

VPERA Meeting 16/07/24

Held at 86 Combe Avenue 7.30pm

Present

Alex Wheeler
Laura Cade
Hannah Mugenyi
Lisa Turner
Emily Gunsell
Emma Banks (guest)

Apologies

Gill Fairbanks
Rob Biden
Virginia Clements
Mick Cooke

Minutes of last meeting approved

60th Anniversary Event

1. Feedback

- All agree the event was a success
- **AW** to send out thank you's on the Whatsapp group and mention those who helped out
- Bring and share food worked well and people brought good food
- Morris dancers were great, good to have part where people could join in
- Good attendance
- Great to have live music

2. Ideas for future

- Ran out of time for 60's play list and dancing
- Kids games could go in the middle so adults are more involved
- Children loved the tent, would be nice to dress it e.g. beanbags and bunting
- Went fast, could go on longer in future
- Large board with running order for all to see
- Community choir – could invite someone to perform at Christmas with a view to forming our own choir. **EB** to speak to someone she knows about leading a choir
- Next events
 - o Open mic & fire pit – Sunday 1st August, 4-7pm
 - o Halloween – Sunday 27th October, 4-6pm
 - o Christmas – Sunday 15th 4-6pm

Finances

1. 60th Party

- £80 raised on Tombola & £161 taken though card reader (selling prints/ donations)
- Spent approx. £400 – catering, musicians, printing & facepainting

2. Other

- We will have to consider how we pay for the Halloween and Christmas / Winter events
- Discussion around the remaining finances unaccounted for in account. **AW** to meet with VC to go through accounts

Estate Communications

1. Notice boards

- Details of WhatsApp group and other useful info
- **HM** to look for old posters

2. Upcoming publicity

- All autumn/ Christmas events on invite (nice one that can be kept on the fridge) to be given out around estate door to door in Autumn term
- EB offered to help with publicity design

Estate Management Updates

1. Westcombe Court

- Residents in Westcombe Court have received notification of further planning applications. Planning not communicated to other residents, **AW** to put link on WhatsApp group so that all residents can view plans if wanted
- Concerns that they might be including plans for another mast in the planning application
- Caretaking not satisfactory – Westcombe court lifts cleaned badly, stairs not swept, Graffiti not cleaned off, litter not picked up. Only one lift working at a time for 8 months. EG notified caretaking staff of broken glass by the bus stop on Westcombe Park Road 3 times and it has still not been cleaned.
LT to email Cary Gay & others to follow up conversation that was had with her about improving maintenance in Westcombe court

2. Combe Mews

- Further leak underneath that had been fixed but may have returned

3. Garages

- Concerns about rats in garages along Westcombe Park Road, LC contacted caretakers who are trying to resolve
- The council don't know who owns which garage. Some have not been used in years and some are vacant. Could be worth pushing back on this again in future.

Gardening/ Outdoor Areas

1. Emily W

- Suggestion of buying a tree and having a plaque. **LC** to discuss with gardening committee

AOB

- October 8th – All residents meeting. AW to book room in Mycenae
 - o We should have 3 public meetings a year. It was proposed that the next meetings are October, Feb & June
- Isobel Kimberley is organising an exhibition of estate inspired art at Mycenae House in September

Date of next meeting

24th September, 7:30

All residents meeting - October 8th

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