

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the Committee Meeting at 27 Roman Way

Wednesday 20th February 2019 – 7.00pm

Present: Paul Sparks (Chair), Peter Griggs (Secretary), Dorothy Sparks, Jerry Miller.

1. **Apologies:** Sally Major (Treasurer), Cllr Daniel Manville, Jane Shepherd, Julia Brown, Andy Clews, Belinda Da Silva, Ric Mears.

2. Minutes of the last meeting on 24th October 2018 and matters arising

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

Paul referred to item 9 and reported that WDC Planners had not agreed to a meeting but had set out in an email the planning situation. Unfortunately, the Planning Officer felt that there was 'nothing to be gained from a meeting'.

All other matters arising were included on the agenda.

3. Treasurer's Report

Due to Sally's indisposition the Treasurer's report will be postponed until the next meeting.

4. Secretary's Report

Peter reported as follows:

- Membership –approximately 127 members have renewed their membership (includes two new members). The committee agreed we should undertake a membership drive in the next newsletter emphasising the benefits.

Social media activity remains high, our Facebook page now has 559 'Likes' – numbers increase month on month. Can all committee members please make sure that they have 'liked' the page **ACTION: all**

- Correspondence:
 - A letter has been received from Kensington Palace on behalf of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex saying how interested they were to see the designs submitted at the Big Lunch by pupils from Manor Primary
 - WDC have advised that they have now received funding for the Streatfeild House scheme and have suggested we meet and discuss our sensory garden idea.
 - ESCC have advised that despite our continued efforts over the past two years that the stretches of badly damaged verge in Downsview Crescent will simply be reinstated to their original condition.

5. UCTC redevelopment

Paul reported that at a recent meeting with UCTC he was advised that building work is due to start imminently and will last for 70 weeks.

When complete the old building will be demolished and a new rugby pitch created. Apparently 26 alternative parking spaces have been created around the site and it is hoped that these will be retained when the work is finished.

The committee expressed concern about the impact of contractor parking and HGV deliveries and any overlap with the Streatfeild House scheme.

6. Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS)

Julia and Neil had provided details of the requests received so far. It was agreed that a further meeting of the volunteers should be arranged to promotional activities and to agree arrangements for risk assessments.

ACTION: Peter

7. UCTC Park Runs

Peter advised the committee about the Park Runs that are due to commence in April and which will involve parking at both the Rugby Club and at UCTC.

8. Surgery Car Service (SCS)

In the absence of both Jane and Sally no update was possible.

9. Downsview Centre Youth Club

Paul reported that it is proposed to reopen the club on one evening a week just for year 11s, for 2 hours, and that the Chamber of Commerce had provided generous seed funding.

10. Proposed new Planter in Browns Lane

Peter advised that he is in touch with BUC to see if they could recommend anyone to construct a planter for the Association. It was agreed that an expenditure of approx. £200 was acceptable. For this project

ACTION: Peter

11. Road and Twitten signage

Peter said the WDC are willing to look at further additional signage across Manor Park and asked for the committee's thoughts. The following locations were put forward at the meeting:

Woodlands Mews

Dene Path – both ends

Lime Tree Avenue – top end

ACTION: Peter

12. Forthcoming Events

- **AGM – in July**, possibly use the Youth Centre hall.
- **Big Lunch** – Peter advised he is in discussion with SHRT about a joint event in September. Jerry will advise the club that we will not be asking to use their field this year

ACTION: Peter and Jerry

13. Any Other Business

- Peter said that the Defibrillator has still not been replaced, he will pursue with Lions Club (since heard that a replacement will now be ordered)

14. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th May, 7pm at Paul's house.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next committee meeting – Wednesday May 15th