

## LANSDOWN CRESCENT ASSOCIATION

**Committee Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Rachael's (4LPW) 7.15pm**

### **Present:**

Robin, Nick, Anthony, James, Mandy, Christopher, Corinne, Marian, Rachael,  
Simon.

### **1. Apologies please to the secretary**

SueB

### **2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

Approved

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes (where not covered by agenda items)**

#### *(i) Finials - fundraising alternatives and quotations received. (RK & R D-E)*

*3 quotes received from Iron Art, Chapel Forge and Kelston Forge, ranging from a maximum of £26K (Iron Art). Chapel Forge is the cheapest.*

*The chosen supplier will probably be asked to provide a model contract for use by each house that wishes to join the scheme, with each house placing its own contract with Chapel Forge.*

*This typically would cost under £1000 a house for installation.*

*No money is available from any charitable trust, the final one tried having been the Roper Family Trust.*

*The LCA already has promises of £2000 (£1000 from xxx and £1000 promised by the Georgian Group, ring fenced for the finials project).*

*Could additional LCA funds be used? Approval would need to be sought at the AGM or an EGM.*

*It has been proposed that the Association funds the finial castings, for free issue to*

owners wishing to take part, thereby subsidizing the work, securing consistency and ensuring best price. xxx has offered to match-fund a LCA contribution, up to £4000. The cost of all the final castings would be about £7-8K, but a bulk purchase of only probably 75% can be justified.

Robin will send round the calculations and estimate of numbers. **Action RK**

(ii) Wooden Stairs 3LPW - Enforcement Case 15/01813/LBA. (RK)

Still pending.

(iii) Parking outside Lansdown Grove Hotel (RK and Shaws)

Manager has responded well to criticisms, but is resisting our wish for delivery lorries to reverse into the courtyard there. The story continues!

(iv) Beckford Gate – planning applications and consequential actions (RK)

The deadline for rebuilding passed. A retrospective planning application was submitted

A draft objection has been written and circulated by Anthony

The previous application for a house was withdrawn after case officer said she would recommend refusal, quoting conservation officer's report. Their current application is effectively for a car parking space.

How can we publicise the need for submitting objections? If we use email, then there could be data protection issues, since members did not sign up to receive emails on this.

It was agreed that for certain urgent issues, such as planning, police/neighbourhood watch, we should be using email, but would need to seek consent from members receiving these emails.

Robin will draft an email to such effect, **Action RK**

Corinne to send email to members. **Action CT**

Mandy to draft note for inclusion in email to say that emergency items (such as police/neighbourhood watch and planning issues) will be emailed. **Action MS**

Robin will submit an objection on behalf of the LCA. **Action RK**

*The ward councillor (Tony Clarke) has expressed his concern too.*

*(v) Somerset Place progress. (RK)*

*Robin gave a brief update on progress regarding the building works there.*

*(vi) Builders and Fly tipping (RK)*

*Nothing to report*

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (CS)**

*Since the last committee meeting, financial transactions have been limited to the receipt of six subscriptions. Therefore no interim accounts will be put before this meeting*

#### **5. Traffic Investigation (NB)**

The traffic assessment has been carried out at 2 measurement points - one in LPW.

Analysis of the assessment will be shared at next LCA committee.

Categories of vehicle can be analysed - buses, lorries, cars and so on.

#### **6. Social Events. (MmcN and SueB)**

*(i) LCA tea party at xxx at the end of October.*

*xxx was unable to host lunches, but her offer was a lovely gesture.*

*(ii) The Edge 9<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. (MmcN)*

Thanks to Marian (MmcN)

*(iii) Christmas festivities*

##### *Christmas Party*

xxx to host Christmas party on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Wine has been bought by Robin

Invitations have been delivered

The Christmas party sold out. There is 1 on waiting list

LCA insurance covers the party

Parking could be tricky and limited, so should be used for disabled residents only.

