

Derby Property Lawyers Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 December 2009 at 5.15pm,
The Olde Spa Inn, Abbey Street, Derby.

PRESENT

David Morton
Chris Mills
Joanne Jones
Michael Sayer
Liz Knott
Natalie Hearne

APOLOGIES

John Rourke

01 Chairman's Report

DM

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

02 Treasurers Report

LK/NH

The current account is low on funds and a £500 cheque has been raised from The Derbyshire account. Natalie is to bank this as soon as possible to enable the latest invoice from The Spot to be paid.

03 Secretary's Report

CM/NH

Chris reported that we have received no feedback from The Solicitors Regulation Authority so hopefully can assume that all the documentation that was sent off was satisfactory and we are okay to proceed with presenting CPD courses. He reported that previous committee meeting minutes had not been updated on the web site as requested. As the invoice has now been paid, he will contact Martyn to get the site up to date.
A vacancy letter from Amber Valley Housing had been received in respect of a vacancy they wished us to advertise

on the website. Natalie to action this asap as the letter was dated October.

	Matters Arising	Action
04	LOCAL LAND CHARGES SEARCHES Joanne was unable to attend the meeting, but she spoke to them with her feedback and is currently waiting for the minutes to be forwarded to her. David has contacted PSG and they are fully booked now for the first 3 months of the year. It was agreed by the committee that a date in April or May would be preferable. David is to put this to them. Carry Forward	JJ/DM
	CHANCEL REPAIR LIABILITY – Directory on Website There has not been enough interest to pursue this further and the potential risks were too high. A discussion was had in respect of indemnity claims and it was agreed that David would write to the Council for Mortgage Lenders to gauge their thoughts on whether or not they require the indemnity insurance when mortgages are being taken against the property.	DM
	SUBSCRIPTIONS The subscription notices have been sent out to current members and a few responses have been received. Natalie is to also circulate an invitation to firms who are not currently members.	NH
	CHURCH LAND Chris has not seen the person in question to ask him about this. Carry Forward	CM
	TREASURY SOLICITOR Chris is to try and contact them to invite them to carry out a future presentation. Carry Forward	CM

FUTURE MEETING VENUE

- 05 This was discussed and it was decided to stick with the current meeting venue.

FUTURE PROGRAMMES

Landlord & Tenant for Domestic Property Lawyers
To be carried forward.

Property Related Litigation
To be carried forward.

- 06 Leasehold
To be carried forward.

Any other business

NH/JR

AGM

The topic of this was discussed and it was decided that we would try and get the Council to do a presentation in respect of Land Charges. John is to speak to them and put forward to them the date of Monday 8 February 2010. It was decided also that we would just do the presentation and not provide any food or entertainment due to the current financial situation. In light of this, the subject of fees was also discussed and it was agreed that we would propose an increase in the subscription fees from £30 to £40 for a Firm and £15 to £25 for an individual. The CPD accredited presentation is to be held at 6pm following the AGM at 5.30pm.

Due to John's absence, Natalie is to contact him in respect of the above.

Future venue for meetings

As members could not suggest a suitable alternative venue it was agreed that meetings continue to be held at Ye Olde Spa.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 11 January 2010, 5.15pm at Ye Olde Spa, Abbey Street, Derby.