

## LANSDOWN CRESCENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Committee Meeting Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at Nick's (Beckford, ULM)

7.30pm

**1. Apologies please to the secretary**

Rachael

**2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 3rd March 2017**

The minutes were approved

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

(i) Uneven paving stones by Lansdown Grove Hotel (**JW**)

James has made 5 phone calls to the council and had a meeting with Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones on this subject, but to no avail. James will send a photograph and letter (threatening to sue if anyone is injured) to the council – **Action JW**

**4. New Committee**

(i) Welcome to Steph.

Steph was thanked for her willingness to stand for the committee and welcomed.

(ii) Farewell and thanks to Corinne.

Thanks were expressed to Corinne for her excellent work.

(iii) Reallocation of duties

James asked to retain the position of the Field and Sheep committee member and light planning duties.

Steph accepted in principle the offer of Membership secretary, and will speak with Corinne to discuss duties.

Mandy offered to do the membership emails.

## **5. Treasurer's Report (CS) including Actions from AGM**

The accounts were distributed and discussed.

### (i) Constitutional changes publication

The constitution has been updated and published on the website.

### (ii) Expense claims

No expense claims were submitted. Christopher asked for this recurring item to be removed from future agendas – **Action SB**

The accounts were distributed.

The placing of contracts by the LCA has been investigated. Legal advice from a local law firm was sought, together with discussions with LCA trustees, before the AGM. The legal advice was that the placement process for the final contract had been entirely proper. However we must always consider if future contracts are risk-free to the trustees and in line with our constitution. To this end, the legal advice will now be laid before the trustees for further discussion - **Action RK**

## **6. Hope House (RK, JW & NB)**

### (i) April Newsletter and progress

The crane's foundations are complete and the crane will shortly be erected.

We must monitor progress, especially where roofing lines encroach above the LPE retaining wall. Robin made us aware of concerns around the new

houses on the lower site regarding their visibility from the Crescent.

There will be 57 houses on the site, but no social housing, since the 20 originally planned are not now to be built due to unforeseen costs concerning the unexploded bomb and a diverted sewage pipe.

Not all the car parking places for the 20 houses that were originally to be social housing will be provided, which is likely to give rise to pressure on street parking in the vicinity. We must remain vigilant that the parking is properly catered for. Robin to discuss the parking situation with Acorn Managing Director - **Action RK**

## 7. **Traffic (NB)**

### (i) Parking outside Lansdown Grove Hotel (**Shaws and NB**)

There has been no progress from Peter Bailey (traffic officer) on prohibiting parking (unloading) outside the hotel.

An enquiry regarding the potentially-abandoned car opposite 1 LC has received no response from council. The Police are uninterested, as it is the council's responsibility to remove abandoned cars. Nick has resent his email to Peter Bailey. Nick to pursue with council - **Action NB**

Nick has contacted the council regarding the 2-hour parking sign removed from LPE.

Steph commented that the similar sign in All Saints Road had been vandalized. Nick will pursue both of these issues with the council – **Action NB**

Coaches in LC - Lynn coaches have been photographed in LC and written to.

An amendment to the notice at the bottom of Cavendish Road, to include coaches, is needed. - **Action NB**

## 8. Social Events. (MMcN and SueB)

### (i) Events 2017

#### Social plan (MMcN)

- (a) The Summer Party will be at xxx's (SBt and MMcN) on 10th September, for which a notice was sent out a while ago.

The Invitation (paper) will be sent out mid-July - **Action social team.**

- (b) Beckford's Ride evening at St Stephen's (SBt)

The evening was enjoyed by those who attended, though the numbers were low at 15, resulting in a small loss, to the concern of the treasurer.

- (c) Other Events

The committee agreed to Marian approaching xxx and yyy to speak at an event in Spring 2018 half-term - **Action MMcN**

Robin proposed that a location for the Christmas party should be considered - **Action MMcN**

## 9. Projects

- (i) Relaying (part of) the cobbles on LC (JW)

Robin, Nick, Beccy and James met with Rhys Brookes (architect for the finials and also for the cobbles in Royal Crescent) who proposed a T-shaped area of cobbles at each of the two junctions of ULM and LC.

