

Whinfield Residents Association

(incorporating the Friends of Beech Wood)

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Minutes of the meeting of 23.9.2015 at Oban Court

Attendees: A Rudkin, D Milner, J Murray, A Hutchinson, R Fitzpatrick-Odamamier, D&B Reynolds, Cllr. Crumbie, J Foster, A Robinson, C Milner, B Simpson, P Voss, R Adams, C Shaw, J & D Watson, T Watson, M Haw.

Apologies: Cllr. T Nutt, Graham Foster, John Dixon, John Atkinson

Approval of Minutes: Proposed by C Milner, seconded by P Voss and agreed.

Matters arising from the Minutes

- **Springfield Park:** a meeting had been held with Rob George re. painting the recreational equipment. Outcome was that P Stockdale to organise this when returns from sick leave.
- **Beech Wood:** G Foster has written to Phil Haynes again with reference to the report issued after the meeting held in Beech Wood, as yet no response has been received, Councillor Crumbie to progress with Phil Haynes. J Foster had waste bins replaced, and also met with the Highways Dept. re a drain by Whinfield School which has now been repaired.
- **Members of The Friends of Beech Wood** raised the issue of whether they should again operate as a separate organisation from the WRA. A long, but inconclusive, discussion ensued.
- **Shopping Trolleys:** a response is awaited from Asda and Whinfield School.
- **Website:** A Hutchinson had registered the WRA details on the Darlington Borough Council website but observed that it was difficult to navigate to the appropriate section and a complaint has been submitted.
- **Bus Routes:** A Hutchinson noted that the 14b had been taken out of service, but suggested that the 10 should become the 10a and 10b which should go in alternate directions around the Barmpton Lane/Whinbush Way/Whinfield Road triangle, which would be cost effective and of greater use to the elderly in the area, Councillor Crumbie agreed to take this up with Arriva.

Chairmans report

- D Milner explained that it is hoped to create a working party of members to aid the carrying out of WRA work. A Hutchinson suggested that a Beech Wood Sub-committee could be formed to deal with all matters relating to Beech wood on behalf of the WRA, and which would report back to WRA meetings

and receive necessary support from the Association. M Haw expressed an interest in this idea and will report back to the next meeting with a decision.

- D Milner informed residents of a WRA fund-raising event to be held at Asda on 14th November 2015. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Treasurers Report: There is £739.99 in the bank account. Petty cash is £12.36.

PACT Meeting: Issues to be taken to the meeting of 30th September include

- Speeding in Barmpton Lane and Whinbush Way
- Groups of youths gathering in Beech Wood
- Dog fouling in green Lane, Dog warden to concentrate patrols in the area.

AGM: The Annual General meeting is to be held on Wed 18th November 2015

- Anyone interested in standing for election or re-election as an officer of the WRA committee should contact Anne Rudkin for an election form.

Any other business

- It has come to the attention of residents that **Darlington Golf Club** are considering selling the club to a developer who will build them a new Golf Course further to the North towards Skertingham, with the prospect of building housing on the Golf Club land. A vote is to take place by the Club members, and the outcome is awaited.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 7pm at Oban Court, the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The Meeting closed at 8pm