

LANSDOWN CRESCENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Committee Meeting Tuesday 1st September 2015 at Shaw's (1LPE) 7.15pm

Present: Robin Kerr (Chair), Marian McNeir, Corinne Taylor, Christopher Shaw, Mandy Shaw, Simon Brand, Anthony Pearson, Sue Branfoot, Rachael Claire Hushon, James Whatmore, [Beccy Derry-Evans in attendance]

1. Apologies

Nick Bishop (cannot attend meetings on Tuesdays).

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 3rd June 2015

Approved without alterations.

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

(i) Finials - fundraising alternatives and way ahead. (RK & R D-E)

No extra funding is yet forthcoming

The planning consent runs out next May, so a start to the works must be made before this.

Once a start is made then the planning consent runs for many years.

Frome blacksmiths are no longer interested

Propose to leave the initiative with Beccy.

Two methods: undercut and overcut.

- ✦ The undercut method cuts the off the top of the railings at a point beneath the upper horizontal support. This is the method in the current planning approval.
- ✦ The overcut method cuts the off the top of the railings at a point above the upper horizontal support.

Undercut could be stronger once completed, but could damage stonework during the process as the palings could wobble and damage their stonework without the support of

the upper horizontal.

Propose to find out how Royal Crescent did similar work.

Action BD-E

Pulteney residents' association cannot get funding from charitable sources because the work is perceived to add value to wealthy occupants' houses, which is unpopular with charities.

A funding application has been put by us to several similar organizations, so far unsuccessfully, but a decision is still awaited from the Roper family trust.

Match funding would usually be required from the applicant (in our case, LCA funds).

Beccy will follow up these proposals and report back at the next LCA committee meeting.

Action BD-E

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

No decision has been taken by Enforcement.

(iii) Fly-tipping in LPE (RK)

The council has said that big belly bins will not be installed in the Lansdown area, as they are expensive, so will currently be used only in the city centre.

The prime rogue tipper was verbally challenged, and seems to have stopped his tipping at LPE. JW & RK will continue to monitor and clean up after gulls and/or foxes.

(iv) LCA opportunity for residents to meet (CT)

See Social Events under point 6 below.

(v) Parking outside Lansdown Grove Hotel (RK, SB and JW)

The Shaws will monitor the changes promised by the hotel manager - later and shorter delivery times.

Action CS & MS

(vi) Beckford Gate – scaffolding and planning application (RK)

RK noted that 2 pieces of stone had fallen off the gate and would be replaced by the new owner.

Bath Preservation Trust has asked Historic England to upgrade classification of the gate as well as to list adjoining walls to give them greater protection from alteration.

The committee will wait and see what happens¹. This may include a renewed application for a house to be built on the Terrace.

4. Treasurer's Report (CS)

The treasurer issued an interim statement for LCA's accounts.

(i) Resolution for the creation of building society account

The committee directs that a deposit account be opened with the Bath Investment & Building Society. Operation of the account will be by those four signatories agreed with R.B.S. (currently RK, SB, CS and CT), any one of whom is authorised to operate the building society account individually.

The resolution was approved.

5. Traffic Investigation (NB)

Council Monitoring equipment to be placed outside 9LPW in September to pursue the investigation into traffic speed and volume.

(i) FoBRA and buses action (RK)

Buses (for children's school bus)

B&NES Council are investigating “quality contract” and “franchising” schemes, to take control of the bus timetable and improve it.

¹ Post meeting note: On 2nd Sept, in advance of this protection being implemented, the owner instructed builders to demolish part of the historic wall opposite 20 LC to create a vehicle-sized opening. Thanks to neighbours' vigilance and the actions of the LCA and the Bath Preservation Trust, Council Enforcement attended and ordered this work to cease, but not before significant damage had been done.

6. Social Events. (MmcN and SueB)

(i) LCA tea party on 28th June.

Charming, friendly warm tea party, which made a small profit of £6.50.

Another party was proposed at ... at the end of October.

