

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association

Notes of the **Committee Meeting** at 27 Roman Way
Tuesday 6th May 2014 – 7pm

1 Introductions and apologies

Present:

Paul Sparks (Chair)	Emma Luck
Peter Griggs (Secretary)	Ric Mears
Sally Majors (Treasurer)	Wendy Tagg
Dorothy Sparks	

Apologies: Esteban Amirante, Jane Shepherd, Glenda Derby

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The notes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

Reference was made to the item about vandalism and it was noted that a meeting is to be arranged with the College in due course.

ACTION: Sally

3 Treasurers Report

Sally circulated the end of year figures and presented her report. She advised that the balance sheet as at 5th April shows an accumulated surplus of £446.89.

Our accountant will be examining the accounts shortly, Sally to sort out a gift for him.

ACTION: Sally

4 Surgery Car Service Update

Peter presented this item in Glenda and Jane's absence.

Bookings completed per month are as follows (figures corrected since the meeting):

December	1
Jan	0
Feb	4
March	4
April	2
May (as at 6 th)	2
TOTAL	13

It was suggested that the numbers remain low because people are not clear who is eligible – need to emphasise it is open to all on MP and HF and maybe include testimonials. Can celebrate the scheme and what we need now are the customers. It was also proposed that we have a car in the Carnival Procession.

A meeting with the car service volunteers has been arranged for Monday 12th May to discuss the way forward including Buxted Surgery and a fair fare for those trips, promoting the scheme and capacity.

A meeting with Buxted Surgery (Paul and Peter) has been organised for Thursday 15th May).

ACTION: Peter re promotional activity **NOTE – Dorothy** how do we book a place in the Carnival procession?

5 Village Green

Sally made reference to the very useful correspondence with the Open Spaces Society and that the stumbling block seems to be the *by right/as of right* issue. Work on the project continues, we need to await the outcome of the case in the Supreme Court.

6 Twitten Tool kit

Paul reported that this is progressing well and it was agreed this this will be launched at the AGM in July. Paul said that we had included an offer to facilitate groups getting started and that a residents (Peter Coomber of Woodlands Close) had also kindly offered to provide practical advice to our residents.

7 The Big Lunch

Peter ran through the various activities and displays that we can expect on the day:

- Children's Assault Course– (discount given by Cookes Castles)
- Face Painter
- Children's Art competition (with Manor Primary School) – environmental subject – 'My Favourite Tree' in MP or HF. Years 5 and Year 6 - G Moss sponsoring prizes.
- Penalty Shoot Out competition – volunteers plus Final Score providing prizes
- Rugby activity – Vixens??
- Youth band – free performance by UPE
- Dog Show - 3 classes, prizes etc. and organisation by Rachel's Handsome Hounds
- Cake stall – cakes donated by members please
- Fire Appliance - attended by East Sussex Fire and Rescue
- Police – PCSO attending with CCTV van (children can use camera and be locked up in the cell on board plus policeman's caps to try on)
- Skil-cic – organised games - (to be confirmed, Richard is chasing this)
- Ice Cream van – Carnival Ices commission on sales
- Demelza Hospice Care For Children – Scuba 2000 providing a prize for draw
- Neighbourhood Watch – stall
- Yoga Massage Tasters and Yoga for children – Uckfield Yoga
- Karate display– (to be confirmed, Emma is on the case)

Paul advised that Uckfield Volunteer Centre will print and laminate A3 posters for just £1 each
ACTIONS: Peter to progress the arrangements (and Paul - to post posters in Supermarkets and at strategic points around MP and HF)

8 Shoppers Discount

Peter advised re new entrants to the scheme.

Paul advised that a local company that prepares CVs is interested in joining the scheme.

9 Neighbourhood Plan

Paul advised that this is a Town Council led initiative which will give the Town a greater say in future development.

A Steering Group for the project had been formed which both Paul and Peter sit on.

There had been a number of setbacks which means that there are now severe limitations on the value of the project.

The Chairman and Secretary of the group have just resigned and there is a meeting on 15th May to decide its future.

10 St Georges Day Celebrations

Wendy briefed everyone on the uptake – flags flown (both literally and virtually on Facebook) and attendance at the Ringles Pub Next time we should take some table displays to identify the Association's presence.

11 Social Media

Wendy advised that she has revamped the Twitter page to accommodate the new page style and that her report (circulated) that numbers continue to drift upwards.

Both Peter and Wendy remarked on the high level of interest in local crime. The Facebook page now has 232 likes.

12 Future events

- The Big Lunch at Rugby Club - Sunday 1st June
- Committee meeting at Roman Way – 10th July
- AGM at Manor Primary - Thursday 3rd July – all present agreed to stand again in their present capacities
- Uckfield Festival – Big Day 12th July
- Civic Centre Open Day – Saturday 26th July

Emma suggested that a Quiz Night / meal be arranged jointly with the Rugby Club in the Autumn sometime.

ACTION: Paul and Peter to discuss with the Club at their forthcoming meeting.

13 Any Other Business

- Parking problems caused by URC annual event. Emma described the problems caused and the response received from the Club. The Club needs to be more proactive in managing the problem – more stewards located at ‘hot spots’, cone off around dangerous junctions, use school car parks etc.
ACTION: Paul and Peter to pursue these issues with the Club after obtaining PCSO input and advice.
- Rugby World Cup 2015. Esteban has proposed that we facilitate fans from Argentina wishing to find accommodation locally. Some discussion about whether this was something the Association should devote its energies to. Decided that Association’s role should be passive and limited to pointing residents at any arrangements / opportunities that others may be organising, but not to take an active role.
- Browns Lane now has advisory speed limit signs displayed on lamp posts.
- On 26th July there will be a Spitfire fly over.

14 Date and venue of next meeting

10th July, 7pm at 27 Roman Way.

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