

## Leybourne Park Residents Association Committee

Meeting 7.30 pm on 21st January 2021

### Notes of Meeting

**Present:** Liz Simpson, Ray Haffenden, Christine Belton Brown, Rupert Keppel Palmer, Charlie McHattie, Queenie Mehmet, Jo Crouch, Jenny Whitmore, Marie Whale

**Apologies:** None

Election of Vice Chair: Nominations: Christine Belton Brown (Nominated Liz Simpson, Seconded Ray Haffenden, Charlie McHattie (Nominated Marie Whale, declined to stand). Elected.

**Notes of last meeting:** Agreed

#### **Matters arising not on the agenda:**

Liz reported that she had prepared a draft set of Standing Orders but due to a technical hitch these needed revising. Action: Liz to finalise and circulate.

**Christmas 2020 Event.** It was agreed that the Christmas Event had gone very well and Committee wanted to thank in particular Queenie, Christine and Gary for pulling together the event in a very short period of time. Thanks also to Mickey for his role of Father Christmas. It was also agreed that the Christmas lights had been the best they had ever been with many households joining in as well as the illuminated trees. It was reported that there was a surplus of £140 which could be used to finance future events.

**Financial Situation.** Ray reported that it had improved since Christmas. We have no received the £750 sponsorship from Polypipe and around £700 was expected as a rebate from First Port. There were some outgoings that would be paid to Ray and Gary when the money from First Port had been paid.

**Fun Day.** COVID restrictions might mean that it was impossible to hold a Fun Day this year but it was agreed that Christine, Queenie and Gary could start initial planning with a view to moving quickly when we were able to put something on. It was hoped to be able to organise something at Easter – but again we would need to be mindful of COVID restrictions.

#### **Parks and Gardens:**

Ray reported on the drama over the cherry trees where First Port had provided the wrong type of tree but after our intervention surprisingly quickly were able to supply what we had asked for.

Jo reported that the trees she had organised would be arriving in March and the intention was to plant them around the Golding area and that we now knew who to contact about the planting.

Charlie raised the issue of the gardeners not pruning at the right time of the year. Action: Ray to remind GI of the need to prune during the winter.

Charlie also concerned about the problem of dog fouling and overflowing dog bins. Action: Ray to remind GI of the need to empty the dog bins regularly

### **Any Other Business**

Discussion about the impact of some inappropriate wording on Facebook around Christmas time which had caused upset amongst Housing Association tenants and which had damaged the goodwill we had built up. It was agreed that we needed to take care with wording in the future and would need to work hard to rebuild the trust and break down barriers.

**Dates of Future Meetings:** 18th February, 18th March, 15th April, 20th May, 17th June all at 7.30 via Zoom. Liz to issue invites.