



Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF LEA PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION held on WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** E Kidd (Interim Chair),  
R Abel, L Barker, P Barker, S Bellia, K Braisher (Media Secretary),  
J Chapman (Interim Vice-Chair), D Currie (Treasurer), J Edwards,  
G Fram, G Garretts, M Goodall, B Hack, L Harker, S Heap (Interim  
Secretary), C Horton, Susan Jenkins, A Kidd, C Lewis, K Lewis (Interim  
Membership Secretary), S Paver, G Reed, D Slatter, H Watson,  
A Walkinshore and A Willson

**Apologies:** J Ivory, J McLeod, R Ridler and B Trueman

**Also Present:** Sian Jenkins

## 1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a new Committee to try and secure the future of the Association.

## 2. **CHANGES TO THE ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION**

Consideration was given to possible changes to the Association's Constitution which, if adopted, would:

- (a) allow owners and landlords of properties on Lea Park, who were not resident in the property to become members of the Association; and
- (b) reduce the number of Committee posts the Association was required to appoint to a minimum, so making it easier to appoint the Committee.

A question was raised as to the extent of the Lea Park Estate and those entitled to be members of the Association, as documentation existed which suggested that Wentworth Road and surrounding roads were part of Lea Park, although they were not included in the Association's Constitution as being part of Lea Park (Clause 2).

Consideration was also given to the restriction included in Clause 8.5 of the Constitution which prevented members serving on the Committee, except in exceptional circumstances, for more than four years. It was suggested that the Clause stopped experienced and dedicated members from serving on the Committee despite them being willing and in doing so depriving the Committee of their skills and experience which would potentially be to the benefit of the Association.

RESOLVED –

1. That the revisions to the Constitution be adopted.
2. That the Committee review:
  - (a) The extent of Lea Park and the streets represented by the Association; and
  - (b) The restriction included in Clause 8.5 which prevents Committee members from serving, except in exceptional circumstances, for more than four years.

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2023/24**

Consideration was given to electing members of the Association to the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Membership Secretary for 2023/24 to replace those officers elected on an interim basis at the Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2023 (Minute 5 refers).

Elaine Kidd and Ken Lewis undertook to support the new Committee in an advisory capacity to help the new Committee become established.

RESOLVED –

That the following officers, being nominated and seconded, be elected:

Chair – Mark Goodall

Joint Vice-Chair – Judith Edwards

Joint Vice-Chair – Chris Horton

Secretary – Simon Heap

Membership Secretary - Vacant

4. **ELECTION OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

In addition to the election of the Association's officers, consideration was given to electing other members of the Association as Resident Representatives on the Committee.

RESOLVED –

That Samantha Bellia, Joe Chapman, Graham Reed and Bridget Trueman be elected as Resident Representatives.

5. **DISSOLVING THE ASSOCIATION**

It was noted that as it had been possible to appoint a Committee it would not be necessary to consider dissolving the Association.

## 6. REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Further to Minute 7 of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2023, consideration was given to appointing additional volunteers to take on specific tasks / projects on behalf of the Association.

It was noted that, in addition to the appointments made at the Annual General Meeting, Steve Brandish was currently leading on footpath / pavement issues for the Association.

A number of suggestions were made for additional projects which the Association could be involved with for the benefit of Lea Park residents, which included:

- (a) supporting the redevelopment of the Barley Hill School Pond, by acting as a conduit between the School and residents interested in helping with the project;
- (b) campaigning to provide additional drop kerbs to help wheelchair / buggy users move around the Estate;
- (c) graffiti removal;
- (d) liaising with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thame over tree planting on the Estate;
- (e) community speed watch; and
- (f) enforcement of parking restrictions on Denbigh Road near to Barley Hill School.

It was generally the view of the meeting that the Association's resources should not be used to support organisations, such as Barley Hill School, to undertake projects which they should be funding themselves and benefitted persons who were not residents of the Estate.

Ken Lewis drew attention to the importance of the Association's Newsletter as a method of communication with residents and the important role played by the volunteers who delivered the newsletter to all properties on the Estate.

RESOLVED –

That the Stever Paver be appointed to liaise with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thame over tree planting on the Estate.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.48 PM