

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way
Friday 18th January 2017 – 7.30pm

Present:

Paul Sparks (Chair)
Peter Griggs (Secretary)
Tom Crellin

Sally Major (Treasurer)
Dorothy Sparks

1. Apologies

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Jane, Jerry, Belinda and Ric.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The notes 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 £1,908 at the end of December 2016, which includes the grant of £1,192.80 earmarked for the Walk and Talk (formerly Park and Stride) project.

The position re renewals of membership will become clear upon receipt of the next bank statement.

The current position re the Car Service is as follows:

Income for financial year to date	£116
Expenditure for same period	- £126

A further £16.47 had been received from the Easy Fundraising account.

ACTION – Peter to circulate a step-by-step guide to joining the Easy Fundraising scheme and promote on Facebook.

4. Secretary's Report

Peter said that email and postal membership reminders have been sent out and a recruitment poster displayed in Tesco Express. It was suggested that further posters could be displayed in Waitrose, Tesco main store and in the Station waiting room.

ACTION Peter

5. Surgery Car Service (SCS)

Sally reported that January to December 2016 saw the service undertake 117 journeys, compared to 133 for the same period in 2015.

However 14 trips have been already booked for January, which will set a record.

It was agreed that in future Manor House Court in Regency Close / London Road will now be included in the scheme.

6. Uckfield Youth Centre

Paul referred to the recent news items about the Youth Centre in Downsview Crescent closing and that ESCC were talking to another organisation about the future use of the buildings. As it is unclear quite what is happening it was agreed that ESCC should be contacted for clarification

ACTION Peter

7. Bags of Help

Peter drew attention to this Tesco initiative for community groups. After some discussion it was decided that the Association would not seek this funding on this occasion.

8. Walk and Talk

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

9. Defibrillator update

Peter reported that the Lions Club had purchased the equipment and that we would be invoiced shortly for the Association's 1/3 share. The equipment is with Peter at the moment but shortly it will be delivered to Tesco Express ready to be fitted in due course by the Tesco maintenance team.

The Lions Club will insure the defibrillator and undertake periodic routine maintenance.

10. Park bench

Paul was pleased to inform the Committee that the bench has been installed and that it bears a brass plate indicating that the Association donated it. The Association's insurance policy has been extended to cover this and similar items.

Press release to be prepared

ACTION Peter

11. Footpath gritting around Manor Primary

Peter advised that he had met the head teacher and that she confirmed that the school already has a hand push grit spreader and that the caretaking staff grit the footpaths in the immediate vicinity of the school. Therefore NFA required.

12. Telephone box consultation

In the absence of any apparent local interest or concern it was agreed that NFA was required.

13. Events and Activities

- Christmas Lights Competition – agreed that this will be a Facebook photo competition – Peter to organise for Christmas 2017
- Big Lunch **11th June** 2017 – some ideas were aired re the theme for the Manor Primary competition. Maybe something to do with Uckfield in the past. Peter to approach Jade re possible sewing competition. **ACTION Peter**
Punch and Judy is booked
- AGM – this will be on **18th July**. Mick Harker to be approached re a talk on Uckfield through the years. Second option will be to organise another Question Time. Venue to be UCTC again. **ACTION Peter** to book the hall and approach a speaker

14. Litter – Great British Spring Clean

Peter advised that he had registered the Association with Wealden DC for this event (**3rd to 5th March**) and that in due course we should be receiving free litter picking kits to distribute to residents that are willing to keep twittens and paths near their homes litter free.

15. Any Other Business

- A presence at the Uckfield Festival on 8th July? – decided against this.

16. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th March 2017, 7.30pm at 27 Roman Way

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

3 rd – 5 th March	Great British Spring Clean
7 th March 2017	Next Committee Meeting
11 th June 2017	The Big Lunch
18 th July 2017	The AGM