CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 24th May 2021, 09:00 Venue/ Platform: Zoom Pro

Attending: JJL (Chair), NP, RW (Bob), LC, CS, BC, JMLg, JMLb, EM Apologies: RD

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Minutes of Last Meeting 1.1 April meeting minutes accepted 1.2 Actions from last meeting: 2.1.1 St .Stephen's Road trees: CS & JMLb have looked closely at the trees & cracks in the retaining wall, and spoken to Jane Brewer (responsible for conservation & Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)); there is apparently work already planned for this area. After JMLb has taken photos and made a report, she will liaise with Highways to check exactly what is to be covered and revert. Thanks CS & JMLb. JMLb to pursue this	JMLb
2.	Chair's Report 2.1 Brief points & news-bites: all covered in later items	
3.	Camden Lawn (Meadow) Subgroup 3.1 JMLg reported that a second working party is planned for 19 th June and that an unconstituted "Friends of Camden Meadow" has been set up, requiring just active participation for membership. The group is now recognized as the point of contact by the Parks Department, which will have numerous benefits for ongoing collaboration. An alternative supplier of sheep may also have been identified, but this is at a very early stage of discussion. JMLb raised the question of timing of work with respect to the wildlife – JMLb & JMLg to discuss 3.2 Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact JMLg 3.3 Whilst there is no response yet from the Parks Department about the use of power tools on site, NP raised the need for a double gate at the entry point on Hedgemead Road, which would enable access for chipping and other equipment; to be considered further	JMLg, JMLb
4.	 LN Subgroup 4.1 Decision now most likely on 23rd June; Committee will be advised as soon as the Chair hears more – the Cabinet papers are normally published a week in advance 4.2 Several members (BC, EM, JMLb, JMLg, JLL) voiced their strong conscerns and observed incidents of speeding and inconsiderate traffic along Camden Road, with the hope that the LN if finally implemented would go some way to mitigate the dangers and road rage incidents witnessed every day. Both our Concillors are very aware of the issues and the Walcot LN bid they have submitted (now available online) was agreed to be sound and well-reasoned 	
5.	Cleveland Bridge 5.1 The repair work is running behind (the latest) schedule due to scaffolding difficulties, but so far the committee has not been aware of significantly different vehicle movement patterns; JJL has requested an update from the Council Officers & will advise the CRA accordingly	JLL
6.	Update on Roles and Responsibilities Exercise 6.1 No further action to report; the Chair reminded the committee that we have until the run up to the AGM in November to come up with plans, ready for any elections	

7.	Camden Tidy-up 7.1 LC reported that the last tidy up, 16 th May, had negligible turnout (just julie Platt), perhaps due to the bad weather and that the Council had recently done some clearing and spraying of weeds in Bennett Lane amongst other roads. Subgroup to consider wider & quicker communication route such as NextDoor Camden, as well as other means of kee[ping the streets clear of litter 7.2 Next date: TBC	LC, RD, CS
8.	Camden Cares	
	8.1 No specific action last month. The Lansdown Racecourse Large Vaccination Centre volunteer effort continues; vaccinations can now reach 1600 pd	
9.	Accounts	
	9.1 Treasurer (NP) reported that the CRA subscriptions for the Friends of Hedgemead Park and FoBRA have been made	
	9.2 Account funds carried forward - Current £1,331.94, Savings £6,650.88	NP
	9.3 LC asked how/when the committee will make a decision about using the savings (ie railings fund donation) account; to be considered further	
10.	AOB	
	10.1 None	
11.	DONM	
	11.1 Next meeting Monday 28 th June, 9.00, Zoom (RD to take the minutes)	All
	11.2 Further Monday committee dates: 26 th July, 23 rd August, 27 th Sept, 25 th October (AGM preparation)	
	11.3 2021 AGM date proposed: Thursday evening, 18 th November.	
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27.5.21 Louise Coates, Secretary Jeremy Labram, Chair