

CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 26th April, 09:00

Venue/ Platform: Zoom Pro

Attending: JLL (Chair), NP, RW (Bob), LC, CS, RD, JMLg, JMLb, EM

Apologies: BC

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Minutes of Last Meeting 1.1 March meeting minutes accepted 1.2 Actions covered in items below</p>	
<p>2. Chair's Report 2.1 Brief points & news-bites: covered later</p>	
<p>3. Camden Lawn (Meadow) Subgroup 3.1 JMLg reported on a very successful first volunteer working party on 10th April to tidy some growth at the top of the land opposite Camden Crescent. Much appreciation has been expressed both to JMLg for managing it and the team (including Cllr Tom Davies) for all their hard work; the result is a much improved view from the road, with a neat line of dead hedging. Evidence of fly tipping and rubbish within the meadow has also been reported to the Council. Dialogue with the Council Parks Department has been positive and encouraging for the future direction of managing the land 3.2 Anyone wishing to volunteer for further clearing work should contact JMLg; date of the next working party to be advised</p>	JMLg
<p>4. LN Subgroup 4.1 Various Committee Members reported seeing posts on social media regarding the Camden and other LN proposals, as well as a flyer circulating regarding the Camden LN authored by Joe Scofield; RW agreed to draft a response to these for the CRA blog, with links to official Council and CRA reports 4.2 Update anticipated on the Council's LN decision this week or next; Committee will be advised as soon as the Chair hears more. Chair reminded everyone that this will still (only) be potentially to advance to Stage 2 of a five stage implementation process.</p>	RW
<p>5. Cleveland Bridge 5.1 Whilst the Council's planning for re-routing traffic displaced from the imminent closure of Cleveland Bridge appears to many of the Committee to be inadequately considered, correspondence by the Chair with relevant Council personnel has not yet yielded a satisfactory response; the only option now is to "wait and see" what happens in practice and to flag up problems if and when they become apparent</p>	
<p>6. Update on Roles and Responsibilities Exercise 6.1 Committee reviewed the latest version (v4) of suggested Committee roles, which has been developed by four members, and discussed ways in which the essential work of the committee can be shared within the group to develop knowledge, involvement and effort. The principles and outline received general approval, with some members expressing interest in certain aspects of the roles: eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EM and NP for public transport • EM, BW for Climate Change • NP for fundraising • NP suggested including Hedgemead Park within 'Public Realm' • JMLb for transport 	JLL + All

<p>6.2 Overall view is that whilst one member may take the lead on key topics, there should be flexibility around how others can contribute. Members are encouraged to talk to JJL, LC, JMLg or RW to add to the thinking. Timeframe is the October committee meeting, to be ready to present in the newsletter and at the AGM in November</p>	
<p>7. Camden Tidy-up 7.1 LC reported on the last tidy up, 18th April, in which 9 volunteers cleared weeds and rubbish from several areas of Camden Crescent, Lower Camden Place and “Arundel Road pathway”. Thanks to others continuing local cleaning including CS, EM, Lara and Tracey Chalkley, Jane Franke, JMLg and LC 7.2 Next date: Sunday 16th May, 10.00, meet at top of Bennett’s Lane. Yellow Council rubbish bags can be collected at any time from LC or Julie Platt (julieplattmail@gmail.com) Note from Secretary: FixMyStreet in App form is much quicker and easier to use than the web version and generally receives a quick response – worth making the clicks</p>	<p>LC, RD, CS</p>
<p>8. Camden Cares 8.1 No specific actions last month. The Lansdown Racecourse Large Vaccination Centre volunteer effort continues</p>	
<p>9. Trees 9.1 CS reported concern over the apparently perilous state of some trees overhanging St. Stephen’s Road as well as Rivers Road; ownership of this land is unclear. Resident Damien Scott has asked the Council to assess their condition; JMLb volunteered to assist, given his expertise in this area</p>	<p>CS, JMLb</p>
<p>10. Web-site and Social Media 10.1 Covered within Roles and LN response; agreed no additional action needed at this stage</p>	
<p>11. FoBRA 11.1 Hustings for Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) - JMLb apologised for not having been able to attend the Zoom; no update possible</p>	
<p>12. Accounts 12.1 The committee agreed to continue the CRA subscriptions for the Friends of Hedgemoor Park and FoBRA 12.2 NP reported a very minimal change: Account funds carried forward - Current £1406.94, Savings £6,650.83 12.3 Volunteered to consider CRA fund raising activities, with members’ support</p>	<p>NP</p>
<p>13. AOB 13.1 None</p>	
<p>14. DONM 14.1 Next meeting Monday 24th May, 9.00, Zoom 14.2 Further Monday dates proposed: 28th June (Sec may be unavailable, could do Tuesday 22nd June or a Doodle to check availability), 26th July, 23rd August, 27th Sept. Comments please 14.3 2021 AGM date proposed: Thursday evening, 18th November.</p>	<p>All</p>

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Louise Coates, Secretary
Jeremy Labram, Chair