

VPERA Meeting 13/05/25

Held at 86 Combe Avenue 7.30pm

Apologies

Lisa Turner

Jackie Duckworth

Present

Virginia Clements

Alex Wheeler

Rebecca Franklin

Laura Cade

Kathleen Hehir

Emily Gunsell

Gill Fairbanks

Hannah Mugenyi

Election of Officers

- Committee to elect chair, secretary & treasurer
 - o LC - Chair
 - o HM - Secretary
- Speak to LT re treasurer, VC to share job with new treasurer initially to hand over

Finances

- Money in/ out
 - o Ended financial year 98p in credit (excluding money for gardening/ other projects)
 - o VC has completed and sent in Council grant
- Proposal to close current bank account and open one that can be managed online
- **GF** to look into a new account that would be easier to manage online and allow multiple account holders

Community Events

- Easter event – feedback
 - o Well attended & fun
 - o Great to have new equipment
 - o Great to have London Play with us
- Summer event - Sat 12th July from 2pm - late
 - o Morris Men – may not be enough of them available to preform but will hopefully still teach

- Village Fete theme – tombola, cake competition, guess sweets in jar
- Sports competition - Penalty shootout, Jenga comp, sack races etc.
- Could organize an 'after party' – invite people to green goddess after?
- Book swap table
- Open mic – **GF** to contact Sam
- **EG** enquire about John Roan Jazz band playing
- **LC** will ask permission from council
- London Play
 - Partnering with London Play as part of their 'Jelly Sports' project to run play sessions on the estate. They will provide equipment and help with initial sessions. First session on Sat 17th May @ 4pm and running alternate Saturdays including session at Summer Party
 - **HM** to query London Play re any safeguarding requirements e.g. DBS checks
 - Get kids mobile book library out during play session
- Other events
 - The committee could offer grants & support to residents who would like to run other events
 - **RF** to contact Book 28 Library about working with them in some way
- Fundraising
 - **LC** to enquire about T-shirt printing
 - **GF** is making more prints to sell & T-shirt design

Estate Management Updates

- Westcombe Court
 - Scaffolding going up
 - All residents have received a booklet detailing the work
- Other work done
 - Wall with plaster falling off has been replastered and painted
 - One coat of paint on has been added to where mold was cleaned off on Combe Mews end wall
 - Council planning to repaint bollards & railings this Summer
- Other work needed
 - Door has come off bin chamber on end of Combe mews by post box. **GF** to send photo to LC
 - **LC** to ask again if someone from waste disposal will visit. **AW** to look for details of Amy who has previously sorted waste issues on Estate/ find out who is the current person to contact.
 - Bin chambers for Combe Avenue flats along Westcombe Park Road have fire safety shut off. Unsure if any other bin chambers/ Westcombe Court bins chutes have this
- **KH** to report repair outside her flat and committee to follow up if work is not done

Gardening/ Outdoor Areas

- Easter weekend gardening days

- Many people helping and lots of work done, especially weeding
- Other
 - Gardening committee hoping to make a 5 year plan of gardening work to be carried out on the estate
 - Plan to focus on area outside Westcombe Court once scaffolding is removed
 - A Resident has conducted a small survey of other residents living by swings (John Roan side) and raised concerns over ideas about raised beds. Committee to ask Gardening Club to respond
 - Discussion around outdoor seating. Many residents asking for seating, others concerned that this will lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour

Communications

- London play events
 - **HM** advertise with poster & WhatsApp group
- Summer party
 - **HM** to make Save the date poster & add to WhatsApp
 - **GF** to make design for Summer Party invite to go out later with more details
- **RF** to take on updating the website

AOB

Date of next meeting

10th June, 7:30 @ 86 Combe Avenue