



LPRA committee meeting – 3rd February 2023.

Present: Rupert, Christine, Gary, Lewis, Queenie, Marie, Ian

Guests: Emma, Reiss

Apologies: Kelly

- **RA Constitution – membership**

A discussion took place around the status of former residents of Leybourne Park including two whom had previously been on our committee. The constitution and articles of association were referred to as part of this. In relation to Ray Haffenden now being elected to the Parish Council, a vote was held in relation to offering him, as a non-resident/non tenant, honorary/associate membership of the resident's association – given the benefit of maintaining links to the Parish Council.

The vote was passed subject to the following conditions –

- 1) That any and all social media / Facebook pages & groups that are linked to / associated with Leybourne Park Resident's Association – administered by Ray Haffenden be either passed over to Lewis as sole administrator or deleted in order to ensure our social media presence is not confused and or diluted. These include but are not limited to –
 - Ley Park ([Ley Park | Facebook](#))
 - Leybourne Park Community ([Leybourne Park Community | Facebook](#))
 - Leybourne Park Residents Association page ([Leybourne Park Residents Association | Facebook](#))
- 2) That Ray be furnished with a copy of the articles of association and constitution with clarity provided around the limitations of associate/honorary membership.
- 3) Agreement that Ray shall not post on social media or other web presences on behalf of the LPRA and or committee without express prior authority of the committee; and or represent the LPRA at any public meeting.
- 4) That the honorary/associate membership for Ray Haffenden be reviewed at the next AGM due to be held in May 2023.

- **Estate lighting** – an update was provided around replacement of defective street lamps with low energy LED heads. This is improving lighting outputs whilst reducing energy consumption and costs. The issue of considering additional lighting in the parks was discussed and rejected – with the committee believing additional lighting would increase anti social behaviour rather than reduce it. Additionally, the committee noted the potential expense of such a project being prohibitive.
- **New website** – the committee were provided with a presentation around the new website and confirmation that the cost of maintenance would be lower than the previous incarnation. More than one officer will be provided with administration access. Similarly all officers will be provided with access to our new Twitter account which automatically links posts to the website. New website to go live tonight.
- **Benches & Froggo bin replacement** – agreement reached to go ahead with the quotation received from Jamie & Micky Morris Fencing for supply of two picnic benches tables, assembly and anchoring of them in Aberly green. Also relocation and tightening of one of the existing benches and tables from Ingram to Aberly and associated anchoring. Remaining funds from the grant from KCC to be utilized to fund purchase of a replacement froggo bin for installation outside the children's play area – with a quotation from Jamie & Micky Morris for suitable anchoring to be sought.
- **Bin Sheds update** – Christine provided a detailed update on progress reached with Hyde Housing around their bin sheds. New locks and door closers plus lighting to be installed. Committee also updated on current progress with Golding Homes and TMBC Waste Contract Management team given the unacceptable state of refuse at the entrance to their properties on Aberly. This has now been escalated to the Chief Exec of Golding for action – with aspirations for a joint stakeholder site meeting to be convened to map out a clear plan of resolution.
- **First Port budget – items of note** – First Port budget for 23-24 shared with committee. Following RA liaison, funding for replacement of the wooden fencing around Aberly green with metal railings now included. Committee agreed that we should seek confirmation of a timeline for installation from FP given this has now been included in general maintenance.
- **Hyde RA grant** – grant applied for (£300). Requires independent examination of our accounts. Emma has kindly offered to do this. To be utilized for administration costs.
- **Children's playground** – We are seeking to apply to the Hyde Trust for funding to replace the kids play castle given it is now life expired. We will also be exploring funding options around contributions towards wholesale replacement of the soft flooring on this play area. Ongoing.
- **Social media presence** – Lewis has set up a Facebook business account/group which allows for all officers to post official messages from one LPRA account on the community group. This brings consistency of communications to our estate. Lewis to help show any officers on how to utilize. Agreed that we will approach Ray Haffenden to hand over admin control of the various Facebook pages and groups that he remains administrator of – with the intention of closing them / deleting them as these are currently bringing confusion and mixed messaging to our community.

- **Abandoned vehicles** – The committee have initiated a positive working relationship with Phil Outram from TMBC who heads the waste contracts department. His responsibilities include abandoned vehicles. The abandoned Peugeot on our estate has a notice of removal and we await its imminent departure from the estate.
- **Easter activities** – Jo to plan Easter egg hunt activities. Agreed that we need to ensure a strong advertising campaign to drum up resident interest.
- **King's Coronation** – a working group to be set up to plan a street party on Sunday 7th May celebrating the King's Coronation. Marie to approach a local food outlet to seek availability. Further meetings to be held to plan entertainment and activities for this event.
- **New Hythe Lane – traffic** – the committee were updated on a number of communications received from the Parish Council, Trudy Dean and Tracey Crouch MP following the tragic fatal road traffic collision that occurred on New Hythe Lane in January; and the residents' longstanding concerns over traffic volumes and speeds on the roads around our estate. We will continue to engage with both Trudy and Tracey as well as the Parish Council to understand what progress is being made to assess the road network around our estate, and any risk mitigation that will be considered in consequence.

AOB –

- Reiss and Emma were voted onto the committee
- Gary detailed his charity work selling Albanian olive oil and mountain tea in support of raising funds for local schools in that country – and sought support from our community to raise awareness
- Next committee meeting - TBC

The meeting concluded at 9.28pm