

LANSDOWN CRESCENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Committee Meeting Wednesday 6th September 2017 at Sue's (55 ULM) 7.30pm

1. Apologies please to the secretary (SB)

Mandy and Steph gave their apologies

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 19th July 2017

The minutes were approved. Mandy requested that the corrected minutes be sent to her for publication on the web – **Action SB**

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

(i) Dilapidated railing opposite 8LPW **(NB)**

Nick to contact Peter Bailey – **Action NB**

(ii) Kerbstone outside Christopher's house **(NB)**

The kerbstone was repaired, but was broken again. Nick has emailed the council, to no avail. Robin will raise this issue with the ward councillors -

Action RK *Post meeting note: Councillors briefed 12/09/17*

(iii) Loose kerbstone by entrance to 20 LC

Nick to contact Peter Bailey – **Action NB**

(iv) Insurance

a) Discussions with Seafarers UK chairman, xxx, on risk assessments

(RK) - Robin viewed a risk assessment prepared by xxx, but thought a risk assessment unnecessary. If one is later required, Robin will produce it.

b) Discussions with Simon Heale for help finding a qualified accountant

(RK) - Simon Heale will review the accounts in advance of their presentation at the AGM. Action complete.

- (v) Co-option of additional Committee member (**RK**) – In the absence of volunteers to join the committee, Nick will ask xxx and Marian will ask yyy.

Action NB and MMcN

4. Treasurer's Report (MS)

Change of Treasurer. The Treasurer had given her apologies and was absent from this committee meeting. Mandy had, however, emailed a number of requests, which are minuted below (in *italics*):

Subscriptions: which was agreed by the committee:

1.Full price up to and including date of summer party

2.Half price from then onwards, except:

3.Anyone joining in December and attending the Christmas party may pay in advance for the following year instead of paying a sub for current year.

Please advise whether you are happy with this, in which case I suggest we post this information on the website for clarity. – Action MS

Mandy noted that the RBS bank account can be paid-in at any Post Office, obviating the need to transfer this account.

Mandate Form

Could Steph please put a sample signature on the enclosed 'Mandate' form, and could Robin and Simon please sign and date the 'Mandate' form at the end. Action completed.

Could Steph please complete an 'Additional party' form as I have done. Action completed.

Could someone then drop all of this into RBS in Quiet Street please (after photographing the form for our records). Action completed.

Could all this be formally approved and minuted please (RBS

requirement). Action completed (see below)

The above item has been carried out and was approved by the committee and is minuted here.

*Based on previous grief with RBS over signatories, I think it safer that we request removal of Christopher and Corinne as signatories once the Additional ones have been processed successfully – we will have to formally approve & minute these removals at the next committee meeting – **Action SB***

5. Hope House (RK, JW & NB):

- (i) Progress - Immediately below the LPE retaining wall, the houses, whose first floor walls are next to be constructed, are progressing well.
- (ii) Hoardings & traffic lights (**NB**). New uphill traffic lights have now been installed on the pavement rather than the road, thus reducing their chicane effect. The hoardings were moved back to expose a little more pavement, but have resulted in no improvement to traffic visibility or safety. Nick will draft a petition to present to the council, to be ready for the summer party, ensuring as many signatories as possible – **Action NB**. Marian suggested that someone attending a council meeting should present the petition. Robin will contact ward councillors of our intent and will ring Tim Warren (council leader) - **Action RK Action completed: presentation to full Council meeting 14 Sept 17.**
- (iii) Lower and Upper site. Nothing further was discussed
- (iv) Informing Acorn of accidents (**NB**) Done
- (v) Newsletter from Rhatigan (**RK**) Robin requested a newsletter but to no effect. He will try again – **Action RK Action completed.**

6. Traffic (NB)

- (i) Lansdown Grove Hotel parking - Nick has reminded the council traffic officer (Peter Bailey) of the need for a solution to this issue. *Post meeting note: raised with Ward Councillors 12th Sept*
- (ii) 'No Coaches' sign in Cavendish Road. Nick has reminded the council, but no action from the council yet. *Post meeting note: raised with Ward Councillors 12th Sept*

7. Rubbish Collections & Council's new Refuse policy – preparations

(RCH) - Rachael described the forthcoming changes to refuse collection and how this will affect our area.

