

## LANSDOWN CRESCENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

**Committee Meeting Wednesday 24th August 2016 at the Shaws' (1 LPE) 7.30pm**

**1. Apologies please to the secretary**

Nick Bishop

Anthony Pearson (now retired from the committee). A vote of thanks was given. The committee agreed to xxx award him honorary membership of the LCA.

We will consider if we can find a replacement within the committee, but if not, then we shall approach xxx.

**2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Hope House (RK & AP)**

Recent Newsletter – circulated

Sulis Public Affairs (Johnny Kidney)

Members of the committee voiced their opinions to Mr Kidney on the works so far, especially the dangers involved in the hoardings and turning right out of LPE.

Marian stressed that our concerns on this must be passed to Acorn and acted upon.

The newsletter was thought to be too technical, incomplete and infrequent. We asked for regular updates on the happenings on site, e.g. the huge drilling machine appearing unannounced. The copper beach tree has been pruned. We advised care in this matter, as this tree is held dear by many.

Mr Kidney assured us that our comments would be passed on.

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

*(i) Finials (see item 8 below) - (RK)*

*(ii) Parking outside Lansdown Grove Hotel (Shaws and NB) – see also Item 5*

*below)*

Peter Bailey will draw up an order seeking prohibition of parking outside the hotel on Lansdown Road. See note from Nick Bishop under item 5, Traffic.

**(iii) Beckford Gate – Appeal against wall demolition – No target date yet, nor any documents published on PINS website - and consequential actions (RK, AP)**

Marian said that the round the hole in the wall has all been cleared.

Robin will contact PINS case officer for a progress report - **action RK: post meeting update:**

*Further to our discussion last night on Beckford's Broken Wall - Appeal, I rang the Inspectorate today, having checked that there was nothing new on their website. I was told (by a clerk) that the site inspection took place earlier this week (which may explain why it appeared to have been recently spruced up!) and so the decision should appear in about 4-6 weeks. I asked about the non-appearance of any documents under the button "Documents" and was told that the only one they publish in this type of case is the final decision, though the Local Planning Authority should keep a duplicate file which they should show on request.*

Christopher objected to the LCA paying for the survey. The committee agreed that this had been discussed among the committee and approved. Next time we will have a more formal vote.

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

The accounts were presented.

Proposals for Reserves document - feedback requested. This will be sent out to the membership in 10 -12 days' time.

## **6. Traffic (NB)**

Update from Nick.

I have been in touch with Peter Bailey, Traffic Officer at BANES, regarding the two outstanding traffic issues. Peter wrote on 1 August:

*"Regarding the installation of a sign relating to HGVs and coaches using Lansdown Crescent, in view of the fact that the contractor at the school site has not provided*

*the required sign as requested by the Highway Inspector I have put the proposed sign on the Traffic Management task Register to seek funding. A budget has just been allocated for a small number of schemes on the Task Register and this particular proposal is one of the successful proposals. I will therefore arrange for the proposed sign to be drawn up and a works order sent to the council's contractor as soon as possible."*

*"Regarding loading and unloading outside Lansdown Grove Hotel he wrote:*

*I think that as you have been unable to resolve the issue of lorries delivering to the hotel directly with the hotel I think that it would be sensible to investigate introducing an 'unloading/loading ban' on the narrow section of Lansdown Road outside the hotel. Looking at the extent of the existing double yellow lines on Lansdown Road near the hotel I think that it would be sensible to extend the 'no loading/loading' ban for the full extent of the yellow lines i.e. from the junction of Lansdown Grove to the layby outside Lansdown Mansions on the east side of the road. I am assuming, of course, that delivery lorries would not stop on the opposite side of the road to unload as they would need to cross the live carriageway to access the hotel. I will 'sketch up' a proposal to illustrate the length of road involved and forward it to you as soon as it is complete for your consideration."*

I shall update the committee as soon as I hear any more from Peter and will chase him in September if nothing arrives.

Ben Howlett's A36/A46 bypass petition - No update

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

### *(i) Events 2016*

- LCA garden party 18<sup>th</sup> June **(MMcN)**. A success. 62 tickets sold including children. Lovely weather and held in xxx garden.
- It was agreed that next year's garden party will be around the same

date (to be agreed): this year it was on 18th June. Marian and others felt that the cooking, clearing up and the waiting was too much. We agreed that some waiting staff will be employed (VI formers or students) for future parties.

- Other events and social plan – Plans for Christmas. **(MMcN)**.  
To be planned. Repeat of last year's buffet success.
- Carol singing - Marian will ask Judith for her choir leadership - **action MMcN**.

