

# Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 8pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

At Darwin Hall, Stonneyland Drive, Lichfield.

**Present:** Geoff Lusher (Chairman), David Mosson (Vice-Chairman), Dawn Hayward (Treasurer), Tracy Shepherd (Secretary), Paul Ledbury, Barbara Lusher, Jay Bryan, Peter & Gaye King, Michael Gallagher, Veronica Birkett, Shaun Bowden & Jeff Fry.

**Apologies:** Leon Jennings.

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- 1) The meeting was opened at 20.00 hrs by Chairman Geoff Lusher
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the **AGM** held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were agreed for submission to the next AGM.
- 3) **Matter Arising** – None
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn reported there was a £25.96 profit from the Quiz night on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016. There was £985.85 in the bank with £25.85 in PayPal + cash & cheques to be banked. Total of £1168.57 in bank. Dawn advised that 30 member subs reminders would be sent ([Action- Dawn](#))
- 5) **Social Events & the way forward** – It was agreed that the quiz had been a success in terms of content and Sandra Booth is to be thanked for her hard work organising it, along with all the committee members who arranged or donated the prizes. Many comments were received saying how enjoyable it had been. However it was noted that attendance mainly comprised of friends and family of committee members, despite great effort to advertise it. Therefore only a small profit was made. Discussion then followed as to reasons for social events, whether their remit is to break even as mainly a social event or they are to raise funds. It was generally agreed that they are for both purposes and a Social subcommittee was created to steer these events comprising of Dawn Hayward, Shaun Bowden & Sandra Booth (tbc). The next social event after the litter pick will be a Midsummer Quiz on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017. ([Action- Sandra, Dawn, Barbara & Shaun](#)) Other ideas forthcoming were for a Facebook page to be set up to for LARA ([Action-Tracy](#)) and possibility of a family day in the summer holidays and nature trails when the Pool Project is fully enabled.

- 6) Review of AGM** – The AGM was held at Darwin Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Dawn reported that attendance was not as great as hoped given the amount of flyers that had been distributed by committee members and advertising. This was possibly due to there being no “issues” at the moment causing public concern. It was agreed that more attention to detail, in particular to the slide presentation, as some facts were incorrect such as just stating Darwin Park instead of the whole of Leomansley. It was recommended that the recently acquired Hi-Viz jackets with LARA insignia be worn by committee members when outside on LARA business. Martin Heath hall was agreed for the next AGM so both sides of Leomansley are covered, provisional date 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 10.30-12.30. (Action- Dawn to enquire)
- 7) Litter Pick 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Actions-** Barbara confirmed the small room in Darwin Hall had been booked for 9.30am. Dawn will update Streetlife and send emails to members. Dawn will also look into sourcing large Thermos & Styrofoam cups, plus speak to Hall (Jamie) for water access. Jay & Michael will be manning the Hall, issuing maps, pickers, bags, tea & coffee etc. David to speak to the Darwin Advertiser & Lichfield Mercury re adverts and possible article about the litter pick (19<sup>th</sup> January) Geoff to do Maps and liaise with Councillors Iain Eadie & Andy Smith re bags, pickers and rubbish collection. Tracy to speak to school re notes in bags. Meet at 9.30 am.
- 8) Pools Project, Veronica-**The Pool Project subcommittee gave an update of the current situation regarding the project and explained that they (Veronica, Jay, David & Tracy) will be writing to John Smith (Greens and Open Spaces Strategic Manager at Lichfield District Council) re the proposed boards, Koi removal, reed maintenance & dipping platform etc. What permission is required? Planning? Third party liability insurance? Funding? etc. with a view to arrange a meeting with him. A Pools Project subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> January and will update to the full committee by the next LARA meeting.(Action- Pool committee)
- 9) Website-** Paul confirmed that the committee officer’s details had been updated on the website and he is due to add the AGM information. Domain details to be sorted with Jeff before February(Action-Paul & Jeff)
- 10)Any Other Business-** Tracy suggested refreshments be available at committee meetings. It was agreed to ask if some jugs of water could be left out and possible glasses too. Dawn suggested a Welcome to Leomansley leaflet to new resident’s maybe through estate agents or by checking new house sale completions on Land registry through various websites. David is attending the Lichfield City Forum meeting and will update the committee on any issues arising. It was suggested that the Planning Portal is checked and any projects pertaining to Leomansley be distributed to committee (Action- Geoff)

**11) Date of next meeting-** In order to allow sufficient time for items to be discussed within a reasonable timescale it has been agreed that Councillors will be invited to every other meeting. It was noted that LARA are very appreciative of the attendance of Councillors as their input is extremely useful and a chance for residents' concerns to be raised directly. Therefore the next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 will include Councillor invitations and the subsequent meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 will be for executive committee only.

Executive committee members are reminded that apologies must be sent to the Chairman if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Signed..... Chairman

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