

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way
Wednesday 4th October 2017 – 7.30pm

Present:

Paul Sparks	(Chair)	Ric Mears
Peter Griggs	(Secretary)	Dorothy Sparks
Sally Major	(Treasurer),	Jerry Miller
Andy Clews		

1. Apologies

Jane Shepherd, Belinda Da Silva, Julia Brown

2. Minutes of the last meeting on 26th July and matters arising

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

Paul referred to the minutes of the Strengthening Local Relationships meeting where the UTC meet with ESCC to discuss local issues.

Speeding and the possibility of a 20mph speed limit in Browns Lane was discussed and Paul is seeking data from a previous monitoring exercise. It will cost £400 to undertake the necessary speed checks to make a case and Paul has offered a contribution from the Association's funds.

The speed indicator device (SID) is to be used at hot spots in the town including Browns Lane.

At the same meeting, it was reported that two applications for the Manor Primary school crossing patrol had been made but then withdrawn and that the school had said that it no longer needs a patrol. Note, as the school does not meet the ESCC criteria it would have had to sponsor the patrol.

3. Treasurer's Report

Sally circulated her report and advised that the Association has a current bank balance of £1,210 of which £484 is earmarked for the Walk and Talk campaign and £350 for next year's Big Lunch (grant from Awards for All).

Peter advised the £350 of the Walk and Talk fund was earmarked for a UCTC competition – to make a road safety video for YouTube.

The Surgery Car Service is £19 in surplus.

4. Secretary's Report

Peter reported as follows:

- Membership – 146
- Social media activity – now 454 people following our Facebook page and 268 following our Twitter feed.
- Correspondence –
 - A Certificate of Appreciation has been received from the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance charity for the £156.56 raised by the Association.

5. Walk and Talk campaign

Peter and Paul met with County Councillor Claire Dowling to explore how parking around the schools might be addressed following the County Council's responses to the initiatives that had been proposed. Cllr. Dowling will be liaising with ESCC officers and the matter will be included in discussions at the forthcoming meeting with Sussex Police which Paul and Peter will be attending.

6. Anti-social behaviour meeting (with Sussex Police)

As referred to in the previous item.

Peter advised that a resident that lives opposite Manor primary and who uses a mobility scooter had submitted an enlightening account of her experiences and difficulties.

This account will be used at the meeting and Ric and Andy offered to provide Peter with photographic evidence.

It was reported that school staff park in the road adding to the congestion.

ACTION: Andy and Ric to email images to Peter

7. Grant applications

- application to the Town Council for a handrail to serve the steep path at Browns Lane shops – unsuccessful
- application to the Big Lottery (Awards for All) for the Big Lunch 2018 – successful (£350)

8. Surgery Car Service (SCS)

Sally reported that 137 journeys had been undertaken so far this year, which already exceeds the total for the whole of last year. Alan and Gill were mentioned as providing the bulk of the service for which the committee thanked them.

Sally has been approached by Cllr Barry Marlow who enquired whether the Association wished to be included on the access2healthcare.org webpage.

Peter said that Church Coombe Community Association were not proceeding with the plan to join the Surgery Car Service at this time but will review their position in the new year.

9. Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust offer to provide trees and shrubs for schools and community groups to plant was discussed but no suitable site which belonged to the community could be identified (minimum size of a tennis court).

10. Winter Newsletter

Ideas for articles so far:

- TN22 Group **ACTION: Dorothy to provide Peter with some information about its work**
- Walk and Talk project
- Big Lunch
- UCTC achievements
- Community Awards if relevant to MP and HF

11. Events and Activities

- It had been suggested by Julia that a social evening following the TV programme 'Would I Lie To You?' format might be worth pursuing - uncertainty over attendance given previous experience with quizzes etc. It will be useful to have feedback from Julia at the next meeting re the success of the event she had been involved in.
- Dem Fest in May (?) 2018 - may be useful to have a stand/display **ACTION: Peter to explore cost of purchasing roll-up banners etc. for the event.**
- Big Lunch 2018 – second Sunday in June.

12. Any Other Business

- reference was made to the resurfacing of the Tower Ride twitten by ESCC – this is the only twitten that has been adopted by ESCC.
- the question was posed could residents close off twittens? Paul advised that they have become public rights of way by virtue of the length of time they have been in place – over 20 years.
- Sally said that we need to bear in mind that Defibrillators have an expected life of seven years.
- road drains and gully's on MP and HF have recently been cleaned.

13. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 31st January 2018, 7.30pm at 27 Roman Way

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st January 2018 (7.30pm)

Next Committee Meeting

May 2018 (date tbc)

Dem Fest