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Committee Meeting -

Croxley Green Library, Barton Way

Monday, 9th September 2013

Present: Barry Grant (chairman), Tony Munroe (vice chair), Mary Mitchell, Joan Zanelli, Rose Hanscomb, David Neighbour, Mandy Grant, Amanda Mackie, Judith Turnbull

1) Apologies for Absence

received from Margaret Pomfret

2) Minutes of 22nd July 2013

Minutes were proposed by JZ and seconded by DN and signed

3) Yorke Road School

*Paul O'Reilly reported on questions from residents on a variety of issues, including if the development is on track, when they are likely to be finished, what is happening with the front fence, the size of the finished properties, the price range, whether people can look at them before they go on sale, suggested names for the development. It will have a name of Old Yorke Road School, but units can be named e.g. name of headmistress, architect. POR asked residents to come up with some suggestions. **ACTION: To put this information in "The Resident", out via CGRA mailing list and on our website***

Some answers were that the development is mainly on track although poor weather today has caused some minor delays.

Aiming for finish May/June 2014, pointing and watertight as soon as possible. The front fence is being kept as is for the time being to help with security

Savills Estate Agents will be bringing the finished development to the market.

POR has offered to take groups of people around to look at the redevelopment, not with a view to selling, suggestion that people should contact Rose or Ross and get a group together, perhaps for a Saturday morning.

POR thanked everyone present for the support in the planning application. MG proposed a vote of thanks to POR for taking on the project. POR also thanked Three Rivers for their support and help in getting the project off the ground.

BG thanked POR for attending.

4) Media Sub-group

TM fed back. Time of year to produce "The Resident". JZ mentioned that Mark Englefield will continue to do the desktop publishing side of things for the time being. Three new advertisers have also come forward.

RHu talked about the updating of the website. We have backdated copies of "The Resident" online dating back to 1948. This year is the 75th anniversary of CGRA. General discussion about using that information on the front cover of the next edition of "The Resident" RHu also talked about how much the website is used. PF asked about getting some aerial photos she has onto the website. RHu said they can be scanned in.

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5) Planning and Environmental Matters

Hearing 15th October at the Fairway Inn Rickmansworth for the Three Rivers Planning Development Framework.

MM said that Chris (PC) will join us later in the meeting to discuss the Village Plan/Centre if required.

6) Local History Project and Paper Trail.

MP sent a report, BG summarised key points. Copy of the report is with the minutes.

7) Sports Pitches

BG has exchanged emails with.....about the field near Little Green School re what plans the council has for the land. Husbandry and educational purposes were two answers given. BG thinks putting pressure on our MP to use the land for pitches may be worth doing. BG has also notified the local football clubs and has passed the idea to them to take forward. Some general discussion about the current use of the Croxley Guild land, including car parking issues. RHu put forward the point that the rugby club may well be pushing for a much longer lease and we need to be thinking about how to get control back of the land. PF mentioned that the land was gifted to Croxley in perpetuity for recreational use. Some discussion about the community plan and protecting the land. Steve Drury says that the land is definitely for the use of Croxley, not the district, but that Three Rivers have to look after it for us. BG says he has seen a document stating this. General discussion that we should make sure we have a copy of this document and can keep an eye on things.

8) Stones Orchard

MP emailed report which BG feedback. Copy is with the minutes. RHa mentioned some other ideas that were discussed, including signage and notice boards. RHa has said that the next meeting will be opened up to more interested parties. DN and Leighton Dann have started work to set up a bank account.

9) Road Safety Committee

TM – no updates. SD reported that there has been very minor amount of road works taking place county wide. The contractor is being monitored throughout September and October. Some work took place in Dickinsons Square, to a very poor standard. MG mentioned an issue with pavements in Frankland Road and she has reported it to Highways. There is a similar issue on Fuller Way.

10) Round up

Community Plan – no real updates

Lamp posts – see above re MG Frankland Road

Yorke Mead School – measuring up happening but no planning application yet.

Neighbourhood Watch – Kelly sent apologies but no updates.

SD – reported that the most unsafe road is Albert Road South, with only 6 houses. But Albert Road North – people walk up the road and there are more incidents recorded in the road due to people leaving Watford.

DN mentioned that Croxley will be getting a new, female PCSO in November.

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Croxfest – well organised and attended again. SD mentioned that Oxfest was also held on the same day – might be worth considering the date for next year. Croxfest organisers have asked for feedback on their website to help in gaining support for next year.

11) Finance

£4300 in bank. MM will be chasing unpaid advertisers and will liaise with TM to get this done. The £500 for the history project has not been spent yet; an invoice for scanning will be passed on when it is received.

12) AOB

BG – quiz – email has been sent to committee members re getting teams for the event. Feedback was quite lukewarm. BG proposed moving it to February. TM also mentioned that involvement in “The Resident” would cause people to be rather preoccupied. MM brought up that the quiz was proposed to help with fundraising and that we would end up with a deficit for “The Resident” if we don’t go ahead with this date. MG asked people to commit now. Approximately 8 people present could get together a team. DN asked about publicity for the quiz. RHu said will do a poster for shops. SD mentioned raffle – put raffle tickets on the table in an envelope and get people to put money in. MM is prepared to do the raffle ticket selling if needed. The original date of 19th October 2013 is going ahead. More will come through on email in next couple of days.

BG – Parish Council are being involved in the plans for the Croxley Link. SD has a monthly meeting with the developers. Fabian went to the meeting to represent the Sea Cadets. Works are in progress although building work begins May/June. MG asked how we can get information about what is happening when. SD can forward that to us. Parish Council also noticed that information was not getting through. FH knows that Morris Minors pre-school have information. Contractors have a list of statutory consultees as well as non-statutory consultees. CGRA have not been included, which surprised SD. SD does have a link that he can use to get information if it is not forthcoming.

BG – New Years’ Day – the Parish Pump will be publishing the New Years Day fun run/ramble. Meet at Croxley House to do the boundary walk.

MM – asked people to put up their hands to commit to teams. **June Emson; Mary Mitchell, Steve Drury, Alison Wall, Ross Humphries, Barry Grant, Joan Zanelli** all committed.

Asked re cost: £5 and BYO drink. MM – who is printing tickets? SD suggested we ask for donations for raffle. BG will organise this. MM will get raffle tickets. RHa will also look into this. MM asked about cost of hiring hall/deposit being returned. AM asked about encouraging individuals/pairs/advertising in the Community Centre. RHa will do the nibbles. MM then asked who will be the contact for tickets as she will be away until 28th September. JZ agreed to be contact until then. **MM has a list from the last fundraiser which she will email to BG**

JT – Hearing Dogs for the Deaf – a stamp box will be put in the florist fairly soon.

BG turned the meeting over to the floor.

JE – lorries down Lavrock Lane – Parish Councillor Dudley Edmunds is on the case.

DN – dog show 29th September in Stones Orchard

FH – unfortunately Sea Cadets did not get their Sports England grant. FH is grateful for support of CGRA. However the recruitment of cadets has been successful but they still need Sea Cadets staff. **FH will email CGRA**. Sea Cadets will still manage to run whilst the proposed Croxley Link goes ahead.

LF – asked about the state of the land behind the railings at Croxley Station.

Meeting ended 9:41 p.m.

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Dates of next meetings: