

LEE & LINCOMBE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of LLRA Committee Meeting Held 7.30 pm Tuesday 4th July 2018 Lee Memorial Hall

1. Persons present: Owen Rolfe, Trevor Greaves, Pat Coates, Paul and Marion Thom, David Biggerstaff, Mavis Rogers, Elizabeth Gilliat, Lucy Scarrott, Enid Bowman, Bill Harvey, Carolyn Weekes, Eric Couling (Chair) and Paul Scarrott. The chair gave a special welcome to the committee's newest member Owen Rolfe. An apology was received from Alan Bannister.
2. An update was provided on the Japanese Knotweed Team (JK) by Enid Bowman the team leader. The newly accredited Round Up Proactive 360 is the new accredited weed killer. The clumps of JK seem smaller this year than last. There was some concern over a small clump that had appeared on the steep incline into Lincombe from Lee. Enid further described how JK could be easily spread with remnants as small as 0.8 mm. The infestation at the Hotel was discussed with qualified persons stating that it was highly unlikely that the site could be fully eradicated, and it posed a threat to new builds, where developers don't have to inform the owners (under a legal loop hole). Marion informed the committee that a new gate had been placed at the side of the public toilets to prevent egress in contaminated hotel grounds. Enid was thanked and left the meeting.
3. The committee's six nominated speakers (excluding Alan) for the planning committee (Hotel Development) gave their speeches for practice, and inclusion of new developments and feedback. All speeches were appreciated and well received. Committee members were able to provide some fine tuning. A potential article for the Journal was welcomed with Lucy Scarrott asked to investigate it after she had referred to the origin of the LLRA and had presented some striking 'before and after' post cards of the Hotel through the ages. Lucy and Bill were thanked and left the meeting.
4. The LLRA committee minutes of 26th June were circulated for final comment and approval having been previously circulated and amended. It was agreed that the 'ins and outs' of discussion were not need, and the minutes should specify decisions. Matters of any other business were abridged with all personal references removed.
5. The following matters arising from the meeting of 26th were reviewed.
 - A list of subscriptions indicating non-payees was circulated with members agreeing to speak to those they know to encourage payment.
 - The secretary confirmed a reminder had been placed on the Fuchsia List.
 - Pat had contacted Collette Hall the conservation officer who had agreed to write to all households in the extended area, so they knew of their change in planning status. The committee felt a further reminder should be placed on the Fuchsia List.

Action: Pat to circulate further briefing note on extended conservation area on Fuchsia List.

- **The secretary described the response to the committee's letter concerning JK contagion at the Lee Bay Hotel site to the Local Authority. He described two responses from Natural England and the Environment Agency. Both agencies described the responsibility of landowners and indicated the options available should the JK spread beyond boundaries. Owen suggested a follow up to the Local Authority indicating the feedback received. The secretary offered to write to the Royal Town Planning Institute (as recommended) to seek support and advice, both for the planning committee and potential future legal remedy. Action: Paul S to prepare follow on letter to Local Authority, and letter of Introduction to RTPi.**
 - **Having made enquiries on behalf of the committee with the duty planning team, the Chair described the current parameters available for sheds within a conservation area: less than 15m squared, and at least 1m away from any boundary.**
- 6. The chair initiated a further debate concerning the regularity of meetings. It was agreed that meetings should occur every 3 months unless a committee member wanted to call one sooner for a specific concern.**
 - 7. Under AOB the Secretary raised a confidential email pertaining to LBH following correspondence that had been received from a third party.**

The meeting came to an end at 2115 hours with the next meeting agreed as 2nd October 2018, Lee Memorial Hall.