

# Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – 7.30pm**

## **Present:**

Paul Sparks (Chair)  
Peter Griggs (Secretary)  
Sally Major (Treasurer),  
Andy Clews

Belinda Da Silva  
Dorothy Sparks  
Julia Brown

## **1. Apologies**

Ric Mears, Jerry Miller, Jane Shepherd

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the last meeting.

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

Sally circulated her report and advised that the Association has a current bank balance of £1,264 of which £789 is earmarked for the Walk and Talk campaign. The Surgery Car Service attracted an income of £193 for year ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 with expenditure for the same period of £174.

## **4. Secretary's Report**

Peter reported as follows:

- Membership – 139 (not 154 as reported in error at the AGM)
- Social media activity – now 448 people following our Facebook page
- Dementia Friendly training – arranged for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 6pm at Victoria Pavilion. Julia and Andy to attend also
- Defibrillator – now in place and operational
- Correspondence –
  - Volunteer Centre membership renewal – agreed to renew at bronze level
  - Verge posts – ESCC has advised that it does not licence verge posts in urban areas
  - Temporary 'A' signs - ESCC has advised that it will not permit these portable signs unless placed outside the business which has licensed it.
  - Pedestrian crossing – ESCC has advised that the assessment scored 43 out of 74 but it only has funds to progress the first 23 schemes.
  - 20mph limit - ESCC has advised that the proposal for a 20mph limit did not achieve the benchmark score to allow it to be taken forward at this time. However Paul advised that the Town Council has been advised that Browns Lane meets the criteria for the operational of a portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) and that it will be progressing this solution.

It was agreed that Paul and Peter would contact County Councillor Claire Dowling regarding these matters. **ACTION: Paul and Peter**

## **5. Walk and Talk campaign**

Peter summarised the action taken since this initiative was launched in the Spring and asked for ideas to progress it into the autumn term. Paul said that we knew from the outset that it was going to be difficult to change people's habits and so it was proving.

**ACTION: Peter** to contact schools again re engaging with the parents of the new intake.

## 6. Surgery Car Service (SCS)

- Stat's for this year so far – 133 journeys which compares with 117 for the whole of 2016
- Driver update – for a variety of reasons Chris and Teresa Lane have withdrawn from the service
- Churchcoombe Community Association – Paul reported that he and Peter had met with the committee and that it is keen to join the scheme and as its contribution it will be putting forward five or six volunteer drivers and one or two coordinators.
- Driver's costs - our volunteer drivers currently retain £3.00 for Buxted Surgery trips and £2.50 for the other journeys. There was some discussion about whether this was sufficient – it was agreed that we would take soundings from the drivers to see if they felt it was necessary to increase the overall fee to £4 so allowing an increase in the amounts they retain to £3.50 for Buxted trips and £3.00 for the remainder.  
**ACTION: Peter** to obtain the drivers' views and report back.

## 7. Events and Activities

- AGM matters arising:
  - Will the Association approach Tesco to request their staff to litter pick the tunnel under Browns Lane? – agreed **ACTION: Peter**
  - Is a handrail going to be provided for the steep slope down to Tesco Express? Agreed to investigate cost and funding opportunities **ACTION: Peter**
  - Can something be done about the verges that are being cut up by cars parking outside Manor Primary and causing a trip hazard? – agreed to inspect the verges and report any that appear to be a trip hazard to ESCC **ACTION: Peter**
  - Is any progress being made with the disrepair of the Twittens? – **ACTION: Paul and Peter** to liaise with Ric.
  - Is the school crossing patrol outside Manor Primary likely to be replaced – it is known that the school have tried hard to replace the lollipop lady but without success, no further action.
  - Paul thanked Gabbi for her assistance at the AGM
- The Big Lunch - £250 raised for charities and 2-250 people attended. Cost £350. **ACTION: Peter** to investigate funding for 2018
- Newsletter – all distributed thanks to the many volunteers and Paul's coordination **ACTION: Peter** to publish a link to the electronic version of the newsletter on Facebook

## 8. Any Other Business

- Time capsule buried at Bridge Cottage – this included a copy of the Association's newsletter. The capsule is due to be unearthed in 100 years time – a note for your diaries!

## Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 7.30pm at 27 Roman Way

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st July 2017 (6pm)

Dementia training at Victoria Pavilion

4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (7.30pm)

Next Committee Meeting