room etc. Thanks were given to Veronica and Jay for the sterling work they had done for this event, and all hoped that it would be a great success. Please see below for details of what each member has so far agreed to help with:-

### **Food & Drink**

Paul and Dawn	Tea, milk, savouries, and bowls for nibbles
Geoff and Barbara	Coffee and savouries
Jeff	Sweet Biscuits and Ribena
David	Crisps
Peter and Gaye	Savoury Biscuits
Jay	Sugar and Savouries
Veronica	Squash and crisps

\*Set up tables. We will need to arrange the tables, each with 6 chairs around (There are 28 tables and 130 chairs in all) We will know the numbers to expect by the next meeting and will select tables accordingly (All except for Peter and Gaye)

\*Lay out plates cups and saucers etc. in kitchen (Peter and Gaye)

\*Put out glasses for those who bring drink on separate table (Veronica will do that as she will be bringing the glasses: people to help themselves when they arrive.)

\*Tea and coffee makers and pourers during the break (Peter and Gaye)

\* A Quizmaster (Ann; thanks Ann!)

\* Two people to collect tickets and welcome people at the door: Dawn and anyone else if there's a rush and pigs might fly.

\* Two people to sell raffle tickets: Jay and Rob

7) **Subscriptions** – It was agreed that a flyer explaining LARA with a tear-off slip & the issue of a membership card would be ready and distributed for the AGM.

Payment could be made by direct bank transfer to the LARA account, by cheque or by cash.

**Action Geoff**

8) **LARA Success !** - Geoff reported that following on from the refuse collection success where we managed to get LDC to collect from Trunkfield Meadow in response to a complaint from a resident on Deykin Road, it was good to report that at last the grass cutting had commenced again on the estate. Several communications had taken place between Barbara, Cllr Andy Smith and Cllr Terry Finn in this regard (along with some emails received by Barbara from disgruntled residents which were forwarded on to the Councillors) and eventually had success with a grass cutting programme being commenced by the Lichfield District Rural Team, although confirmation of this was still awaited by Cllr Finn. Nevertheless the grass verges and islands are now being attended to and the estate is getting back to being a tidy place to live.

9) **Bus Shelters** – Nothing to add from the last meeting. Concern was expressed at the continuing delay. Councillors to be asked to make progress.

10) **Website** – Thanks were given to Paul for putting the details of the proposed new development onto the website to give all members the chance to address the issues therein.

11) **Any Other Business** - None

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

**Wednesday 2nd July at 20.00hrs and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 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.**

**Copies sent to Councillors, Finn, Smith, Awty, Eadie and Jackson**

Signed.....

**Chairman**