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OUR NEXT MEETING

8pm on Wednesday 13th June 2007 at

105 Burnt Ash Road

Open to all residents in the area. Ends 9.30pm-nibbles afterwards

Note of our Meeting on 16th May at 11 Wantage Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmanns, Bernard Hill, May Clarke, Sven Griesenbeck, Kevin Grey and Sheila Peck

Apologies: Sue Byford, Ralph White, Fay Carney, Steve Griffiths, Jeremy Carden, Jim Mallory and Pauline Hatfield

News on Planning Applications – Lewisham Design Panel decisions

- 1 Manor Lane – construction of single storey extension at rear. The Panel thought it was a poor design which might be visible from the street.
- 5 Manor Lane – construction of timber framed conservatory at rear – no objection.
- 25b Effingham Road – removal of sycamore at rear – no objection.
- 38b Micheldever Road – fell cherry tree at front. The Panel felt that the cherry tree has an amenity value and would therefore prefer a reduction rather than removal.
- 127 Burnt Ash Road – this has been acquired by Ladbrokes, a betting shop chain, who intend to transfer their business to this property from the existing premises on the other side of Burnt Ash Road. On behalf of the Society Charles indicated to the planning department that we would have no objection in principle to the proposed change of use although we would prefer to have a more attractive frontage rather than one in the style of the existing premises.
- 2 Manor Lane – the construction of gable end roof. This application went before the Panel on 17th May and we therefore wait to hear their views.

Planning related matters

- Satellite Dishes – Steve Quirk has objected to a large dish at 58 Micheldever Road. Sven and Paul Bentley (local councilors) are both supporting the objection as well as one at 8 Southbrook Road. Charles confirmed he would also support the objection on behalf of the Society.
- Northbrook School – several of us attended the meeting earlier in the evening at the School where we had seen a display of ideas and suggestions from staff and students for the design and arrangement of the new school building. The new school will accommodate an additional 100 pupils making a total of 600 pupils. Several people expressed concern over the number of floors of the proposed new building although we were assured it was intended not to be more than four. A second meeting is planned towards the end of June.

Manor House Library

Charles had attended the recent Design Panel Meeting and reported that the architects on the Panel had been highly critical of the proposed new staircase and lift because they considered the design to be inappropriate for the building. It is now for the Council to decide whether or not they will proceed with the refurbishment as proposed. All who support the existing proposals are urged to write to the Council by way of confirmation as soon as possible.

AGM

The number of attendees at the AGM was disappointingly down on previous years but we nevertheless appreciated the talk given by Diana Rimel.

Plant Mart

The Plant Mart was a great success and we again had an increase in takings over the previous year. The sale of the plants, as usual, produced the most income which totaled £873 overall. The Society would like to extend its thanks to everyone who helped to make the event such a success.

Leigate Design Brief

The Brief is now completed. Charles will now contact Cllr. Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration at Lewisham Council and will also contact Bridget Prentice, MP, the Lee Green Ward Councillors, Neil Rhind, the Planning Department and other people who may be interested in giving their support to the Brief. We are aware that Lewisham Council have drawn up a draft regeneration strategy for the Borough but this does not include Lee Green and we would therefore like to ensure that we have the Council's support for the Brief.

Trees

TFL have still not responded to our request to tidy up the trees at Leigate and Charles agreed to continue to chase. Lewisham Council have, however, planted all the trees we asked for although the 'stump' in Effingham Road is still there and Charles is pursuing its removal.

London Forum

A former resident contacted Charles to suggest we might like to become members of the Forum which takes a pan-London view of planning issues. We have contacted the Forum but they have yet to give us details of their activities.

T Shirts

We are interested in designing a T-shirt for the Society which members could wear on occasions such as the opening of the Ice House and the Plant Mart. Pauline Hatfield has a contact and it was agreed that we should ask her to make further enquiries about cost and design. We agreed that the T-shirts would be available for purchase by both members and the public in due course.

Forthcoming Events

- **3rd June - Graffiti-busting** session – meet at 64 Effingham Rd at 2p.m; **Ice house** 3 pm
- **5th June** - Formal re-opening of **Manor Park** at 2pm
- **7th July** - Manor House Gardens Users Group '**Party in the Park**'

Many thanks to Andrea and Bernard for hosting the meeting