

L A R A

Leomansley Area Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20th August 2014
at Darwin Hall at 20.00hrs.

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

Apologies: Dawn Hayward, Jeff Fry, Mike Gallagher, Cllrs Andy Smith, Terry Finn,
Ian Eadie

- 1) The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20.00hrs

- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - the minutes of meeting held on 2nd July were agreed and duly signed with one amendment to item 12 AOB, in which it was reported that Ann Morrison was concerned about the new school at Cherry Orchard as it was known to have asbestos as part of the structure. Ann was concerned about a new school only and not concerned about the asbestos which would be removed by specialists if it went ahead

- 3) **Matters Arising** – None

- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – in Dawn's absence Paul presented the details of the accounts following the successful quiz night. The balance in the account was £623.58 then there was the grant of 106 funds of £550.94 making a balance of £1174.62 as at 19th August. The quiz made an overall profit of £355.82 less £3 odd which was to be given to Veronica. It was revealed that we did not have to pay a charge for the hall for this event and our thanks were given to the Committee of Darwin Hall for their kind gesture. In all we sold 69 tickets which was a great achievement.
This meant that with our balance of £623.58 and the profit of the quiz of £355.82 the balance for LARA was now £979.40 and we were advised that funds achieved from our Community Matters box at Waitrose raised another £182.70 which is to add to this once the cheque had been received.
Dawn asked that we record our grateful thanks to Iain Jackson for auditing the accounts again this year for us.

- 5) **Feedback from Quiz Night**
The feedback from the quiz was very positive, everyone who attended appeared to have a good time and enjoyed the fun. Our thanks were given to our quizmaster who made the evening so interesting and it was agreed that we should do this again, maybe towards Christmas. Ann volunteered her services as quizmaster again should we agree that this be organised.

6) **Membership applications and leaflet** – It was agreed that we should have a separate leaflet for the AGM and membership application forms. After discussion it was agreed that the membership should be £3 per person and all members would be issued with a membership card for that current year. Each person would then be eligible for a vote at the AGM.

7) **Adoption of Roads on Darwin Park** - Geoff informed members that he had not received anything further from Cllr Finn apart from an email informing us that in September the Highways were producing a map for Darwin Park with the proposed road junctions which were to have the painted give way markings placed on them. Geoff agreed to request a copy of this map.

Cllr Finn asked via email if the Committee had asked residents what parking restrictions they were seeking in relation to this. This was of concern as our suggestions had already been tabled to Cllr Finn some time ago as to what restrictions the Committee felt there should be, and with regards to asking residents it was legally up to the LDC to consult all residents on the estate about this issue not just those residents living on the spine road.

Action Cllr T Finn

8) **Hallam Park Development** – A letter had been received from David and Denise Brewer in relation to this and expressing their concerns in relation to Flood defence on the estate. This was circulated to members for their reaction. It was agreed that a letter be sent to LDC asking when a public consultation was to take place on the proposed development as nothing had been heard since we emailed our concerns to the LDC as part of the planning process.

9) **Speakers** – Jeff Fry had advised that the speakers for Darwin Hall were to cost £550.94 being the final amount of 106 funding in the LARA account. Once they had been purchased an invoice would be sent to Dawn for payment.

10) **AGM** – It was confirmed that the AGM would take place on Saturday 22nd November at Martin Heath Hall from 11.30am – 1.30pm. The charge for the larger room was £14 per hr. It was suggested that we have a couple of speakers, perhaps the man who offered to help in relation to 'snap-locks' to help with home security and perhaps a member of the Police to keep us up to date with crime in our area. The format would be slightly different this year to enable more members to participate and give their views, not only to us but to the Councillors too.

11) **Any Other Business** – It was agreed that any future correspondence sent to the Chairman, e.g the David & Denise Brewer letter, be circulated to all the executive prior to the meeting to enable them to fully digest the content so they were able to give an informed response.

Dave Mosson – re rubbish in Walnut Walk, next to the rubbish bins but been there for weeks and not collected. It was agreed that photos be taken and sent to the refuse collection department in order to hopefully get this removed.

Peter King – reeds along Trunkfield Brook, seriously getting overgrown and no attention is being given to them.

Paul Ledbury – The reeds along the ponds by Waitrose were dangerously overgrown to the height of almost 6ft or more, and it appeared that no attention was being given to these to keep them at a safe level. At present it is not clear where the water starts and this is a danger to small children.

Date of next meeting – The date of the next meeting

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