

# Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 7.30pm**

## 1 Introductions, apologies and resignations

Present:

Paul Sparks (Chair)	Glenda Derby,
Peter Griggs (Secretary)	Ric Mears
Sally Major (Treasurer)	Dorothy Sparks
Jane Shepherd	

Apologies: Emma Luck , Esteban Amirante, Wendy Tagg

The Committee were very sorry to hear that both Glenda and Esteban have had to resign from the committee. Both have provided a huge amount of support and input into the working of the Association and we are very sorry that they have to resign. The Committee thanks them for their past support and wishes them well in the future.

## 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: Paul** to visit householders concerned to discuss the problem and to follow up with a letter if required
2. Ric reported that WDC had not responded to his complaint about wheelie bins left on the pavement  
**ACTION: Peter** to chase up with WDC

## 3 Treasurer's Report

Sally presented her report. In summary we have a bank balance of £1121 and so far 120 members had renewed their membership.

## 4 Surgery Car Service Update

Peter reported that:

- Anna and Gill had stepped in to cover the coordinators role and that they had done an excellent job. The Committee thanked Anna and Gill for supporting the service.
- A drivers and coordinators meeting has been arranged on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> March at Paul's house.
- Thanks to Pat Bentley we now had a wheelchair accessible car in the fleet.

## 5 Spring Newsletter

Dorothy reported that deliveries were well underway and almost completed. Peter advised that the advertising sold has nearly covered the printing costs.

## 6 Walking Group Launched

Peter told the meeting about the 'tortoise and hare' walking group which was the brainchild of member, Margaret Dixon. 18 people had shown interest and Tom Crellin has kindly agreed to be secretary for the group. The first walks have been held.

## 7 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Paul updated the meeting on the work of the group and the recent open day at the Civic Centre. The group are active in identifying areas of land and other sites that form 'community assets'.

## 8 TCR Project

Peter updated the meeting on the work of the TCR Project, both in relation to the highway improvements and the proposed redevelopment around Luxford Field.

## 10 Social Media

Peter read Wendy's report to the meeting which included a request that members feed her tidbits of information for her twitter feed

Peter advised that there had been continuing interest in the Facebook page with an additional 24 likes on the Facebook page since the last meeting (now a total 293).

## 11 Future events

- **Easter Egg Hunt 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2 to 4pm** –the organisation of this event is proceeding with the hall booked and permission from the Town Council obtained. It will include a Punch and Judy Show booked) and face painting (tbc) plus tea, coffee and biscuits. Any donations to go to Demelza.

Ideas for the Easter Egg hunt were discussed and it was agreed that this will be based on a simple list of questions posted around the playing field.

Ric, Paul, Dorothy, Peter and Sally agreed to help on the day (and Jane possibly)

Promotion of the event to commence now and (x50) eggs to be purchased **ACTION**

**Peter.**

- **Big Lunch 7th June 12 to 2pm** – Peter to approach Churchcoombe to see if they want to make it a combined event. Organisation to be kept as simple as possible, to include:
  - a. Rugby Club Field **(Peter to book)**
  - b. Bouncy Castles (one for toddlers, one for up to 12 years) **(Peter to book)**
  - c. Punch and Judy **(Dorothy to book)**
  - d. Face painter **(Peter to book)**
  - e. Dog Show **(Dorothy)** volunteered to organise this again)
  - f. Phil the bubble man
  - g. Promote Walking Group and Car Service
- **AGM-** on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, **Peter to book** MP Primary School Hall and **Sally** to approach Trevor Weekes to be guest speaker (he has since declined).
- **Other ideas** – Paul suggested we explore interest in an 'open evening' type of event in the Autumn when businesses in the shoppers discount scheme could have stalls/displays with entertainment by local people included. **Peter** to 'survey' the businesses to gauge the level of interest.

## 11 Any Other Business

- Community garden idea on land at Oakwood Drive – Dorothy is pursuing this idea with Nigel Clarke
- Tesco Litter picking – Peter reported that a thank you message had been sent to Tesco HQ and local staff
- Meet up with other Residents' Associations- this will be arranged in due course but not at the present time
- Churchcoombe trip to WW1 sites – Peter advised about this trip organised by Churchcoombe but with an invitation extended to MP and HF residents.

- Damaged verges – locations had been identified to ESCC but no satisfactory response received Peter to pursue with his ESCC Highways contact
- Nuisance caused by children playing in the street and un-neighbourly behaviour - after some discussion it was agreed that the best the Association could do is to put something about this in the next Newsletter.

### 13 Date and venue of next meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 - 7pm at 27 Roman Way.

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

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| • Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March  | Drivers and Coordinators meeting |
| • Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April pm | Easter Egg Hunt                  |
| • Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May    | Committee Meeting                |
| • Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May      | WW1 War Graves Trip              |
| • Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June       | Big Lunch                        |
| • Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July   | AGM                              |