

Great Langborough Residents' Association

MEETING MINUTES

NEXT MEETING ?? April 2014 <i>Salvation Army Hall</i>	NOTES PREPARED BY Robin Cops	MEETING DATE 8pm 6 th February 2014 Salvation Army Hall
ATTENDED BY : Robin Cops (RC) Andrew Pearce (AP) Pat Smith (PS) Terry O'Donnell (TO'D)		APOLOGIES : Philip Lawman (PL) David Nash (DN) Phillip Robinson (PR) Anita McPhilimey (AM)
ITEM NO:	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.0	Minutes & Actions from 25th November 2013	All
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes agreed 	
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.0 Town Centre Planning Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 members wrote to planning authorities ○ Letters of concern had also been sent to some councillors about the length of time for consultation. ○ Following the withdrawal of the planning applications by WBC, it was emphasised that all members should be prepared to write to WBC when the new applications are posted, 	
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 Extraordinary Full Council Meeting December 4th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 committee members attended ○ 3 questions and follow-up questions asked ○ RC & DN had follow-up meeting at WBC. Minutes posted on GLRA portal 	
1.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.0 Cantley Lodge. RC attended exhibition for McCarthy & Stone replacement buildings and commented on the design. It was noted that it was ironic that the stated reason for closing Cantley Lodge by Cllr Maurice Monk (tenant) was because of the new hotel on Elms Field. Zero sum gain in terms of hotel rooms in Wokingham 	
1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.0 Website and E-mails. Actions complete (see 4.0 below) 	
1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.2 AOB: Cllr. Keith Baker has confirmed that the entrance to the Library car park will now <u>not</u> be moved to Langborough Road. 	
2.0	Town Centre Regeneration	PS
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS to write to Cllr. Alistair Corrie to request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advance warning of posting of new planning application ○ Indication of changes from the original applications which have been studied. ○ List of comments on the original applications and how they had been addressed (or not) in the new applications 	

3.0	South Wokingham SDL	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS to write to Cllr Baker to seek re-assurance about building on areas prone to flooding. Suggested that members might want to photograph relevant areas during the current high rainfall. 	PS All
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DN had been involved with the SWSDL forum and had written to Cllr Baker concerning the route of the spine road. As the reply indicated that this hadn't been decided there was no further discussion. DN was thanked for his vigilance and slides/notes on this matter 	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the route, AP reminded the meeting that following the Langborough Rec discussions it had been agreed that if the committee was divided on a given strategy, the GLRA would not take a position. Individuals of course could support strategies on their own but the role of the committee would be limited to pointing the way to where residents could find information. 	
4.0	Website and E-mails	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following protocols requested by AP were formally adopted and apply to all members of the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anything to go on the website should be requested of AP with the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title Preamble (exactly what is being requested) Attachment Approval of the Chair 	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence: LRA related matter should not be forwarded outside the committee unless approved by the Chair. In that case the Chair must ensure the removal of names from the circulation list. 	
5.0	Expectations on Committee Members	
	PS felt that whilst some committee members engaged fully with the GLRA's agenda it was not clear that others did. In particular:	TO'D
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The discussions and information dissemination were usually carried out by E-Mail. Events often happened quickly, as had occurred over Elms Field and could not be covered by committee meetings. It was important that all members responded to those E-Mails. Suggested wording changes to documents, letters etc. should be done using Track Changes. 	
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TO'D stated that he didn't use a computer although he read the E-Mails on his wife's computer. PS felt that his view as committee member was important and therefore still communicated, by other means if necessary. 	
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was important that members responded to exhibitions, consultation forums and relevant meetings where possible and reported back for the benefit of those who couldn't attend. TO'D said that he did respond (e.g. to the planning applications) but as a private individual not copying in the Committee to his correspondence. 	
5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that any new volunteers as committee members should first meet with the Chair and Secretary for an informal chat where they could explain the expectations on a committee member in terms of contribution, awareness of local issues, communication and involvement. 	PS/DN

<p>6.0 6.1</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP suggested that a proper logo or banner head was agreed that could brand all correspondence, minutes and the website. The current heading varied across the elements of the GLRA and was only temporary. It was suggested that members thought about what defined the Great Langborough area and then approached any personal contacts who would graphically design a logo. Schools, work and colleges were suggested. 	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p>7.0 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4</p>	<p>Next Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the AGM should be in mid-June as usual. On this basis the next meeting should be at the end of April. • All meetings should be at the Salvation Army Hall which would limit some of the dates. • PS had some personal commitments in that period and therefore it was agreed that she would put out some alternative dates for both events as soon as her commitments were better defined. • Meeting ended 10.15pm 	<p><i>PS</i></p>