

Leybourne Park Residents Association Committee

Meeting 7.30 pm 15th April 2021

Present: Christine Belton Brown, Marie Whale, Liz Simpson, Ray Haffenden.

Apologies: Rupert Keppel Palmer, Charlie McHattie, Jo Crouch, Jennie, Queenie Mehmet

- 1) Notes of Last Meeting: Agreed
- 2) Matters Arising Not on Agenda:
 - a. First Port are checking "lease" to see whether the goal posts can be erected on the large field. If not, another piece of play equipment will be sourced.
 - b. Jo had reported that she had heard nothing from GI about the tree planting. Ray said that Darren from GI contracting had told him that they were waiting to hear from Jo about the delivery date.
- 3) Financial Situation.
 - a. £2000 received from Trudy Dean's KCC Fund for goal posts.
 - b. Current balance £3457.64 (including the above and minus monthly website costs.
- 4) Impact on householders/purchasers of delay from E&M and First Port in providing sales packs.
 - a. Ray has not been able to progress this as Georgia Oxley has been on annual leave.
- 5) Easter Egg Hunt
 - a. This event was not a LPRA organised event but Committee thanked Christine for her work on organising this along with Queenie.
 - b. Christine reported that it had been a popular event, following social distancing and which had raised £240.
 - c. A sound system has been purchased for use with other community events.
 - d. A mini mouse costume has also been purchased which could be hired by individuals as well as being useful at future events.
- 6) Opening up of Amenity space at the bottom of New Hythe Lane
 - a. There is still uncertainty as to the exact ownership of this piece of land. David Thornewell has uncovered a Borough Council document showing they owned the land. However, following contact from Marie, the owners of the industrial site believe that they have responsibility and have cleared some of the litter but are refusing to touch the bottles of urine.
 - b. LPRA are grateful that there are residents on the development who voluntarily pick litter at this site and want this popular route into the Country Park to be smartened up.

- 7) Problems with refuse collection
 - a. TMBC contractors have refused to pick up some bins across the site, claiming that they were broken. Some bins have now been replaced and are being emptied.
 - b. Bin stores at the top end of the estate continue to be subject to fly tipping which compounds the problem of bins not being emptied by TMBC contractors.
 - c. Photographs of a resident using one of the bin stores when not entitled to has been passed to Gary from Hyde but we are not aware if any action has been taken.
 - d. Residents have suggested that because the bin stores are insecure people come from as far as East Malling to dump their rubbish in the bin stores.
 - e. Ray is to organise a meeting with Georgia Oxley, Gary (Hyde) and TMBC to try to resolve these issues.
- 8) Golding Homes Representation on Committee
 - a. Lara Odunewu has agreed to stand as Golding Homes representative.
 - b. Liz has no contact details for Lara and it does not look as if Lara has joined the Facebook group yet.
- 9) Any Other Business
 - a. Christine mentioned that she is supporting Hyde residents concerned about the large increase in service charge imposed by Hyde. She has written to Hyde asking for a break down but has not had a response as yet.
 - b. Marie reported that the pot hole near the crossing had been filled and that the missing manhole cover had also been replaced following her reporting both issues.
 - c. Liz raised the issue of notifying residents of Committee meetings so that they could join by zoom if they wished as the meetings are public meetings open to all residents.
 - d. The AGM is due to be held in May – we would need to decide how to facilitate this.

Next meeting: Thursday 20th May 2021 7.30 pm