



Leybourne Park Residents Association

Committee Meeting 19th July 2018

Notes of meeting

Present: Ray Haffenden, Liz Simpson, David Thornewell (Chair of East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council), Nikki Percival, Rupert Keppel Palmer, Lewis Pound Howard), Lara Odenewu.

Apologies: Mickey Morris, Shaz Newbury,

- Fun Day:

Agreed that it had been a successful event although numbers were lower than last year (probably due to World Cup). Modest profit of £122.50; possibility of more to come and after paying expenses (Insurance, Bouncy Castle and purchase of picnic tables).

Discussion on type of event in future: Agreed that we would hold a summer event in 2019 with a musical theme and possible BBQ. Would have raffle, tombola and bouncy castle but not have stalls as raised very little money.

Liz will check local events organisers to avoid clash of dates.

Lara to discuss possibility of local chef supplying meat and cooking it.

- Use of social media:

Concerns about current use of Facebook page as it has become a vehicle for unpleasant comments about dog poo, car parking etc which presents a negative image of the estate and discourages people from using the site. Agreed that we would restrict postings to positive messages from the Association, useful information and “notice board” type messages. The site would refer people to the website for copies of minutes and the forum where

views could be aired. Also agreed that only two Committee members would be authorised to agree postings (Lewis and Ray). Lewis will draw up some draft guidelines that will be published on the Facebook page. It was agreed that these would be published once the notes of the meeting were available.

Ray will set up contact form and ensure email address is readily available on website to deal with enquiries, comments, complaints etc.

We also discussed ways of engaging with more residents as not all use Facebook. Possibilities of on-line survey, face to face surveys, quarterly newsletters.

- Parking update:
 - Work has started on the pinch point on Sherwood. Shrubs have been removed. Some confusion because First Port information desk had sent email saying job had been cancelled (subsequently have discovered that they are issuing the job sheet in stages). Once the pinch points have been removed, the next phase will include removal of bollards and double yellow lines.
 - Agreed we would only ask for enforcement of yellow lines and any obvious obstructions at junctions.
 - Still keen to pursue the possibility of residents parking in Papyrus Way.

- Update on Local Plan and implications for the estate.

David Thornewell explained that the latest version of the proposed Development Plan was now available on TMBC website. There is now specific policy proposed for the Former Aylesford Newsprint site which provides for a mixed industrial and commercial use of the site with no housing. However, this is predicated on the access being via Bellingham Way, which was a complete departure from what had been said before. The administrators have withdrawn their planning application for a mixed business and housing site and have now put the site up for sale. There had been strong opposition from the Borough Council to that application.

The Committee felt that this might make getting a parking scheme in Papyrus Way easier as lorry traffic would be likely to reduce.

Liz will contact TMBC to ask about Residents Parking Scheme and then we would contact KCC about reducing double yellow lining to single yellow to allow for Residents Parking Scheme.

Next meeting: 9th August 2018 at Ray's house.