

LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY  
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on TUESDAY 5th MAY 2015 AT GRANT HOUSE

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

ITEM	PRESENT: Kate Buss, Chairman, Bob Whiffen, Treasurer, Angela Probyn, Secretary, Tricia Bedford, Peter Burling, Liz Corrigan, Brenda Winsor-Edwards, Martyn Harris, Esther Johnson, Ray Lowman, Ann Lowson, Jane Worthington	
1	APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Ian McKay, Audrey Moser, Tina Pritchett. The Chairman welcomed the three new committee members and introduced them.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting were accepted as read.	
3	Matters Arising: from Sept 2014 meeting item 4: Ian was not present so no update item 7: Jane confirmed that FOUR residents are required for the AGM to be quorate and that there is no limit on the number of committee members item 9: S106 Money: Jane will email committee with update regarding the possible Scooter Mushroom Kate will follow up the final account from Devonshire Homes as this has not been forthcoming yet. from Previous Meeting: Autumn Talk: no update from Ian on his suggestion. Angela to email him. Provisional date 13th October. Martyn had been to a very interesting talk about Bristol Airport and thought the speakers would be happy to come if approached. Welcome Packs: have been updated with new letter from Kate and membership form. Gill Ogden holds extra copies of the 2015 Newsletter and Leslie Nash is distributing. It is important to let either of them know if anyone knows of new residents.	JANE KATE  ANGELA
4	Reports : Open Forum, AGM and NWS meeting. It was AGREED that the new format worked well and should be followed next year. Liz was disappointed that no one from the Police came to speak at the NWS meeting Litter Pick: Jane reported that it was a successful morning - it was good weather. 18 people attended. 21 bags of litter collected. Greg Brake of NSC provided the pickers and bags. Open Garden Afternoon: Over 40 people attended - Ian from Devonshire Homes was on hand but their management ends this week. New management company needs to be appointed. Ray confirmed that each section of the property is to be managed separately and the gardens will not be managed as one (contrary to the original decision). This poses problem for access on open days. Big house - right hand side is back on the market for sale. Carl Francis-Pester: Kate attended his last surgery, as he is standing for another ward, and thanked him for his help over the years.	
5	Summer Party: Tricia confirmed the party at the Bothamleys for July 2nd 6.30-8pm. Liz has done the invitations. Ann will receive replies. Ray agreed to help on the bar with Ann and Bob. Brenda and Esther agreed to help Tricia and Liz with serving the food. Peter agreed to help Kate and Angela with meet and greet. Tricia to check Ian happy to take photos. (Jane is away). IF WET Tricia will email committee for volunteers to help put up marquee (it will not be in place prior to the party this year). Volunteers to be there by 6pm please.	TRICIA
6	to be taken later with item 11.	