Thanks were expressed to Rachael for her work on this issue.

Marian is now the director of the UoB students' union and will use her position to discuss the new refuse collection policy as it applies to students

– **Action MMcN**

8. Social Events. (MMcN and SueB)

- (i) Summer Party - Sunday 10th September at xxx's garden. There are 5 tickets left. 4 students will help to serve the food. Food has been arranged.
- (ii) Pavement party for next year? The committee was in favour of this idea.
- (iii) Christmas party date at the xxx' – 15th December
- (iv) Christmas carols – Marian has approached Judith Liddell for the 20th December

9. Projects

Relaying (part of) the cobbles on LC, and provision of cobbles (**JW & NB**)

The committee was concerned at the cost of the cobbles project and, in

the absence of any evidence, how effective it would be in slowing traffic. Nick pointed out that, unless properly maintained, the cobbles would fill with dirt and weeds, and would, therefore, provide little to no traffic-calming effect.

Robin and Nick will speak with the traffic officer Peter Bailey regarding traffic and the cobbles – **Action RK and NB** *Post meeting note: raised with Ward Councillors 12th Sept*

10. LCA Website (MS)

- (i) Website hits (**MS**) In Mandy's absence, this item was deferred until the next committee meeting.

11. Neighbourhood Watch (RCH) Marian reported a dangerous jogger (black aged 30 with a dog (like a schnauzer)) who collided with Marian at the bottom of the Dell. Marian will report this to the police – **Action MMcN**, and Mandy will update this on the website – **Action MS**

12. Field and Sheep (JW) The grass is now long. Mr Creed has been contacted and at that time thought that the sheep would return to the field in three or four days, but nothing yet. Foliage on the field side of LPE is long and overhangs the pavement. The parks department (Gerrard Parry) was a contact given by Marian. James to contact – **Action JW**

- (i) Leaves and weeds on LC, Highways contact has sprayed to remove the weeds.

13. Membership (SH) Steph was absent, but has reported two new members from LPW

14. Planning (JW)

- (i) Beckford's Broken Wall – a new door is being constructed and an

application has been made by BPT for listing of the wall. We will be told when comments become due and were encouraged to support this application.

- (ii) 11 LPE - instruction from planning enforcement to reinstate the original wall on the ground floor. This enforcement order has been served.
- (iii) 5 LPE – has also knocked through the two ground floor rooms. However, there was previously a door between the two rooms, the house was much affected by bombing and there was no fine plasterwork. James recommended not pursuing this matter further.
- (iv) 7&8 LC – these properties have been bought by xxx.
- (v) Jack-arch at 6 LC. Tarmac is being removed to reveal pennant stones.
- (vi) BPT survey of Lower Lansdown. James has drafted a form and passed to Michael Forsyth for finishing before submitting to BPT
- (vii) Replacement of missing finials (and refurbishment of those at 11 LPE) – in progress.
- (viii) Owner of 9LPE has moved back whilst work is being done on their future home.

15. Litter Picking Rota

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

(ii) Rota volunteers:

Sue - September

Rachael – October

Simon - November

Rachael will draft a letter encouraging neighbourly friendliness, especially for elderly residents. Robin will write a Christmas message incorporating this – **Action RCH/RK**

16. FoBRA

- (i) Feedback & minutes from meetings & Transport events (**RCH & RK**) The Council has published an updated transport strategy with a plan for a clean air zone. FoBRA has written outlining suggestions.
- (ii) Cleveland Bridge study - one way traffic study following a lorry crash which damaged one of the toll buildings.
- (iii) Party houses
- (iv) New secretary
- (v) Destination management plan – This document develops the marketing of Bath to tourists, but had no input from residents!
- (vi) Mulberry Park owners, Curo, wanted to merge this with the adjoining Foxhill estate, but their planning application has received a stop order while the Secretary of State decides whether to “Call it in”.
- (vii) FoBRA party 26th July at Casa Bianca, Bathwick Hill went well, and Winter Reception will be held on 6th Feb 2018.

17. Future LCA Committee Meetings and Venues (SB) Tuesday 7th November. Rachael kindly offered to host

18. AOB

- (i) LCA Contacts – This document is for internal purposes only, within the committee. Nick asked for his landline not to be included. Simon will issue the draft document – **Action SB.**