

West Park Residents Association

MINUTES OF THE AGM

6TH OCT 2022

WEST PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM 6th October 2022

Committee Members Present

Doug Kemp (DK); Tony Ray (TR); Ian Richardson (IFR); Hilary Sugden (HS)); Graham Sugden (GS) Steve Taylor (ST); Ian Renard (IR); Ken Torode (KT)

Key Points

- Fifty plus members attended the AGM and re-elected the committee. Request sent out to WPRA
- members who may be interested in joining the committee to please contact GS at chair@westparkresidents.org.uk

Treasurer's Report. (IFR)

- Increased income this year following reductions due to Covid outbreak last year.
- New NatWest account opened.
- Accounts audited by Sharon Beaumont.
- If you wish to receive a copy of the full accounts and report please email accounts@westparkresidents.org.uk

West Park Fields update (TR)

- Children's play area. Building is due to commence in 2023 and will be fenced and gated with one access from Spen Lane. It will provide equipment for both toddlers and juniors.
- Tree Planting on West Park Fields. The original plan was to have many trees planted on the hay meadow area adjacent to Spen Lane. However, following consultation with us, the revised proposal includes the planting of standard trees instead of copses near Spen Lane which will include Sycamore, Hornbeam, Field Maple, Oak and Hazel. Lots of planting of whips at the bottom end of the fields near Queenswood to be included.

Leeds Bradford Airport Expansion Update.

- Input from Prof. Peter Bonsall and Andy Tait GALBA (Group for Action at Leeds Bradford Airport). The council want the airport to prosper and the owners want to maximise profits. The council plan an Employment Hub and new railway station nearby even though the airport withdrew its expansion plan. However, it still intends to expand.
- Problems faced include limited capacity, poor terminal, a cap of the number of flights permitted and increased vocal opposition about noise and climate impact of aviation.
- There are concerns over the increased noise levels and number of flights over West Park. Data gathering devices installed in West Park have not been reliable and therefore still not sure whether flights are adhering to the requirements to avoid the main built-up area whenever possible.

- The cap on night flights (defined as between 11pm and 7am) at LBA is a planning condition subject to enforcement by the council. Data linked to the number of day and night flights is being independently monitored and further details will be released once the cycle is completed. However, current figures indicate that the number of permitted flights will be exceeded.

Lawnswood Roundabout (GS)

- Still an over-elaborate scheme that would require traffic turning right going through four sets of traffic lights (three for going straight on). At a cost of £10m
- Increased travel times and pollution throughout the day.
- Safety concerns re the removal of railings and cars having to reverse out across a cycle lane to join the traffic.