Paper invitation with RSVP.

Action MmcN & SueB

(ii) Millennium Green Trust

A produce sale and summer fair was held on the Millennium Green on the 31st August.

(iii) The Edge 9th September at 3pm.

Tea party for LCA.

Action MmcN

(iv) Christmas festivities

Met with ... who was keen to hold Christmas party on Saturday 19th December.

Robin and Christopher to discuss insurance.

Action RK & CS

There will be up to 45 places available, with no guests.

£10 ticket.

Draw up list of duties.

Action MmcN & SueB

Carol singing – details to be discussed at the next LCA committee meeting.

(iv) LCA garden party or parties 2016 - frequency

It was felt that frequent smaller parties was a good way to improve our Association.

Publish schedule of parties on the website

There are a limited number of available gardens:

⤴ ...

⤴ ... - Rachael to ask, then Robin will write a formal letter.

Action RCH & RK

An LCA book club was proposed, but no action taken at this time.

The social secretaries will draw up a plan for the next LCA committee. **Action MmcN & SueB**

7. LCA Website. (MS)

Mandy agreed to update the LCA website within 3 days of receipt of material.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

(i) Handover from Delia to RCH.

Delia wishes to remain neighbourhood watch coordinator, but Rachael will attend meetings too.

(ii) See LCA website for update.

Rachael will send an update to Mandy.

Action LCH

(iii) Circulating police information to members.

It was agreed that emails should not be overused, but that those who signed up on the website for alerts, should not be surprised to receive them.

9. The Field and its Sheep. (JW)

(i) Sheep

The sheep had been awaiting the shearer. Now shorn, we have 36 in the field, but no lambs.

(ii) Access to field

JW said that we cannot give access, as the field is contracted to Mr. Douglas Creed for the feeding of his sheep.

The general feeling was that we did not want to allow access to the field for residents because maintenance of the grass (with sheep) is the first priority.

(iii) Nettle treatment

Once grass has been sheep-nibbled, the nettles will be cut.

Action JW et al

10. Membership (CT)

We have 5 new members from new households.

We have 138 members, and soon 4 more.

11. Planning

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

There will be little change to the currently approved plan, but Acorn's proposed changes necessitate further planning consent.

- ✦ NE corner will retain the Hope House extension.
- ✦ A few more trees will be removed.
- ✦ Minor changes to the proposed houses and gardens opposite LPE.
- ✦ Slight Increase in parking spaces

Public meeting in Hope House on **Monday 14th September at 5:30pm.**

(ii) ... - Development 4 Somerset Lane (DJ)

No comment.

(iii) Gardens of 19 SL and 9 LPW – ... and others

No comment

12. Litter picking Rota

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

(ii) Rota volunteers.

✦ Simon November.

Action SB

✦ Marian December.

Action MmcN

✦ Rachael January.

Action RCH

(iii) Big belly bin (MM)

Please see 3 (iii).

(iv) Dumping sacks (RK)

Please see 3 (iii). When litter-pickers have filled their gold Council sacks, please dump them beside or (better still) in a litter bin.

13. FoBRA

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

See website

(ii) 43 Upper Oldfield Park (RK)

A public inquiry under the Chairmanship of a Govt Inspector will be held regarding this development.

No comment from FoBRA.

The consultation, starting 7th Sept, for the Batheaston Park and ride will be advertised on

14. Future LCA Committee Meetings & Venues.

Wednesday 4th November at Rachael's 4 LPW or Robin's (to be confirmed – I have emailed Rachael)

15. Constitution (RK & CS).

Two items for discussion at the AGM:

- ✦ Expansion into Sion Hill?
- ✦ Allow subscription to be changed at AGM on recommendation of committee?

16. AOB.

(i) 9 LPW pavement (RCH).

Done.

(ii) Dixon Gardens road surface (CT).

In the top 5 for 2016/17 microsurfacing.

(iii) Blockage of ULM by scaffolders lorry for 7 hours in early August (RK).