

MINUTES OF LARKRISE MEETING 23 JUNE 2008

Present: Karen, Sarah Onion, Nic Wilkinson, Ticia Lever, Sue Alcock, Guy Holford, Celia O'Hara, David Busby, Moira Harris, Karen Mount, Sally Beer

Apologies: Beryl Tillin, Beth Palmer, Ros Webster, Chris Harris, Pat Bennett, Sue Dix, Sally Atcherley-Symes.

Actions from last minutes:

Debra Allen to check if mirror had been installed in girls changing rooms

Student Voice have asked for £250 for a new table tennis table - agreed.

FUTURE OF LARKRISE.

Aims and strategy had been previously circulated and was agreed. It was felt that if we are to expand as a group and have potential to raise larger funds this is the path we need to take. Well received by chair of Governors and Head. It will not split the existing group just make us more efficient with no bottlenecks for smaller decisions.

People signed up for various task groups, these will be emailed to existing and new members to sign up.

WEBSITE

Guy Holford has very kindly agreed to do a lot of work in setting up a website for Lark Rise and doing a certain amount of maintenance on it once up and running.

It was agreed to go with the Larkmead colours for consistency and to go with the style which Guy has already done as a template which is clean and clear. The logo was discussed and it was agreed to use a yellow sun with a brown lark.

Content of the website is important, there will be two elements, the barebones and the more interesting bit!!

The barebones:

Home page, endorsements from Chair of governors and head, links to larkmead site, intro text, what Lark Rise is about: Guy to approach Sally A-Symes to possibly write this.

Info about committee.

Register for email newsletter, this newsletter will be points of interest compiled from the minutes.

Site Map

Contact us - email address

Newspage - current and archived

Events Calendar - dates taken by Guy from the minutes.

Documents: Minutes, Constitution.

The more interesting bit!!

We need to make a reason for people to come back to the site.

Should contain:

Info for new parents

Term dates

Map of School

How to contact school (absences etc)

Lesson times

Uniform

Frequently asked questions

Question and answer forum - this will need administering (Any one interested in taking on this role should contact guyholford@googlemail.com)

Any further ideas which would bring people back to Lark Rise website should be emailed to Guy.

We will also need to keep an up to date email list - Guy will do this.

It will provide an easy medium to conduct on line surveys.

Agreed to spend £50 for Guy to buy a site and prepare the barebones and to launch it in September.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ticia Lever informed the group that the issue of the Wootton Road roundabout had not been forgotten. Despite meetings with councillors and highways people there has been little progress.

The council have agreed to pay for a crossing on Faringdon Rd between St Helens and Larkmead, this is something St Helens were considering paying for. It is hoped that St Helens will consider paying for the Wootton Rd crossing. Anyone interested in getting involved with this matter should contact Ticia Lever at davidandticia.lever@btinternet.com.

Concern was expressed that we must be aware of lines of communication when the new task groups are up and running, Guy will need to be informed of decisions taken outside of main committee. It was felt that this would evolve well if people were aware of need to communicate.

Thanks to Claire McCrea who has stood down from the committee as her child has left school. She was a great source of support and information to the committee. We hope to see her at future events!

Following OFSTED inspection there has been a delay in governors replying to questionnaires we were asked to fill in, these will be answered in the autumn term.

Priority at present following inspection is to install a tracking system to track children's progress which will be readily accessible to children and parents.

A working party is being set up to make sure that this new tracking system will be effective, ideally 1 or 2 parents volunteers are needed. The tracking system will be outsourced and it is important that the school create a reporting system that is useful to both parents and staff. It was noted that parents would want to avoid educational speak and that it would be important to create a system that used everyday language. Anyone interested in helping with ideas for this should contact j.watson@larkmead.oxon.sch.uk (not James Tweed, Chair of governors as stated in the meeting)

DATES FOR NEXT MEETING

SOCIAL EVENT: 16 JULY 8PM IN SPREAD EAGLE FOR AN INFORMAL END OF TERM DRINK

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 8 SEPTEMBER 2008 7.30pm LRC

COFFEE MORNING FOR NEW PARENTS (AND OLD!): Weds 24 SEPTEMBER 9.15am to 10.30am LRC

AGM: Weds 8 OCTOBER 2008 7.30pm MPR

NEXT EVENT POSSIBLY A QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 17 OCTOBER Main Hall