

The Vanbrugh Park Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association

MINUTES

ALL-RESIDENTS' MEETING

Tuesday 8th October 2019 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Attendees: Jess Sampson (acting Chair), Louis Alexander (Treasurer), Alex Wheeler (Secretary), Virginia Clements, Peter Sampson, Mick Cooke, Ray Cooke

Apologies: Abdi Barre, Laura Chinnery, Lindsay Maw

Notable attendees: Councillor Geoff Brighty, Tony Sewell (Community Participation & Diversity Officer)

1. Approval of 18th June All-Residents' Meeting minutes & Matters Arising

- No update from Geoff & Imelda re Savills
- Minutes approved

2. Christmas Events

Canterbury Coach Trip 7th December

- 37- seater coach booked, we can upgrade to 58-seater for just £50
- Free entry to cathedral (very kind, usually £8.50)
- Geoff update on the grant - confident on £500 being approved end of w/c 14/10 – Happy to confirm that the grant has been approved and money has hit the VPERA bank account – thanks to Jess for chasing down
- Adults £2.50, Children £1, carers free, all money collected donated to the cathedral
- Posters to appear imminently – Thanks to Pete & Jess posters are now up
- Tickets to go on sale 6 weeks before the date – tickets are now on sale

Estate Carols 11th December

- Louis to organise raffle tickets to sell
- Website to be updated to reach out to any musicians on the estate

3. Chase List

- Mick updated, 19 pointed out, 4 already done
- Guttering repaired

- Roger (resident) Westcombe Court - Fire door in Westcombe court by the lift faulty, Tony Sewell assured Roger that it would be fixed. 6 complaints in 5 months, Tony Sewell to provide feedback & update – AW to chase
- Roger (resident) raised caretaker issues - dirty windows in lift shafts of Westcombe Court & not enough time spent in Westcombe Court – Caretaker duties to be uploaded to website, AW to forward to Pete

4. Grounds & Maintenance

- Eddie Marchant absent
- Chase list covered earlier

5. Safety & Security

- Louis update on dummy cameras and safety lights (motion sensors) - caretaker happy to have power from his office
- Drug dealing sights identified on estate - laundry area & bottom of 6 Combe Avenue
- 6 Combe av have submitted numerous police reports & complained about John Roan
- Motion sensors to help - Louis has asked council about them
- 2 known drug dealers in Westcombe court - expensive cars, 9 Vanbrugh Park Road West “halfway house” also mentioned, police know but haven’t done anything
- Neighbour raised a whistle blowing solution from a previous estate - everyone issued a whistle to blow when drugs being dealt
- Tony Sewell suggested a neighbourhood watch - neighbours need to collectively report drug dealing
- Geoff asked Tony about likelihood of lighting being piloted in certain stairwells - blue lighting - hard for people to see their veins
- Tony to take issues back to Barbara Thorpe – AW to chase
- Drug dealing identified by the swings
- Dummy cameras - freedom of information can thwart them
- Sharon Whittington to be approached – AW to get contact details
- Tony to see about extra lighting
- VPERA - write to the community safety
- VPERA need to provide stats on nuisances
- Geoff has advised residences to always report drug dealing to police
- Safer neighbourhood team - M&S happy to have them - safer neighbourhood team have lost a few people recently
- Neighbourhood Watch to be relaunched in this area - is there an appetite?? - someone/people from the estate to volunteer as a liaison?? - Position to be advertised on website
- Talk from Cheryl Spruce - Neighbourhood Watch liaison
- Resident raised car break ins & speeding
- Resident raised loitering issues on estate

6. Resident's Forum

- Tree falling incident raised - 47 Combe Avenue
- Sam Bateson has promised a tree survey this Autumn once all leaves are down
- Tree sonography techniques suggested by resident - cheap & quick way of testing rottenness of the trees
- AW to follow up with Sam Bateson
- Residents worried
- Council follow up on collapsed roof was poor - no clear procedure on whose responsibility
- 6 weeks for emergency scaffolding to be erected
- Sam Bateson attended a walkabout last year & actions were taken - branches cut down etc.
- Emergency procedure published - check Greenwich Borough website & ask Sam Bateson
- Homophobic attacks in Vanbrugh Park dips - resident to provide dates of attacks etc.
- Attackers wearing masks
- Commemorative benches to be protected?
- Metro Gavs - funding for hate crime towards the LGBT community
- Cristoph (resident) has a cast of the estate - potentially place somewhere on the estate - bring to meetings for residents to point out where drugs/ lighting etc. Is happening
- Estate maps & surveys to be brought to meetings

7. AOB

- Tony publicised Your View leaflets
- Recycling push on the estate
- Next meeting - February