

# **Leomansley Area Residents Association**

## **Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 May 2010 at Waitrose**

**Present:** Jeff Fry (JF) Chairman, Rick Hill (RH), Mike Wall (MW), Simon Lake (SL) and John Thompson (JT). Also present for item 4 Ashley Wain.

### **1. Apologies**

Graham Edwards (GE) Secretary, Mike Wall advised that he would need to leave early.

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> January and 22 March were confirmed as a true record.

### **3. Finance Update**

MW reported

- £135.07 cash in the bank
- £18.18 cash in hand
- The actual cost of hire of the hall for the AGM was £37.50p
- Total assets £153.87

Liabilities

- £79.00 printing costs for public meeting and AGM (owed to MW)
- Total Liabilities £79.00

Net Assets £74.87

The need to raise additional funds was discussed. Support for fees from LARA members had been made in recent e-mails. After consideration of whether to have mandatory or voluntary membership fee it was agreed that members be invited to make a voluntary contribution of £5. It was agreed the Chairman should send out an e-mail to this effect.

### **4. Highway issues**

Ashley Wain reported on maintenance problems particularly relating to rumble strip on the entrance to Bardell Close off Walsall Road. About 30% of the strip was loose or coming up. It is still the responsibility of the developers because although one of the early phases of development the roads have not been adopted by SCC. He has had contact with Persimmon, Taylor Wimpey and Councillor T Finn. Concern was expressed about the scale of outstanding highway issues across Darwin Park, the lack of maintenance and the need to secure some urgent progress on the remedial works. It was agreed that RH would draft a letter to the Chairmen of TW and Persimmon seeking urgent action with a clear indication that the press will be contacted if matters are not speedily dealt with. It was also agreed to use an e-petition if necessary.

### **5. Communication/Consultation With Members**

JF reported on the cost of a web forum and it was agreed we proceed with this when practical to do so.

## **6. S106 Funds.**

Notification has been received that the LARA application for s106 monies to carry out environmental improvements to SCC owned land at Friary Road and to provide a trim trail within Darwin Park has been approved in the sum of £20,000. The detailed approval and conditions are awaited. Consultation with the residents of nearby houses to the Friary Road project will be undertaken and with Kensington Oval residents through their management company. Agreed JF to contact Spencer Duval at LDC to work up the trim trail scheme and then inform members of the proposals and JT to send e-mail to Councillor T Finn about s106 utilisation in Darwin Park.

Declaration of interest in Friary Road scheme by JT.

## **7. Community Hall.**

We understand some security issues are to be implemented.

## **8. Implementation meeting**

The 7th June has been suggested for the next meeting. As usual a list of outstanding issues will be prepared including the footpath at 2 Friary Road to complete Cathedral Walk, street lights not working, highway adoption. Indications have been given that progress is to be made on lighting part of the track from Walsall Road to Blair House.

## **9. LDF**

The change of government indicates that the pre-election approach to Regional Spatial Strategies and housing allocations may well be implemented. If so the scale of local housing provision would be decided by LDC and hopefully would reflect the concern of the community about the excessive number recommended for Lichfield by the RSS Panel.

## **10. Waitrose**

Since it is anticipated that future Executive meetings will be in Darwin Hall it was agreed that JF send to Waitrose our appreciation of the facilities they provided for our meetings and the support they have given to LARA.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 20th September 2010

### **Tentative Agenda:**

- LDF
- Darwin Park Implementation by TW & LDC (i.e. roads, infrastructure, footpaths, lighting etc)
- Housing and the progress of the Alliance
- Upcoming AGM preparations
- S106 Funds and Project Implementation