

# L A R A

## Leomansley Area Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2014  
at Darwin Hall at 20.00hrs.

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

Apologies: Mike Gallagher, Jeff Fry, Cllr Andy Smith

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- 1) The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20.00hrs
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - the minutes of meeting held on 3rd June were agreed and duly signed.
- 3) **Matters Arising** – None
- 4) **Quiz Night** – Discussions progressed on the final arrangements for the Quiz Night on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that all Committee members would arrive at 6.30pm in case the glasses hired from Waitrose needed washing prior to use. Barbara & Dawn would do the meet & greet at the door and Dawn would take the money from those who hadn't bought tickets prior to the event. Paul said he would do name badges for all Committee members and Ann offered to get these ready in holders for the evening. It was agreed that nibbles be out on the tables. With regard to the insurance for the evening it was unanimously agreed to purchase a one off insurance for the quiz night which would cost around £46. This would hopefully get some funds in which would then enable us to obtain an annual insurance fee to cover all events we plan during the year. Geoff was pleased to confirm that LARA had been successful in their request for a Community Matters box in Waitrose, and our box would be there during the month of July so anyone who has, or has been saving, their little green tokens then this is your chance to boost our pot! With regard to membership, after some thought Paul felt that it would be a good thing to arrange for the membership fee to run annually from the date of the AGM and not to coincide with the end of the financial year of June. However if anyone wanted to join LARA on the night of the quiz or subsequently then effectively they would get free membership for some months as their membership would run until the 2015 AGM.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn informed members the accounts were now ready to be audited by Iain Jackson but reported that the balance in the account was £992.47 of which £807.50 was ring-fenced for the sound system for Darwin Hall from the 106 funds, so the balance for LARA was £184.97 and once the money for the flyers was paid out meant we made an overall loss on the year of £7.08.

6) **Membership applications and leaflet** – Geoff had sent Paul a draft for the flyer ready for the AGM in November explaining the goals of LARA and what the benefits are for residents within the Leamonsley Ward. This would give details of the AGM along with a tear-off strip for the application for membership. It was agreed that the date of this year's AGM would be Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Martin Heath Hall providing we could secure the booking. Peter King volunteered to do this on our behalf.

7) **Adoption of Roads on Darwin Park** - Geoff informed members there was nothing further to report as no communication had followed from any of the Councillors. Can we please have an update from Cllr Terry Finn.

Action Cllr T Finn

8) **Hallam Park Development** – Nothing to report

9) **Bus Passengers Shelters** – Nothing to report. Concern was expressed at the delay.

Action Cllr T Finn

10) **Open Space** – It was noted that there were trees being replaced on the exit of the estate via Mary Slater Road, and the question was asked as to what is happening with the exit from Cathedral Walk onto Walsall Road / Friary. There was clearly a problem as the verges either side of the pathway leading onto Walsall Road/Festival Gardens were totally overgrown and had not been attended to by anyone. Despite the home owner of one of the houses appearing to try and tidy up his side of the house with some laurel trees, this was now overgrown so we guess that there is a dispute as to who owns the land. We would be grateful if Cllr Andy Smith could advise us as to the situation, and whether any Section 106 money remains for remedial action.

Action Cllr A Smith

11) **Website** – Paul confirmed that he would be dealing with the matter of putting the minutes on the website once things had calmed down after the quiz. He also confirmed that he proposed to email all current members with details of the new membership fee, and how to donate to LARA. Once the AGM had been held this email list would then be re-compiled to those who have joined the LARA membership, all other residents would then need to look at the website to find out what was going on.

12) **Any Other Business** –

Jay brought to our notice that the reeds were overgrowing again in the pond nearest to Waitrose and would need to be attended to before they begin to integrate with the second pond and cause problems in respect to water flow of these areas. Can we please have an update on this.

Action Cllr A Smith

Ann advised members that she had heard there was a proposal to open a third school on the Cherry Orchard site, where a building had been left derelict for a number of years. She was concerned as she believes that the building has some

asbestos in it and would need to be dealt with under strict supervision. Can the Councillors throw any light onto this proposal?

Action All Councillors

Peter King informed members of a proposal for an extension to be built on the grounds of Rosemary Lodge Nursing Home on Walsall Road. He had received notification from the LDC as he was a resident in the vicinity of the home itself. It was agreed that this was not something LARA needed to be involved with as it was to be constructed on land already owned by the home and should not affect residents in any way.

Thanks were then given to Veronica and Jay for their sterling efforts for the quiz and we all hoped it would be a great success.

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

**Wednesday 20th August at 20.00hrs and Wednesday 24th September at 20.00 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