

# Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – 7.00pm**

## **Present:**

Paul Sparks (Chair)	Jerry Miller
Peter Griggs (Secretary)	Ric Mears
Sally Major (Treasurer)	Anna Elliott
Jane Shepherd	Tom Crellin

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Dorothy

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

The notes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

Matters arising:

Paul advised that Wendy Tagg's report for the Neighbourhood Plan includes The Dene which is listed as a community asset.

Peter advised that:

- WDC had advised that the wall in Brown's Lane was not considered to be a dangerous structure but that officers will monitor the situation from time to time.
- He had not progressed investigating alternative venues with a hearing loop
- The Association is now an associate member of the Uckfield Community Resilience Group.
- The Luxford Centre had been booked for the Quiz
- Alan Whittaker had agreed to support the Tree Working Group, first meeting to be arranged in November
- No reply had been received from Manor Primary regarding priority footpaths for a walking bus.

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

Sally presented her report and advised that we have a bank balance of £827 with 155 renewals/new members so far. Details of income and expenditure were also provided.

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

Peter advised that the Association's membership with the Uckfield Volunteer Centre has been renewed.

## **5. Surgery Car Service**

Sally and Jane said that whilst there had been several enquiries from people living outside MP and HF there had been very few trips booked by our residents.

Tom advised that Rother VA were unable to help us with the DBS checks but that he will be meeting with the VA for our area to see if they could help and to ascertain the cost.

**ACTION: Tom**

Tom also agreed to look into the problems that were being experienced with the service's voicemail system

**ACTION: Tom**

## 6. Social Media

Peter informed the Committee that since the last meeting that the Facebook page had received another 13 likes – making a total of 348 with 178 Twitter followers.

Tom said that it is possible to link Facebook posts with tweets – Peter to set this up as Anna is unable to continue with managing the Twitter account.

**ACTION: Peter**

## 7. Events and Activities

### • Autumn Newsletter

Peter said that the copy was almost complete and just one or two issues remained with outstanding advertisements. Paul and Sally will check it before it goes to the printers.

**ACTION: Ric and Tom offered to help with delivery of the newsletter – Dorothy to coordinate.**

### • Clubs and Societies Day

Event at the Civic Centre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 2pm – Sally, Paul and Peter to man the stand on behalf of the Association.

**ACTION: Peter, Paul and Sally to attend event.**

### • Christmas Quiz

Confirmed that the Christmas Quiz is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Luxford Centre. It will be a general knowledge quiz and Jerry has agreed to be the quizmaster. Churchcoombe Community Association to be invited to enter teams.

£2.50 per person, we provide nibbles and soft drinks, open to all.

Demelza are organising the raffle and will enter a team – they have requested that we ask members for prizes to be donated.

**ACTION: Jerry to set questions,**

**Peter to publicise event – Uckfield FM What's On, Uckfield Matters, Uckfield News**

### • Events planned for 2016

- Combine Question Time with the AGM again (or alternatively invite a speaker)
- Wine and Cheese event – Paul to investigate
- Big Lunch – second Sunday in June – possibly organise a 'make a hat' competition – invite Fross to judge.

## 8. Any Other Business

*Tree Group*

**ACTION: Peter to arrange the first meeting**

*UTC Business Plan*

The plan includes the provision of vehicle activation signs (speeding) in Browns Lane and working with others to address the poor repair of Twittens and footpaths. Also to fund a

PCSO whose duties will include addressing the parking problems in Uckfield. Brighter Uckfield have been asked to identify potential sites for additional litterbins.

However the status of the Business Plan has not yet been finally agreed.

*Refuse Bins being stored on footpath*

Ric advised this problem has now been resolved.

**9. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 7pm at 27 Roman Way

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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| • Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christmas Quiz, Luxford Centre |
| • Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 | Next Committee Meeting         |
| • Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2016       | The Big Lunch                  |