7	<p>Financial Report: as at 24 April 89 households had paid subs - 158 members. Total £380. Approx another £25 had come in since then. The AGM had cost £130 - less than last year - probably due to fewer attendees. Donation to The Link will be made later in the summer. Newsletter costs up: further copies were needed as there are more properties now.</p> <p>Comments received on membership forms:  Parking North Rd 4, Parking (generally) 5, Speed limits (generally) 2, Verge damage 3, Parking on Bridge Rd 3, 'Traffic' 1, Bank details to be able to pay on line 1, Speed limit on Bridge Road 1, Parking Burwalls Road 1, Regular drain pumping 1, Road surfacing of Bannerleigh Rd 1, First Bus introducing Double-decker for Portishead run 1.</p> <p>Subs Reminders and Membership cards were given out for distribution.</p> <p>Accumulated Fund: there is about £350 available.  Suggestions: 1. large stones on verges to stop cars damaging the grass. Rejected as the committee could be liable joint and severally if there was a claim for a damaged car. 2. bench - last one cost £763. IT WAS AGREED that for the moment it should be left in the account as there isn't enough to do anything worthwhile.</p>	ALL distributors
8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch: Liz has written the report for the website but is waiting for Martin Faithfull to approve it. He has been off sick and is only just back at work. She attended the PACT meeting with Kate and Chris Buss. Lindsey Stone is lay co-ordinator based at Nailsea Police Station for all neighbourhood watch groups in the area. There have been a few burglaries in the area but we are considered low risk. Liz explained how the NWS information is distributed - there is a co-ordinator for each road in Leigh Woods who receives information direct from Lindsey and then distributes this to those who have signed up. (confirmed Marily Difford co-ordinates Bannerleigh Road and Lane)  Liz confirmed to the meeting that she would be leaving sometime in the Summer as her flat has sold. IT WAS AGREED that we should look for a new NWS Leigh Woods co-ordinator.  Her other responsibility: Co-ordination and Distribution of all printed information to the local distributors: Esther AGREED to take this on and Liz will assist her with the Summer Party.</p>	ESTHER
9	<p>Planning Issues:  Burwalls: Kate has an invitation, from Theo the assistant site manager, for up to 8 people to look around the house once all the asbestos has been removed. Wall around property is deteriorating and dangerous: (exchange of emails attached). Kate is awaiting to hear from developer as NSC say it is developers responsibility. Peter suggested that if it dangerous to the general public walking on the pavement it should be roped off as it is a health and safety matter and therefore NSC responsibility. Martyn AGREED to walk the road and report to NSC.</p> <p>Coach House, Church Road: permission has been given to remove 3 small trees but large tree has to stay (only one visible from road). Planning permission has been given for 3 bed house with NO car parking. This is contrary to NSC Guidelines which state that 3 bed house should have 2 car parking spaces.</p> <p>Suspension Bridge: 2 trees need to be cut down on land beside southern end of North Road. NSC require them to replace these with 3 trees.</p> <p>Kingston Lodge: no information.</p>	MARTYN
10	<p>Long Ashton Newsletter: Tricia and Angela AGREED to take this over.</p>	TRICIA/ANGELA
6 & 11	<p>Highways: Martyn confirmed that stage 1 - double yellow lines had been agreed but this was then overturned by Councillor Elfan ApRees who is Deputy leader</p>	

	<p>Strategic Planning/ Economic Development/ Housing/Highways/Transport portfolios NSC saying he can't enforce double yellow lines (see exchange of emails attached). Stage 2 - restricted parking has not moved forward as everything has stopped for the Election. Highways committee meeting scheduled for 19th May to which both new Councillors will be invited together with senior highways person (Ap Rees if he is re-elected) and senior member of the Police.</p> <p>It was agreed that it is more effective if as many residents as possible write to the Council rather than relying on one letter from Kate on behalf of LWS. IT WAS AGREED after the election to circulate to all residents by paper a template for them to refer to when writing. Tricia AGREED to draft an appropriate letter. To be sent out with the party invitations in late May/early June.</p>	<p>MARTYN</p> <p>TRICIA</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Martyn confirmed to the committee that Charles Cave, if he is re-elected, is very aware of the parking situation and it gets raised at every council meeting. He also knows Leigh Woods very well and has close links. RPZ are coming to Bedminster and Ashton in July and this will affect Long Ashton so parking will have a higher profile at the meetings.</p> <p>National Trust: 83 cars counted in North Road 10 days ago. Kate informed the meeting that there is no Statutory Notice of the Planning Application for compost toilet and cafe displayed so people visiting the Woods will have no knowledge of Nat Trust plans. Martyn confirmed that the Parish Council rejected the planning application but that it has been passed by NSC. There was discussion about the damage to the Woods with the increase in visitors. The Nat Trust has been told by the Government to increase the use of its facilities. Peter suggested that we should concentrate on the danger created by the parking in North Road. It was confirmed that photos have been sent to the Council but please send more if you can. The Nat Trust is using field off the Forestry Commission entrance as an overflow car park for the Boats Installation. As the Woods are an SSI area no parking will be permitted.</p> <p>AOB: Jane informed the meeting that the green waste recycling will only be removed in the bags provided by the Council. All other bags will be left. NSC will replace bags for free if your bags are worn out. It was suggested that Kate should put this in The Link.</p> <p>Double decker buses: First are considering putting double decker buses on the X2 and X3 routes. Kate has written on behalf of the Society to First Bus and North Somerset Council against this proposal : there is a weight limit on Rownham Hill as there was a very serious accident some years ago. This is a safety issue.</p> <p>Bower Ashton is taking another 1,000 students probably in the present buildings.</p>	<p>KATE</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT SANCREED, BRIDGE ROAD at 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>	



