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Leomansley Area Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2016
at Darwin Hall at 20.00hrs.

Present: Geoff Lusher (Chairman), Paul Ledbury (Vice Chairman),
Dawn Hayward (Treasurer), Barbara Lusher (Secretary), Jay Bryan,
Dave Mosson, Veronica Birkett, Jeff Fry, Peter & Gaye King,
Sandra Booth

Councillors: Cllr Iain Eadie

Apologies: M Gallagher, S Bowden & Cllr T Finn

- 1) The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 20.00hrs , and it was agreed that Shaun Bowden and Tracy Shepherd be co-opted onto the Executive.
He then explained that Cllr Finn would not be attending this meeting due to the sudden death of his daughter. The meeting extended its condolences to Terry on his sad loss.
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - the minutes of meeting held on 25th November 2015 were agreed and duly signed.
- 3) **Matters Arising –**
Police liaison - Sandra reported that she had arranged a meeting with Marisha Place at the local Police station on Monday 11th January.
Paul also commented on the Police figures on the website although no specific details were given. Cllr Eadie said he would try and contact Elaine Ford to see if it was possible to get a spreadsheet completed each month and arrange for it to be sent prior to the LARA meeting so that we can be more informed on any activity and crime trends in our local community, which could then be discussed at the meeting.
Sandra advised that there is going to be a Staffordshire Smart alert arriving soon (this would replace the old 'OWL' alerts we used to get when Bob Nunn was in charge.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report –** Dawn reported that the Bank balance in the LARA account stood at £1025.25 with £17 yet to be paid in, plus £15.06 in paypal account giving a total of £1057.31. She reported that a £50 deposit had been paid to the Skittle hire people with a remainder of £100 to be paid on the evening either by cash or cheque.
- 5) **Parking Restrictions-**
Geoff reported on the two confirmed parking restrictions being put in place on Darwin Park and in Christchurch Lane and tabled the respective maps for the committee's information. The committee were pleased that this matter had been successfully concluded, and members were asked to monitor the situation when the lines were installed. See maps attached.

- 6) **Walsall Road Weight Restrictions** - Ongoing issue. We will ask Cllr Finn when we next see him.
- 7) **Cycle Poles & Barriers** - Cllr Eadie knew where these poles and barriers were on the pathway from Christchurch Lane to the A51 and would refer to the Council to see if they could be removed and if not get them re-painted.
- 8) **Blair House Pathway** – This issue has been going on for some time now so we were pleased to see that the staggered barriers have been erected at the end of the pathways leading onto Halfpenny Lane to avoid children riding scooters or bikes directly onto the lane. We were surprised to see that the pedestrian barrier on the pathway from Victoria Gardens has been erected as per the attached photograph.
Barbara would get in touch with Cllr Andy Smith to see when this could be corrected with staggered barriers like those from Alesmore Meadow onto Halfpenny Lane. (see attached)
- 9) **Lagoon Project** – Veronica expressed to Cllr Eadie that she along with the rest of the Committee were getting frustrated that we cannot take our initiatives any further until legal completion of the Pools into the ownership of LDC had taken place. It was urgent that we get the Koi Carp removed and the reeds cut back (at least) and Cllr Eadie advised us that the legal completion date was sometime in May 2016.
- 10) **Friarsgate** – Geoff confirmed that the planning application was now in for the Friarsgate Development and that LARA had sent in their formal response on this project, which was available on our website. Anyone wishing to take a closer look can do so on the following websites:-
For the plans www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/friarsgate
For more info www.visitfriarsgate.co.uk
- 11) **Skittles Evening** – Dawn reported that the skittle people could deliver at 4.30pm on Saturday 6th February which would give us time to get the room arranged and set up for the evening, and that they could collect the following morning. Barbara advised that the Hall was already booked out for the Sunday and would be in use by 09.00am. With this in mind Dawn agreed to contact the skittle people to see if they could collect the Alleys late on the Saturday evening.
Raffle prizes would be obtained by Committee members and so far Sandra agreed to approach McKenzies, Dawn POMS, Geoff and Barbara the Saxon Penny and Red Lion. Jeff Fry agreed to arrange for the hire of the glasses from Waitrose. It was agreed we ask if Sue Gallagher could make a cake for the evening raffle as it was very well received last time.
Dawn would get more Tea, Coffee, plastic bowls, etc.
Barbara would get nibbles, snacks, biscuits (including gluten free)
- Prize for the winning team would be £50
Bottle of Prosecco for the highest ladies' score
Bottle of red wine for the highest mens' score.
- Raffle tickets would be sold £1 per strip but would be drawn individually.

Barbara would email all committee members to see who would be attending (and bowling) so that duties for the evening could be allocated.

12) **Website** – Paul said he would update the website with information on the Pools Project and the current position.

13) **Any Other Business** – There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.58hrs.

Date of next meetings Tuesday 16th February and Tuesday 22nd March

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, and Eadie

Signed.....

Chairman