Friends of Lime Tree Avenue Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting on November 25th 2016

Location: 68 Lime Tree Avenue

Attendance

Bill Stubbins
John Robards
Steve Burton

Apologies

Ishar White could not attend because of a last-minute change to the date of the meeting

Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed

Finance Update

John Robards reported:

1. The new bank account for FoLTA with Barclays is operational. Two signatories are required to authorise payments and this can be done online
2. £100 had been paid to Woodlands Resident Association (WRA) as a contribution to the Local Plan campaign. WRA spent in excess of £600 to print 1500 leaflets and hire the Rugby Girls High School venue for the main campaign meeting. FoLTA benefitted by being able to join forces with WRA on both of these activities, with over 200 leaflets being used by FoLTA
3. £60 was spent on producing a large FoLTA banner “RETHINK THE LOCAL PLAN” which has been used and will be used again in future as action to influence the RBC on this matter continues
4. The bank account has a credit balance of £919.97 with no further expenses in the pipeline

Review of Current /Proposed Planning Applications from Rugby Borough Council (RBC)

R15/1621 – 4 Houses behind 63 Lime Tree Avenue

1. Adam Norburn, Executive Director of RBC, has replied to reject FoLTA’s appeal letter.
   Action: Bill Stubbins will write to the Ombudsman
**R15/1816 – 150 Houses**

1. No real movement on this project. However, the project has been linked to R16/0984 with regard to drainage implications (see below)
2. It was reported that Stuart Ette, Ron Coleman, and Councillor Julie A’Barrow met with the RBC Tree Officer (David Gower) and managed to resolve outstanding issues to their satisfaction

**R16/0984 – Bellway 250 Houses**

1. Steve Burton reported on ongoing communication regarding concerns about drainage and associated risk of flooding
2. The Local Flood Authority, Warwickshire (LFA) has submitted an objection to RBC
3. LFA agree that errors in the Flood Risk Assessment identified by Steve Burton are relevant but can only take action if RBC request them to get involved. **Action: Steve Burton to chase RBC**
4. There is some confusion about how much site activity should be taking place. LFA believes that Full Outline Planning approval has not yet been granted, and therefore “no significant development” should be taking place. This does not tie up with what is happening
5. A sign “No Access to Construction Site” will probably be needed at the end of LTA. **Action: John Robards to monitor**

**Old Laurentians Playing Fields**

1. The refurbishment and extension of the clubhouse has been cancelled until further notice
2. OL’s need more land and better access. However, the speculation that they will be selling their land for development has subsided

**Local LTA Projects**

**Road Maintenance**

1. Pradip Mistry is working on this topic. **Action: Bill Stubbins to follow up with Pradip to assess progress and next steps**
2. Emails from residents expressing their support for road maintenance have not been responded to. **Action: Bill Stubbins**

**Tree Maintenance (Pollarding)**

1. John Robards reported that David Gower (RBC Tree Officer) had not replied to his letter
2. It was agreed that at the appropriate time, FoLTA should contact Bellway (R16/0984) to try and co-ordinate tree maintenance work (and funding) between the developers, RBC and residents. **Action: John Robards**

**Parking Congestion**

1. No action taken since last meeting because of priority given to Local Plan campaign. **Action: Bill Stubbins**
FoLTA Emails and Administration

It was agreed that:

1. Emails that need to be sent to all FoLTA members should be sent out by the originator of the content. **Action: Steve Burton and Bill Stubbins to provide training guidance to Ishar and John on using the FoLTA Google Mail facility**
2. Emails that arrive from FoLTA members should be acknowledged quickly and forwarded to a committee member for action and follow-up. **Action: All committee members**
3. FoLTA membership records (e.g. Email addresses) need to be kept up-to-date as changes occur **Action: Ishar White**

FoLTA Website

It was agreed that:

1. Committee members providing new content for publication should try and avoid duplication of information and seek to achieve good consistency and ‘flow’
2. Using “UPDATE” marker and “LINE” to delineate News Items should be considered. **Action: Steve Burton**

Local Plan Campaign

1. Bill Stubbins & John Robards summarised the Council Meeting held on 15th November 2016
2. The Council took the decision to extend the consultation period to 11th January 2017
3. No further “Consultation Clinics” will be held. John Robards and Bill Stubbins will be happy to assist FOLTA members who wish to submit an objection/comment before the deadline
4. The objective remains to persuade RBC to rethink and rework the local plan. The strategy will be to get as many councillors as possible to insist that the local plan is reworked.

Any Other Business

1. A FoLTA AGM should be arranged for middle of February 2017. **Action: Ishar White**
2. Graham will be asked if BEC can be used again as the venue for holding the AGM. **Action: Ishar White**

Next Committee Meeting

1. To be arranged. **Action: Ishar White**

Bill Stubbins

13th December 2016