

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way
Friday 7th March 2017 – 7.30pm

Present:

Paul Sparks (Chair)
Peter Griggs (Secretary)
Tom Crellin
Jane Shepherd
Belinda Da Silva

Sally Major (Treasurer)
Dorothy Sparks
Ric Mears
Jerry Miller

1. Apologies

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that all members were present.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

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

Matters arising: all included on the agenda

3. Treasurer's Report

Sally reported that the Association has a bank balance of £1.728 of which £820.80 is earmarked for the Walk and Talk campaign.

The current position re the Car Service is as follows:

Income for financial year to date	£136.50
Expenditure for same period	- £140.60

4. Secretary's Report

Peter advised that membership currently stood at 123 but renewals are still being received and that he was confident that by the next meeting we would see a total membership close to the 2016 total.

5. Surgery Car Service (SCS)

Sally reported that during January 20 trips had been undertaken with 18 in February and 9 in March to-date. The January total is the highest since the scheme was launched.

The committee was pleased to learn that two new drivers have been recruited – John and Teresa Lane.

6. Dementia Training

Paul that as part of the move to make Uckfield a Dementia Friendly town a directory is being developed of businesses and voluntary services that are Dementia friendly. Training is to be offered and Paul suggested and it was agreed that this will be offered to our volunteer drivers.

ACTION: Paul to finalise the details and Peter to offer the training to our drivers in due course.

7. Uckfield Youth Centre

Peter read an email reply from the Director of Children's Services regarding plans future youth provision and Paul advised that at present ESCC are providing transport to alternative locations and that PHAB have been guaranteed occupancy until July 2017.

8. Defibrillator update

Peter reported that we are still waiting for the equipment to be installed as Tesco's maintenance people were too busy to fit it.

ACTION: Peter to pursue with Tesco higher management

9. Walk and Talk

Peter gave a progress report - all is on course for the launch in May 2017.

The radio ad is available for committee members to preview.

ACTION: Peter

10. Events and Activities

- Big Lunch -11th June 2017 :
 - URFC field not confirmed – **Jerry to pursue**
 - Assault Course (45ft) booked
 - Punch and Judy booked
 - Dog Show – **Dorothy will organise**
 - KSS Air Ambulance will attend – charity collection and possible fly-over
 - Demelza will hold a fund raising raffle
 - Wealden Band and Singers – **Jerry to enquire whether they wish to perform**
 - Ice Cream van booked
 - Face painter booked
 - Manor Primary sewing competition – agreed, details being finalised
 - Churchcoombe Community Association have been invited and will consider at their next meeting
 - Other ideas in the mix include garden size chess and connect four, and purchasing a parachute game
 - **Peter to devise a programme for the day** and circulate
- AGM –18th July
 - Venue and speaker booked – UCTC probably in the Learning resource Centre
 - Donation to be offered to UDPS
- Litter – 5th March
 - Eight volunteers supported the Great Wealden Spring Clean and collected seven sacks of litter in just over one hour, many thanks to those that supported the initiative
 - Litter picking kits (provided free by WDC) to be offered on long-term loan to members who are willing to collect litter in their locality **ACTION Peter**



11. Any Other Business

- Twittens working group – hoping to progress their work over the next month or two **ACTION: Ric and Paul**
- Article about the Tortoise Walks has appeared in Uckfield Matters
- Downsview Crescent road name sign damaged at junction with Browns Lane **ACTION: Peter to inform WDC**
- Children road safety signs in Browns lane need attention **ACTION: Paul**
- Call for MP and HF to become a 20mph zone **ACTION Paul to liaise with ESCC**

12. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2017, 7.30pm at 27 Roman Way

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

10 th May 2017	Next Committee Meeting
11 th June 2017	The Big Lunch
18 th July 2017	The AGM