## 8. **Actions from AGM**

Constitutional study **(CS)**

Work ongoing. The committee's comments were requested on a draft which CS distributed, with "Voting by those absent from the AGM" to come. **(Committee members)**.

The committee felt that absentee voting was a good idea for those issues deemed appropriate by the committee. Christopher to draw up a proposal - **action CS**

## 9. **Progress of finials project**

(i) Completion date. **(RK)**

No completion date, but steady progress is being made, with just a few houses remaining.

(ii) Minor repairs to the council-owned field railings? **(JW)**

Iron Art have been instructed by the council to work on the railings damaged by the Tesco delivery van. This work is now being carried out.

(iii) Inauguration ceremony & party. Mayor to attend? - **(RK)**

October inaugural party is being planned. Marian and Sue will coordinate the

party with Beccy. It will be based at Beccy's house. The mayor has been invited. Marian thought that the party should be on a weekend and not a weekday evening, so that it is still light at that time of year. All members will be invited, together with those who have had finials replaced as part of the project, and a few relevant external guests.

(iv) Plaque on a bench? **(BDE/RK)**

Robin has written to the Ward councillor (Patrick Anketell-Jones) regarding a site for a plaque to record the event, including mention of Dr Marianna Clark (the major donor for the finials project). Awaiting response.

**10. LCA Website (MS)**

The committee thanked Mandy for her work on the website.

**11. Neighbourhood Watch (RCH)**

RCH was unable to attend the last Neighbourhood Watch meeting, but commented on the scams that are targeted at the vulnerable and elderly.

**12. Field and Sheep (JW)**

At the last committee meeting, James had proposed approaching the council with an offer to pay 20 years' field rent in advance. **(JW)** James withdrew this suggestion as a non-starter, since it would necessitate a lease (with associated liabilities).

Andrew has scythed the nettles.

An escaped sheep was rescued by James and Andrew!

The sheep are back!

**13. Membership (CT)**

2 new members. Membership now at 150.

Standing order form was provided by RCH and will be tailored for use by LCA and emailed with Corinne's New Year subscription email - **action CT**

**14. Planning**

xx LC has been bought. RCH assured the committee that the new owners (known to her) will be satisfactory. There was discussion about the refurbishment of xx LPE, which is very dilapidated.

**15. Lighting**

Renewal of street lighting in listed streets (**RK**)

Robin had written to BPT about his concern that this should be done with attention to heritage aspects, and had received a supportive reply. Robin to chase up with the council lighting and conservation officers - **action RK**

**16. Bonfires (CT)**

A number of residents have complained about bonfires. As bonfires are apparently legal, even in this smokeless zone, Robin advised that members should contact the offenders initially, but, in extremis, him.

**17. Additional Trustees (RK)**

Christopher will include this in his constitutional discourse - **action CS**

**18. Bomb**

*Robin's report for forwarding to FoBRA was discussed. RK*

*Robin to contact the council with strong recommendation to conduct surveys for unexploded bombs beforehand. He will forward his report to FoBRA - **action RK***

## 19. Litter Picking Rota

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

(ii) Rota volunteers.

1. Nick August
2. Rachael September
3. Sue October
4. Simon November

## 20. FoBRA

Robin skated over the following important subjects covered by FoBRA since the last LCA meeting:

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

(ii) Placemaking Plan - Examination in Public. In September (Robin will be taking part most days).

(iii) 1st July - Bath City Conference. Worthwhile (and free!).

(iv) Bath Transport Strategy and Plan - a plan is needed in order to implement the Strategy. FoBRA is cooperating with other stakeholders to persuade the Council to do this, and expeditiously.

(v) Queen Square partial closure experiment - not good, large queues resulted.

(vi) West of England Devolution Deal – lots of new money, but it comes with a Metro-Mayor – not everyone's choice.

**(vii)** Revised Council refuse policy. Collections every two weeks are being proposed, which will start in 2017. It may be modified. Objections to RCH who will lobby on our behalf. Robin felt that it needs also to be done at FoBRA level - **action**

### **RK and RCH**

(viii) FoBRA summer party was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June and Winter Reception will be on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 17.

**21. Future LCA Committee Meetings and Venues SB**

Wednesday 23rd November agreed; venue to be determined - **action SB**

**22. AOB**

James reported that paving stones by Lansdown Grove Hotel are uneven. **(JW)**

Some are done. RCH recommended contacting Help the Aged for assistance in pressurising the council - **action JW**