

L A R A

Leomansley Area Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2015
at Darwin Hall at 20.00hrs.

Present: Geoff Lusher (Chairman), Paul Ledbury (Vice Chairman),
Dawn Hayward (Treasurer), Barbara Lusher (Secretary),
Dave Mosson, Veronica Birkett, Peter & Gaye King, Sandra Booth,
Ann Morrison and Cllrs Terry Finn and Norma & Brian Bacon

Apologies: Mike Gallagher, Jay Bryan, Jeff Fry, Cllrs Eadie and Smith

- 1) The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20.00hrs who gave a special welcome to Councillors Norma & Brian Bacon attending their first LARA Meeting.
- 2) **Minutes** - The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th May were agreed by all present as a true record and were duly signed.
- 3) **Matters Arising** – Waitrose – the fact we had still not received a written response from Waitrose regarding parking issues, it was agreed that this would probably not be forthcoming but it was decided to keep the parking issues along Whitehouse Drive under review, especially the period leading up to Christmas.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn reported a small increase in bank balance which now stood at £1142.77 and confirmed that we now have 76 fully paid up members.
- 5) **Lagoon Project** – Veronica then kindly explained our project of the Lagoons with dipping pool etc to the new Councillors, Norma & Brian Bacon who were very impressed with what we were trying to do and said it was a good project and one that the whole community would benefit from. Cllr Norma Bacon also provided the details of a Heather Francis to Veronica as she thought she would be a good contact to have when we finally get the go ahead for the project.
- 6) **Summer Event** – Sandra confirmed all was in hand and had a copy of the questions for the Treasure Trail and asked if anyone would like to try it out, and Veronica kindly volunteered. The paper consisted of 30 questions of which 95% were observation questions. It was agreed that all children who take part should receive a goody bag, which would contain a pencil, notebook, small bag of haribo etc at a cost of 88p per child. It was envisaged that we may get around 50 children taking part (dependent on weather), so a cost of £50 would be built in to the expenses for this event.
On return from the trail, squash, tea, coffee and biscuits would be provided and a donation box would be put on the counter for anyone wishing to donate to LARA. If anyone decided they would like to join LARA on the day then the fee would be £1 for the rest of 2015 & £3 for 2016. Veronica agreed to say a few words on our project to show people that we are trying to involve the

community and provide an educational aspect to Darwin Park for everyone in Lichfield to enjoy.

- 7) **Friarsgate** – Geoff announced that he had received, in his capacity as Chairman, an invitation to attend a meeting on the new Friarsgate development which was being held on 15th July and which he confirmed he would attend. The details of the proposals were being made available for public viewing on Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th July between the hours of 11.00 – 16.00 in premises directly opposite Greggs in the Spires shopping centre for anyone else wishing to see them.
- 8) **Blair House Pathway** – This is ongoing and we are awaiting notification from Cllr Andy Smith when the improvement of barriers will be forthcoming.
- 9) **Walsall Road HGV Weight Restriction** – This was in progress but a date was to be confirmed by Cllr Terry Finn.
- 10) **Dumping of rubbish in Leomansley Wood** – Mike Gallagher had received a phone call from a concerned resident of Walsall Road, who had received a letter from the Council informing him that they had received a complaint from a ‘dog walker’ stating that there were numerous items of rubbish being dumped in Leomansley Wood and that as a result residents would be liable for a fine if the rubbish was not removed. Geoff and Mike went to see the resident and it came about that all residents whose houses back onto the wood had had a similar letter. Geoff had met the author of the letter from LDC Environmental Health, Stephen Pearce this afternoon, for an inspection on site. It was agreed that only one property was now causing a problem due to discarded branches. Stephen had agreed to write specifically to this property owner and once this was cleared up he would send a general letter to all those who had the original letter thanking them for tidying up the area.
- 11) Any Other Business - Dawn reported that she had looked at the cost of a caller & band for the idea of a Barn Dance as a future event, but the cost she felt was quite expensive at £360.

Please think about other events that we could possibly lay on which do not involve a large expense.

Next two meetings would be held on Tuesday 8th September and Tuesday 6th October at Darwin Hall at 20.00hours unless advised otherwise.

Meeting was closed at 22.05hrs

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 Bacon

Signed.....

Chairman