Robin stated that Caroline Kay, CE of the Bath Preservation Trust, was mildly supportive of the idea. James understood that the original cobbles still remained beneath the tarmac.

Cobbles would be noisy but simple Ts would help to discourage speeding

drivers.

James recounted how, when LC was originally 'tarmaced', Marianna Clark's husband had insisted that a small section of the original cobbles (or paviors?) at the junction of ULM and LC (by LPE) remain exposed.

Robin to chase Rhys Brookes for options – **Action RK**

Further research is required - **Action NB and JW**.

(ii) Repaving the field-side pavement (**SB**)

Marian noted that she found the 'tarmaced' pavement less slippery than the flagstones.

Simon reported that his estimate a few years ago was around £30,000.

(iii) Cleaning the paving stones on LPW (**RCH**)

Delayed until Rachael is present.

**10. LCA Website (MS)**

Without denying the time and effort given by Mandy on the LCA website, Simon asked if the website could be menu-based to reduce clutter. Simon to design a potential sample page – **Action SB**

Mandy to get additional quotes for newsletter – **Action MS**

**11. Neighbourhood Watch (RCH)**

Nothing to report as Rachael was absent.

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

The field's nettles have been scythed by Andrew and subsequently eaten by the sheep. Ewes with lambs will arrive shortly.

Youths have been seen in the field and should be discouraged. Legally they are not allowed as the field has been let to farmer Creed.

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

The current membership is 153.

### **14. Planning (JW)**

#### (i) Beckford's Broken Wall (JW)

The Barton's have not appealed and must rebuild the wall by 20th June or face legal action.

xxx has donated stone, currently being stored in Marianna's garage.

### **15. Litter Picking Rota**

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

#### (ii) Rota volunteers

- Steph May
- Simon June
- Robin July

### **16. FoBRA**

#### (i) Feedback & minutes from meetings. (**RCH & RK**):

The FoBRA AGM is next week.

#### (ii) FoBRA party 26<sup>th</sup> July at Casa Bianca, Bathwick Hill.

Tickets cost £12.50 and all LCA members are welcome.

### **17. AGM (RW)**

#### (i) Draft minutes - corrections

The incorrectly-spelled names will be corrected. Corinne has supplied corrections from the membership list.

The accounts were not certified.

(ii) Washup.

Simon commented that the venue (St Mary's church hall) echoed and made it hard for some members to hear.

St Stephen's foyer can take about 40 people. Is it available as a future alternative venue? - **Action SB**

**18. Future LCA Committee Meetings and Venues (SB)**

(i) Proposals for next committee meeting

Wednesday 19th July at Robin's (3LPE)

Simon to issue notice 2 weeks in advance and issue agenda 1 week in advance.

**19. AOB**

Bath cable car.

Robin informed us that Widcombe RA is against it, while the Bath Preservation Trust felt that there was insufficient information available for it to express an opinion, and Cycle Bath was in favour. FoBRA was currently seeking opinion from its members and would come to a decision at its Committee meeting the following week.

After discussion, all but one committee member were against the idea, with the Chairman abstaining.

Bath Preservation Trust – Making Changes Pamphlet

LCA members can apply for copies of this new pamphlet, "Making Changes", from the Bath Preservation Trust. It is "a new publication giving guidance on how to make changes to listed buildings in Bath. Endorsed by Historic England and B&NES Council's Historic Environment team, the

Bath-specific publication aims to assist householders who are thinking about changing or adapting their listed building and want guidance on best practice and how to go about getting the relevant permissions. You can view it at <http://www.bath-preservation-trust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Making-changes-for-web.pdf>, or apply for a hard copy by calling in at No.1 Royal Crescent. Should you wish to receive a copy in the post, please send a SAE for £1.50 with a request for a copy to Sacha Hunter, Bath Preservation Trust, No.1 Royal Crescent, Bath, BA1 2LR. For hard copies we are suggesting a voluntary donation of £5 to help cover our costs.”

#### Parking

Mandy commented that new residents were parking outside other people's houses in LPE. Whilst this is legal, it was felt to be un-neighbourly. Robin to draft a notice to be included in the welcome pack and on the website -

**Action RK**