

FRIENDS OF LANGLEY MOOR

Minutes of meeting

Thursday 22 November 2018.

Present: Danny Bone (DB), Mike Leonard (ML), Lesley Baxter (LB), Ben Hopson (BH), Steph Hall (SH), Frank Bonner (FB), John Turnbull (JT), Michelle Luke (MLu), Hilton Luke (HL), Jeanette Pygall (JP), John Coates (JC), Mick Brett (MB), Paul Taylor (PT).

Item 1

Apologies: Alex Kelly, Alan Ridley, Janet Pickett, Wayne Barron.

Item 2

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved correct by JT.

Matters arising: None

Item 3

Financial update: Present balance £1417.85 after donations from local businesses and a £500 grant from CDHG towards our Christmas Tree.

Item 4

Action plan: Items 1a) and 1b) no change

1c) Newsletter to be progressed by Abir with DB to provide list of notable events and achievements.

Item 2:

a). Tesco manager still confident scheme is going ahead

b). DB to contact Scott at VT signs regarding skateboard signage for Boyne Place.

c). Awaiting price from Martin Briscoe. DB will follow up.

d). No further action until spring.

e). Awaiting progress on legal advice re. license. DB contacting solicitors.

Item 3:

Good support has been received from local businesses along with grants from local councillors and Durham County Housing Group. Many thanks to all our donors.

Item 4:

Tree arriving coming Monday. All risk assessments are done. Four people are required to erect tree on site DB, PT, MB and John Owens will attend. Lights are cleaned and ready to go and a star has been obtained for the top of the tree. Dressing of the tree will be done as soon as possible after it has been sited.

Item 5:

DB received message from Adam Dixon. Permission to proceed with work given subject to liability insurance etc. being provided. MB will provide insurance details as and when required.

Item 6:

DB to organise next litter pick in December.

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Any other business: LB reported that Rotary are providing 4 defibrillators for the Brandon, Langley Moor and Meadowfield areas.

One of them will be sited in Boyne Place. DB agreed to get relevant permission to wall mount in a prominent position.

LB also informed the group regarding a Dementia friendly initiative for public buildings in the area.

LB also updated the group on St Johns Hall progress, which is still on schedule for completion in March.

Frank Bonner introduced himself to the group as the new Labour Parish Councillor.

PT advised the group of a County Council initiative to reduce the number of street lights in a bid to save unnecessary expenditure both in maintenance and running costs. While he stressed that he supports the initiative in principal as there is a clause in the initiative which states that lamps will only be removed when safe to do so, he is greatly concerned at the removal of all street lighting between The Riggs and Langley Moor on Brandon Lane. This leaves a stretch of road 250 metres long in total darkness and given the fact that this is a designated walking route to and from local primary schools he is concerned that this leaves pedestrians, both adult and children, especially vulnerable. He and JT have raised their concerns with the relevant council department, but have been unable to achieve a reversal of this decision. All local councillors and the local police are opposed to this decision and as such a local protest group is being formed to make further representations to the council. It was unanimously agreed that FOLM should wholeheartedly support this protest in a bid to get the lighting replaced.

Item 7

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 13th December 2018.