

Present

Doug Kemp (DK); Tony Ray (TR); Ian Richardson (IFR); Graham Sugden (GS); Hilary Sugden (HS); Steve Taylor (ST); Michele Mooney (MM); Barbara Plumtree-Varley (BPV)

Apologies

Ken Torode (KT); Ian Renard (IR)

1. Matters Arising
 - a. Objections raised on LCC planning website re proposals for former Weetwood Police Station. Linked to lack of parking places, landscaping around the site and lack of sufficient children's play area.
2. Treasurer's Update on Financial year 2022-23
 - a. Made a loss of £201.35 mainly due to donation to GALBA.
 - b. In line with decision taken at last meeting IFR has moved all the funds into the NATWEST account and closed the Leeds Building Society Account. This will allow easier access to the funds. IFR and GS are the signatories on the NATWEST Account.
 - c. Another accountant has reviewed the accounts at a cost of £60.
 - d. With regard to aligning the financial year with the membership year, we have decided that all fees paid today will be rolled on to December 2023 and we will seek new membership fees for the calendar year 2024. Any fees we receive from members existing and new from now to Dec 2023 will be rolled over to 2024.
3. Communicating with members
 - a. Agreed to extend the distribution of abbreviated minutes and other information to a wider audience with a view to encouraging greater interest/membership. This will apply specifically to WPRA Facebook page which has 1500 members as well as distribution via email and WPRA website.
 - b. Information/updates from the 'Friends of West Park Fields' will be included in the above.
4. West Park Fields
 - a. Two thousand plus whips successfully planted on lower section of West Park Fields on 28th Feb. In addition, a line of standard trees in the direction of new houses on the old West Park school site as well as along Northolme Crescent were also planted.
 - b. Playground – No recent news but still on track for Autumn launch.
5. A660 Developments
 - a. NWLTF have responded to the current LCC proposals. 'Continuous' footpaths and the drive for greater use of public transport are welcomed as are the combining of some bus stops.
 - b. Concerns raised over the use of 'floating bus stops' at Headingley Centre (Arndale Centre). People waiting for busses and sheltering from wet weather will have to cross the cycle lane to board them. This will be a particular problem on busy shopping/Otley Run days.
 - c. Full NWLTF report to be published on WPRA websites.

6. Leeds Anti-Social behaviour unit
 - a. Leeds University and Becketts University have set up and funded 'Dedicated Service Community' which aims to tackle anti-social behaviour caused by students. They concentrate their efforts in the areas with greatest student numbers, mainly Headingley, Hyde Park, Kirkstall etc.
 - b. We are more directly concerned about the impact of Otley Run groups particularly as the weather improves.

7. GALBA update
 - a. Good news in that the High Court have decided GALBA can put their legal arguments to a judge in person at a judicial review hearing. Dates to be announced.

8. AOB
 - a. DK and TR are working on a social history of the West Park area and would welcome information/stories/accounts from people who have lived in the area. St Chad's and Adel parish magazines along with North Leeds were suggested as likely sources for requesting information as well as our WPRA websites. **DK/TR to produce a request for information. MM, BVP, HS to approach above**
 - b. LCC and WY police have contacted us requesting a response to a proposed 4/20 event to be held on Woodhouse Moor on 20th April. This event is not sanctioned as it encourages the smoking of cannabis. Full agreement that the event should not go ahead as it attempts to 'normalise' the use of illegal substances and as such likely to encourage youngsters to participate. **GS to reply.**

Date of next meeting - Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.15pm
HS 10/3/23

The ten committee members of the WPRA meet every two months to discuss local issues. At our recent meeting on 3rd April, we agreed that it would be useful to extend the distribution of the minutes from our meetings as well as other issues impacting upon the area. Currently WPRA members receive information via email and the WPRA website. From now on we will also put them on the WPRA Facebook page. Here are the minutes from last week's meeting. If you have any queries then please contact me at chair@westparkresidents.org.uk

West Park Residents Association Meeting 3rd April