

# Leomansley Area Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 8pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

At Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane, Lichfield

**Present:** Geoff Lusher (Chairman), David Mosson (Vice-Chairman), Dawn Hayward (Treasurer), Tracy Shepherd (Secretary) Sandra Booth, Veronica Birkett, Michael Gallagher & Jeff Fry.

**Apologies:** Barbara Lusher, Jay Bryan, Peter & Gaye King, Cllr Iain Eadie, Cllr Andy Smith.

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- 1) The meeting was opened at 8pm by Chairman Geoff Lusher.
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the previous meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed and duly signed.
- 3) **Matters Arising** - It was noted that an emergency change of venue had to be made due to a double booking at Darwin Hall. TS to confirm again that future booking are honoured. (Action Tracy). It was noted that Paul Ledbury had offered his resignation from the Executive committee by email. Geoff Lusher, Chairman, has asked for him to reconsider this as he has been valued member of many years standing.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn reported there was £1128.70 in the bank. With £14 cash and cheques to be banked. £1.73 in PayPal. Total £1144.43 when banked. Current membership 55, at least 12 required to cover costs. A discussion was then held about a poster to be placed in Darwin Hall and Martin Heath Hall as a permanent advert about LARA and events. Dawn agreed to draft this and send to Geoff. (action Dawn) It was agreed to offer members a standing order option for membership on the website but not to include account details for security reasons.

- 5) **Social Events Sub-committee Report** – Dawn reported that they held a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 regarding the next event, the Midsummer Quiz night. Subsequently the Darwin Advertiser had been contacted to include an advert for the quiz. Michael will pass on contact details for City Life. He also suggested the Beacon Advertiser as it is delivered locally 6 times a year and the adverts repeated for free. A discussion was then held regarding whether the quiz was able to go ahead as Sandra will be unable to attend on the night. It was agreed that as she has kindly agreed to set the quiz and Geoff volunteered to be quizmaster, providing as many of the committee as possible were able to help on the night, it was agreed that the event would be able to go ahead. Jobs will be allocated ahead of the date (24<sup>th</sup> June) A request was made for raffle prizes, the questions are almost completed and another meeting will be arranged.
  
- 6) **Pools Sub-committee report** – Veronica submitted an information sheet explaining job allocation for the drop in morning on 6<sup>th</sup> May at Darwin Hall. Veronica also reported that a very positive response had been received by email and in comments from the public about the leaflet the Pool Committee had created and delivered. Whilst differing views have been aired it is hoped that the leaflet will have the desired effect of getting local residents to find out more about the Pools Project and how they can get involved with it. In addition it is hoped that the positive publicity will illustrate the other work that LARA does and encourage more members and involvement in events. LARA badges are to be worn and extra ones provided. Peter kindly volunteered to be outside the door ushering people in. Charts for pool naming, birds and animals are in hand. Refreshments ordered ready and Dawn will bring also. The children's activity and colouring is being organised by Tracy. A bucket for possible donations and membership sign-ups will be available too. Snuffles Hedgehog rescue have confirmed attendance.
  
- 7) **Local Planning Applications** – David reported on a couple of local planning applications including The Queens Head pub had application for an external patio that had been passed. He had perused the large document that is the Local plan, including 10,030 homes. The Friary project is due to commence by the end of this year. The document was made available to the committee members.
  
- 8) **Crime Update and Neighbourhood Watch.** The issue with the gate log in Leomansley woods has been resolved. Michael advised that there had been several garage break-ins so care to be taken. Concern was raised about the Muga and any antisocial behaviour to be reported to 101. Sandra will email the google group members re-signing up for Smart Alerts. It was agreed to keep Planning and Crime as rolling agenda items. (action- Tracy)

9) **AOB** Litter Pick date agreed Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10am-2pm, tbc with Jaime, Darwin Hall. (Tracy)

10) **Dates of next committee meeting** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 8pm the latter to be to be Chaired by Vice Chair David Mosson in Chair Geoff Lusher's absence.

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

**Signed**..... **Chairman**