

L A R A
Leomansley Area Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th September 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, Peter & Gaye King, Jeff Fry, Mike Gallagher
Cllr Terry Finn

Apologies: Cllrs Andy Smith, Ian Eadie

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

- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - the minutes of meeting held on 20th August were agreed and duly signed with one amendment to item 4, in which it was reported that the profit from the quiz was to be added to the balance of £623.58 when in fact it was already included (wishful thinking!)

- 3) **Matters Arising** – None

- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn reported that the balance in the LARA account as at 22/09/14 stood at £1364.34 of which £813.40 was LARA's own funds to spend and the remaining £550.94 was the balance of 106 funds set aside for the speakers for Darwin Hall. The £813.40 included a cheque from Waitrose for the Community Matters Box for £183 and also a donation from Peter & Gaye King. The final profit from the quiz was £352.64.

- 5) **Membership applications and leaflet** – Paul tabled the leaflet for the AGM which needed to be printed by the next meeting to allow for distribution. It was agreed that a separate leaflet for membership would be designed and made available for the AGM Meeting in November, so new members could be enrolled and given a membership card at that time.
Geoff referred to the constitution item 3.1 defining our area, and it was agreed that no action needed to be taken at present.
After discussion it was agreed that a 4 page A5 size leaflet be produced for the AGM, and that Geoff would finalise copy with Paul.

- 6) **Adoption of Roads on Darwin Park** - Cllr Terry Finn tabled a map showing where the County highways propose to put road markings which were due to be done asap. Cllr Finn agreed to email us with an updated list of unadopted roads from Sharon Daniels. LARA were asked to provide a list of where they felt parking restrictions were required.

- 7) **Hallam Park Development** – Cllr Terry Finn advised that talks are ongoing in respect to the new development and in due course we would be notified of when the public consultation meeting would be held. We explained to Cllr Finn that we

had received a letter from David & Denise Brewer stating their concerns re flooding and Cllr Finn asked us to email him a copy of their letter, along with the comments from Robert Cooke. All Executive Committee Members would be copied in on this email.

8) Speakers – Jeff Fry informed the Committee that he would now start to press his contact for the speakers, now that he had given sufficient time following his discharge from hospital.

9) Bus Shelters – The ongoing delay was of great concern. Cllr. Finn agreed to check progress.

10)AGM – Geoff reported that he would like the format of the AGM this year to be similar to our Committee meetings, dealing with each item and getting response from attendees for each item, then move to the next. There would also be breaks during the AGM in order to receive short presentations from the Fire, Police and on Home Security.

Invites would be sent out to the following in the hope that they could attend:-

Town Clerk LDC, Leader & Chief Executive of LDC, all our Councillors, Police, Fire and Mark West in respect to snap-locks (Home Security), Andre Fenner Beacon St Residents' Association.

Geoff agreed to research the net for a suitable Public Liability Insurance for LARA.

Dawn gave a couple of email & internet addresses which may be of use.

11)Website – Paul advised the Committee that he would be grateful for help in this area, as with his work commitments, his court duties and dealing with LARA day to day paperwork he was concerned that the website was suffering and asked if anyone would be available to help. Dave Mosson volunteered to help which was gratefully received. Ann also volunteered but then decided that perhaps it was better for her to concentrate on other LARA events (possible quiz in the New Year). Paul and Dave would liaise on this.

In respect of notifications – Cllr Finn sends notification to Paul periodically for him to put onto the LARA website. It was agreed at the meeting that these notifications could be put directly onto our website without going to Paul first. It was agreed that Cllr Finn would put any such notification directly onto the website and was given the web address to do so.

12)Any Other Business – As there was no official list of Executive Members addresses, emails, tel numbers etc it was decided that a request would be made for each member to give these details so a spreadsheet could be produced for each member of the Executive. Barbara would do this and also prepare the spreadsheet and send it to each member once completed.

Cllr Finn – informed members that the Market Square in Lichfield was to be relaid, also that there was no threat of any further Fire strikes.

Veronica Birkett & Jay Bryan – in the absence of Jay, Veronica again expressed her concern over the state of the ponds. The reeds were almost covering the whole ponds now and this was discouraging any wildlife that had once begun to return. The danger to & safety of small children was also a concern as you could

not tell where the reeds started so children could run into the water before they realised and if something is not done soon something like this is sure to happen. It was agreed that an email be sent to Cllr Andy Smith with this regard to see if there was anything that LARA could do to help with this unsatisfactory situation.

Ann – Two dates were suggested for the next quiz – Saturday 10th or Saturday 24th January 2015. Ann would see what was available and advise us in due course.

Peter King – Concerns over the speed of HGV's in Walsall Road, there should be an HGV weight restriction along this road. Cllr Finn advised this was on the work list to be dealt with.

Dave Mosson – noticed that the rubbish in Walnut Walk had been removed at last. Barbara advised that she had taken a photo of the rubbish and emailed the photo and request for removal to the LDC refuse website – it appeared to have the desired effect.

Dawn – reported that children had begun climbing on the statue of Erasmus Darwin along Cathedral Walk and had asked them to restrain from doing so, if anyone else sees children climbing on there could we all do the same. She also advised that there was going to be an NHS strike on 30th October, although this would probably not affect the majority of us.

Jeff – agreed to produce the maps for distributing the AGM leaflets ready for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting –

Wednesday 22nd October at 20.00 Darwin Hall and then the AGM at Martin Heath Hall on Saturday 22nd November at 11.30 – 13.30

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

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