

## LANSDOWN CRESCENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Committee Meeting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at Nick's (Beckford ULM) 7.30pm

### 1. Apologies please to the secretary

Marian, Anthony, James, Mandy.

### 2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and 4th February 2016

Both sets of minutes were approved

Minutes of AGM can be sent to membership, but not published on website for data protection reasons [in practice, published with extensive redaction]. **Action: Simon.**

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

*i. Finials (see agenda item 8)*

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

*The owners will be putting in a single application for all the necessary work.*

*iii. Parking outside Lansdown Grove Hotel (Shaws)*

*There was nothing to add - perhaps just one case of bad parking a month.*

*iv. Beckford Gate – planning application – target date 21<sup>st</sup> Jan - and consequential actions (RK, AP)*

*There is a rumour that the owners have been persuaded to repair the wall.<sup>1</sup>*

*v. Book on Bath - James agreed to write a piece on the sheep*

*In James' absence, no update was given.*

*vi. Seagulls - RK agreed to seek FoBRA's help*

*The council is carrying out a study.*

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

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<sup>1</sup> This rumour turns out probably to be false, as, by contrast, the owners have sought access "for garden maintenance" via the private road beside their property, which has been refused by alert owners.

Accounts were circulated to the committee.

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

The works in Winifred's Lane have caused an increase in traffic in the Crescent.

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

### *i. Events 2016*

#### a) LCA garden party – (MMcN)

Points to Note:

- ⤴ The party will be held on 18th June.
- ⤴ The offer of xxx was withdrawn and it will now be held in xxx (xxx).
- ⤴ xxx has offered her garden for next year.
- ⤴ An invitation has been drafted.
  - £10 a ticket
  - Members only
  - Tear-off slip
  - Deadline on 10th June
- ⤴ Action for Robin to finalise invitation and for Corinne to distribute.

#### b) Other events and social plan

More activities for children

## **7. Actions from AGM**

### **i. Constitutional study**

It was agreed that we would seek the membership's view on constitutional change, particularly on voting.

Robin observed that to allow proxy or postal voting at the AGM would

require the full resolution to be known weeks beforehand, whereas what we do now is to hold the discussion and then vote on the resultant resolution directly afterwards, as is common with small organizations, combining economy and simplicity. An alternative might be to conduct the discussion at the AGM, and hold the voting (some weeks) after the meeting. This suggestion was thought worth further discussion by the committee. **Action Christopher**

## **ii. Contingency fund**

Christopher proposed a contingency fund of £5000.

## **iii. Seeking membership's ideas**

How would members like the LCA funds, held in excess of the contingency, spent? Project suggestions will be welcomed. **Action Christopher**

## **8. Progress of finials project**

Council approval has been given for the trial finials now installed.

Finials are now being cast. The work to install them will be underway in the coming weeks.

Damien (from Chapel Forge) will quote for the work for minor repairs to the field railings and those at the lower end of LPW. The quote will be given to the council, who, it was felt, would otherwise not seek a quote.

## **9. Allocation of committee duties**

Everyone was content to remain in their current committee roles.

Simon to forward email on Cleveland Pools to Mandy for publication – **Action SB**

Robin to forward email on Millennium Green to Mandy for publication – **Action RK**

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

Nothing to report.

### **11. Neighbourhood Watch**

Rachael reported an increase in burglaries.

### **12. The Field and its Sheep (JW)**

James has discussed the rent with the council, and it seems that the rent will not be increased.

If it is increased next year, it was suggested that we could approach the council with offer of an advance payment of 10 or 20 years' rent, in order to secure a more predictable level of rental expense.

### **13. Membership (CT)**

A few have not subscribed. Of these, Corinne knocked on some of their doors, whereupon they joined!

Standing order form - Rachael to find a copy from xxx - could be distributed to members. – **Action RCH**

### **14. Planning**

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

*Lower site work has begun*

*Upper site planning not yet given<sup>2</sup>*

*ii. Application for house in Springfield Place*

*The committee felt they did not need to comment, and that the proposed development was an improvement on the existing one.*

**Action Robin to write to xxx, of xxx.**

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<sup>2</sup> Groundwork now started on the upper site too.

iii. *Kingswood Nursery*

*Notwithstanding the advice given by Anthony for LCA not to comment on this proposal as it was far from our area and as a larger Nursery School at Kingswood might actually benefit Bath, if there was still time, Robin agreed to write on the traffic implications for the extension of the Kingswood Nursery – **Action RK***

iv. *Future Heritage (Somerset Place) will be building a new house on the end, over the car park of Somerset Place*

v. *Burlington Street will likely have replica houses built near the Catholic Church to replace the derelict wall. This will involve obtaining permission to fell the large Chestnut tree.*

## **15. Litter picking Rota**

Continuous: Field (JW) and SL (DJ).

Rota volunteers.

- ✦ Sue Branfoot March
- ✦ Mandy April
- ✦ Robin May
- ✦ Corinne June
- ✦ Christopher July
- ✦ Nick August
- ✦ Rachael September

## **16. FoBRA**

- i. Feedback & minutes from meetings. (RCH & RK)
  - a) B&NES mayoral debate (no mayor) – debate held by FoBRA
  - b) FoBRA will try to persuade the council to implement the Bath transport strategy

c) Batheaston Park and Ride

The Batheaston residents have run a very successful campaign, and the Eastern Park and Ride is now looking unlikely at the proposed Meadows site, but is still a necessary element of the Transport Strategy.

ii. Low Emission Zone (RK & RCH)

No progress.

iii. Placemaking Plan

iv. The FoBRA summer party

Will take place on 28th June at Lyncombe Court, near Paragon School. All LCA members welcome. Corinne to circulate flyer. **Action Corinne.**

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

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at Marian's, who has kindly offered her home. The time to be confirmed.

## **18. AOB**

**i. New railings in the gardens of Somerset Place to demarcate the public right of way**

**Action for Rachael and Anthony** to discuss. Stephen Green, head of Future Heritage, to then be consulted.

**ii. Bath Spa University**

Rachael noted that the Bath Spa University has permission to move into the Herman Miller building near the river.

**iii. Salt bins**

Salt bins can be removed.

**iv. Parking on Lansdown Road**

We do not need to comment. Residents who live more locally will comment.