

VPRE Committee Minutes 5/12/23.
The meeting was held at 45 Combe Avenue.

Present.

Alex Wheeler – Chair
Gill Fairbanks
Virginia Clements – Treasurer
Laura Cade – Joint Secretary
Lisa Turner

Apologies

Will Egan – Joint Secretary
Mick Cooke
Michael Gallagher
Alberte Lauridsen

Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

Risk Register

The Risk Register has been sent to RBG and to ward councillors and Council Officials but no response has been received to date – **AW to chase**

Councillor estate walk round – AW has emailed ward councillors and Pat Slattery (Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Homelessness) offering 2 dates in December, no response received to date **AW to chase**.

Repairs team – Tony Wray, Dermot Moloney have been sent the risk register and images of disrepair on the estate, no response received to date **LC to chase**

Drains

Drains throughout the estate have been surveyed and flushed. This has created some problems as blockages have worked through the system most of these have been quickly and successfully resolved. **VC to chase on final issues**

Paving

Paving throughout the estate has been replaced and the new flower beds created. The contractors, Rineys, have been professional and efficient and the committee would like to extend their thanks to the company.

Westcombe Court refurbishments

LT – no real progress on this. It is noticed that leaseholders have been paying monthly for the repairs for 8 months and have seen no movement on the start of the repairs. **LC** to ask if Steve Davies and Nina Lundvall and Clare Barry if they could extend the Risk Register to Westcombe Court. **LT** has particular concerns about water ingress in the tower.

Winter Celebration 17/12/23 4.30-6.30

Following the ad-hoc meeting on 28/11/23 (minutes available) the committee discussed final arrangements.

AW will ask RBG for formal permission to hold the event

GF will arrange for the printing of the calendars with images of the estate to sell at the event at £15 each.

The committee has sufficient funds for the first drink and for mince pies to be free for residents.

Entertainments – Father Christmas, music (and hopefully dancing) GF baking biscuits for children's biscuit challenge, children's fancy dress (Christmas themed), raffle – all prizes to be supplied out of estate funds.

Committee members will meet at 3.00 on the 17th to decorate the laundry area and prepare for the celebrations.

60th Anniversary

Date and events to be priority for next committee meetings.

Children's Book Hub

VC has asked permission to site the hub on the estate

Committee Vacancies

The committee has 3 vacancies. Emily Gunsell has been co-opted to fill one. Other residents who have expressed interest in joining the committee will be contacted to see if they would like to join.

Financial Report

VC (treasurer) – reported that the Associations Finances are in good order with a balance of c£400 allowing expenditure on the Winter Celebration. Following the Winter Celebration more funds from the raffle and calendar and greetings card sales will be available. The committee will invest in items to improve the estate.

Future Meetings.

30/01/24 – VPRE committee 7.30. 86 Combe Avenue

20/02/24 – a/a

AGM – 12/03/24 Mycenae House – **AW** to book, **LC** to invite councillors and RBG officials.