

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way
7th May 2013

1 Introductions and apologies

Present:

Paul Sparks (Chair)	Wendy Tagg
Peter Griggs (Secretary)	Ric Mears
Sally Majors (Treasurer)	June Parris
Dorothy Sparks	Richard Eyre
Iain Tomsett and Simon Tuck, Fernley Park Res Assoc (Guests)	

The Chairman welcomed Iain and Simon to the meeting and explained that they were there as observers having recently set up their own residents association at Fernley Park.

The Chairman advised that Emma had apologised for being unable to attend.

2 Notes of the last meeting and matters arising

The notes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

Matters arising:

- item 11 Hempstead Fields – Christine Wheatley at UTC had replied giving assurances re Hempstead Fields etc. Wendy may pursue further the issue re Orchids in Southview Drive.
- item 11 Village Green – Dorothy circulated a draft letter to Buxted PC. Amendments suggested included making it clear that Buxted PC will retain ownership but we would like to proceed with application and that effectively the Dene is already being used as a village green.
ACTION: Dorothy
- item 11 Youth Centre – Ric advised that Thursday was the noisy evening.
ACTION Peter

3 Treasurers Report

Sally circulated the accounts to date which show a balance of £254.20.

She then described the limitations of the existing account and proposed that we close that account and open another with one of the high street banks e.g. Lloyds but to leave the nationwide account to run in parallel for the time being whilst outstanding standing orders were processed. This was agreed.

4 Uckfield Rugby Club meeting

Paul outlined the discussion as summarised in the note previously circulated.

June expressed surprise that we were no longer going to use the school and Paul explained the reasons for this. Richard suggested that maybe we approach the school again next year and it was agreed that this venue should be retained as a useful option.

5 and 6 The Big Lunch and Logo Competition

Paul advised that Emma had asked to withdraw from leading on the Big Lunch and said we needed to decide now whether to cancel it or try to proceed. Richard said we should carry on

as even if we only managed a small gathering then this would be something to build upon and it was decided to go ahead.

Paul then asked for a volunteer to take over from Emma – Richard kindly stepped forward and was heartedly thanked by all present! **ACTION Richard**

Richard then advised of a funding opportunity we might pursue, the likely cost of insuring the event (£56), that we should include logo presentation etc.

Paul offered to invite Uckfield FM to attend. **Action Paul**

Sally advised that the school had taken the initiative and had run the logo competition with around 100 entries. It was agreed that the competition should be judged by Chairman of the Art Group who lives locally. The entries will be collected on 14th May. Book tokens will be awarded as prizes.

June advised that around 24 pictures would be on display and arrangements were in hand to display them. Artists to be asked to make a voluntary contribution in the event of any sales made. **ACTION June.**

Richard suggested that posters and promotional material should ask people to let us know if they are planning to attend. **ACTION Dorothy, Wendy and Peter**

7 Meeting with County Highways

Paul and Ric provided feedback on their meeting with Ian Johnson ESCC.

School parking in Downsview Crescent is not high on ESCC list of priorities. However they will undertake a desktop study of one way system option. Budget constraints are a big consideration but will approve well thought out schemes that are funded by others. Richard said that this may present an opportunity for area based funding (and/or for footpaths). It was noted that the Primary School had not come back with the route for the walking bus **ACTION Peter** to chase.

Paul to report further once response from ESCC received **ACTION Paul**

8 Membership

Peter reported that we now have 91 members. The top topics identified on the application form are litter and parking. It was agreed that once the logo was agreed then a thank you letter / email should go to every member with a membership card giving contact details.

ACTION Paul and Peter

Dorothy suggested that we should have a pitch at the Uckfield Festival (13th July).

9 Dog Fouling

Paul said that this had been raised at the UTC meeting and that the TC were planning to meet with the Police etc. Also that Wealden DC are introducing a Dog Control Order for the whole district (Cabinet meeting 29th May). This would make it an offence not to remove dog faeces on public land.

Richard said that positive education is required maybe produce/obtain an information pack and promote through Facebook etc

ACTION ???

10 Litter

Dorothy advised that the Brighter Uckfield volunteers had collected 62 bags of litter during February – it was suggested that in future a photo of this would be useful for promotional use. Maybe an item for the next Newsletter?

ACTION Dorothy and Peter

11 Any other business

Meads surgery – Paul has met with the Practice Manager and discussed transport problems. They would support a voluntary car scheme proposal and the Lions and Rotary Clubs are

looking into this, maybe the association could recruit volunteer drivers? Dorothy said that Mayfield and Five Ashes have a good scheme and Paul agreed to contact them. **ACTION Paul**

Food Banks - Richard advised that all the churches in Uckfield were working together to create a food bank.

Operation Blitz – Iain spoke about operation Blitz (Mobile team of officers providing a rapid response to anti-social behaviour) and the benefits of joining and using the Community Messaging service.

Newsletter and Public Meeting – to be scheduled in for September **ACTION Paul and Peter**

10 Date and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2013 at 7pm in Roman Way.