

# Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 7.00pm**

## **Present:**

Paul Sparks (Chair)	Jerry Miller
Peter Griggs (Secretary)	Ric Mears
Sally Major (Treasurer)	Dorothy Sparks
Jane Shepherd	

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Tom Crellin and Anna Elliot

## **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

1. Paul referred to the outstanding action re the poor repair of a brick wall in Browns Lane.

**ACTION: Peter** to chase WDC again re progress

2. Dropped kerbs – Paul reported that he had followed this up with ESCC but that it was unable to install any additional dropped kerbs because of a lack of funds. However the Town Council are looking into solutions for this and similar problems.

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

Sally presented her report and advised that we have a bank balance of £931 with 153 renewals/new members (plus 3 more received at the meeting).

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

Peter advised that a thank you letter had been received from Demelza following the money raised at the Big Lunch (£206). He also advised that Gabriella Paterson-Griggs had volunteered to act as membership secretary for which the committee thanked her.

## **5. Committee Membership**

The Committee was very sorry to note that neither Emma nor Gill had decided to stand again. The Committee thanked them both for their past support and much valued input.

Jerry Miller and Tom Crellin were welcomed to the Committee.

## **6. Surgery Car Service**

Sally advised that the Income for the current year is £67 and that the service had been much busier since the last Committee meeting. Peter reported that as the Car Service is to continue then it will be necessary to carry out DBS checks on the drivers. It was suggested that the Committee ask Tom Crellin's advice on this issue.

**ACTION: Peter** to contact Tom

## **7. Walking Group Update**

Tom had reported to Peter that the Group had responded well to the new arrangements and it now has consistently between five and seven walkers each Wednesday morning. Tom will be re-advertising the walks on Uckfield FM.

**ACTION: Tom** to contact Uckfield FM

## 8. Uckfield Community Resilience Group

It was agreed that the Association would join the Uckfield Community Resilience Group as an associate member with the Chairman, Paul Sparks, as the nominated delegate and the Secretary, Peter Griggs, as the nominated contact.

**ACTION: Peter** to complete the application form

## 9. Village Green Update

Dorothy advised that whilst it is clear that it will not be possible to make the Dene a Village Green, the issue still remains whether it will be possible for residents to be given prior notice of the land being sold or the covenant being revoked. The solicitor consulted advised that further work would cost around £500. It was agreed that the Association would now investigate whether the Dene can be designated as a Community Asset.

**ACTION: Dorothy and Sally** to investigate Community Asset process

## 10. Social Media

Peter informed the Committee that since the last meeting that the Facebook page had received another 31 likes – making a total of 335. Paul reported that the Uckfield Talk Facebook page was encouraging people to post good news items and that this had received a very positive response.

## 11. Events and Activities

- **Big Lunch**

It was reported that this year's event had been a success. It was agreed that in 2016 it is proposed to hold the event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June (the Queen's birthday) and that the Town's other residents' associations would be invited to also support the event. It was suggested that in 2016 there should be an element of live music included. Jerry informed the Committee that he was a member of a Ukulele group which might be available.

- **AGM**

This had been well attended.

- **Question Time**

This followed the AGM and the panellists proved to be a success. There had been some comments about the acoustics of the hall and it was agreed that the Committee investigate finding an alternative venue or whether a portable hearing loop could be made available for future events.

**ACTION: Peter**

- **Autumn Newsletter**

The following topics were agreed for inclusion in the Autumn Newsletter:

- Gardening tips - Dorothy
- Uckfield FM – Jerry
- Being a good neighbour - ?
- Litter - ?
- Keeping footpaths clear – Paul

**ACTION: Peter** to put together the newsletter and approach advertisers

- **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 stand on behalf of the Association (Booking Confirmed).

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

- **Christmas Quiz**

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

**ACTION: Jerry** to set questions, **Peter** to book venue and publicise event

- **Bruges Trip**

Peter advised that the September trip had now been postponed until nearer Christmas.

- **Fashion Show**

Paul suggested that the Committee investigate the possibility of putting on a fashion show in conjunction with local shops eg. Carousel, Jolie Couture, Fross and Coles.

**ACTION: Paul and Peter** to investigate

## 12. Any Other Business

### *Tree Survey*

It was agreed that Dorothy, Sally and Peter work together to undertake a survey of the trees on the estates. Alan Whittaker is to be approached to help due to his interest in this area.

**ACTION: Peter** to coordinate work and invite Alan Whittaker

### *Footpaths*

Enquiries to be made with Royal Mail as to their position on the state of the footpaths.

Manor Primary School to be written to again asking for the route that a walking bus would take so that priority can be given to those paths in the event of funding becoming available for repairs.

**ACTION: Paul** to contact Royal Mail, **Peter** to contact the School

### *Refuse Bins being stored on footpath*

Ric advised that the number of bins had reduced and Peter updated the meeting on correspondence with Wealden DC on the issue.

## 13. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at 27 Roman Way

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October                      Next Committee Meeting
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October                      Clubs and Societies Day, Civic Centre
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December                      Christmas Quiz, Luxford Centre