A list of duties will be drawn up. **Action MmcN**

### Carol Singing

17th Dec 5:30pm at Beccy's (xxx) and drinks after at Shaws (xxx)

Choice of charity? A vote was taken and Dorothy House was chosen

#### *(iv) LCA garden party or parties 2016 - frequency*

xxx as a potential venue? - (RK and RCH). Confirmed venue

The summer party will take place on a Saturday in June. Marian to canvass best date. **Action MMcN**

The LCA committee would need to help and coordinate

We should expect 60 people attending

#### *(v) Social plan - (MmcN & SueB) - nothing else planned*

Publish schedule of parties on the website? **Action MS**

LCA book club? Noted, but there was no further discussion.

## **7. LCA Website (MS)**

Mandy has had feedback and would like to work on the design.

Mandy again requested events to be given to her for publication.

## **8. Neighbourhood Watch**

### *(i) LCA website for update - (RCH and MS)*

*Local police beat meeting at St Stephens on Saturday ??*

*There has been petty burglary of cars and garages in western end of LC, and LPW.*

*A man parked outside 8LPE for 5 days. He has since been arrested at another location, not in this area.*

## 9. The Field and its Sheep (JW)

### (i) Sheep

*The sheep have munched the grass and nettles.*

### (ii) Nettle treatment

*It was agreed that no Roundup weed killer will be used, neither would the fallen twigs from the trees be gathered.*

*James will saw and collect some of the fallen limbs.*

## 10. Membership (CT)

We are at peak (ever!) membership 144 (including 6 new members). We have already included Somerset Place. Should we include the new Hope House development - to be discussed closer to their completion?

## 11. Planning

### (i) Hope House site and ownership by Acorn Property (RK & AP)

*Plan for houses below LPE seem taller, but Robin has had an undertaking that they would not be taller than the earlier consented scheme. These houses will have a mansard roof rather than a pitched roof.*

*Pre-application advice is that the officers were concerned about the new roof.*

*The comparison drawings on the website are unclear. Robin and Anthony to draft a "Comment" based on this, submit it and post it on the website. Action*

*RK & AP*

### (ii) Public meeting in Hope House on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm

*Went well.*

### (iii) 14 LPE (AP)

*Original drawings were not carried through, but this has been rectified.*

*Is permitted development allowed in listed buildings and world heritage sites?*

*Yes, apparently, but subject to Listed Building Consent!*

*The LCA will not get involved, but has referred the discovery to FoBRA.*

*The planners have ruled in favour of the retrospective planning application.*

## **12. Litter picking Rota**

(i) Continuous: Field (JW) and SL (DL).

(ii) Rota volunteers.

- ♣ Simon November - (SB)
- ♣ Marian December - (MMcN)
- ♣ Rachael January - (RCH)
- ♣ Nick February
- ♣ Sue Branfoot March
- ♣ Mandy April
- ♣ Robin May
- ♣ Corinne June

## **13. FoBRA**

(i) Feedback & minutes from meetings. (RCH & RK)

See LCA website

(ii) 43 Upper Oldfield Park (RK)

Threat to demolish has been withdrawn, but the owner has agreed to modify the roof to bring it more in line with the original application.

(iii) Batheaston Park and Ride consultation advertised on LCA website - (MS)

FoBRA welcomed option B (approved) East of Mill Lane. All but one residents' association (Camden) approved it. To be debated by full Council  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov 15

(iv) Low Emission Zone (RK & RCH)

Central Bath LEZ might be implemented at some point in the future. This could encourage rat runs in the surrounding historic roads. Camden Crescent

have asked to be included in the LEZ area to avoid the consequences of “displacement”. St James Square committee will be asking for the same.

Rachael will draft a letter on behalf of LCA for Robin to sign. **Action RCH and RK**

Nothing is definite on the LEZ. London Road is out of the council's control and this would make a LEZ difficult to manage.

#### **14. Future LCA Committee Meetings & Venues**

More frequent meetings were suggested - every two months?

The next meeting will therefore be on Wednesday 13th January at Robin's house.

#### **15. AOB**

(Note re request for volunteers from Museum of East Asian Art.)