

VPERA Meeting 24/09/24

Held at 86 Combe Avenue 7.30pm

Present

Laura Cade

Hannah Mugenyi

Virginia Clements

Mick Cooke

Alex Wheeler (from 8:30pm)

Apologies

Lisa Turner

Emily Gunsell

Emma Banks

Gill Fairbanks

Michael Gallagher

Rob has resigned as he is unable to attend meetings.

Proposal to adopt Emma as a member in Rob's place

Finances

- Virginia provided an update of the Finances

Community Events

- Open House (organised independently)
 - o Positive feedback via email
- Art exhibition & talk feedback (organised independently)
 - o Great event, well attended
 - o Gill hoping to use slides for 2025 calendar
 - o Gill filmed Polly Powell talk & Laura to organize editing of film
- Halloween – Sunday 27th Oct 4-6pm
 - o **AW** to organize and lead
 - o **HM** to make poster
- Christmas – Sunday 15th Dec 4-6pm
 - o Similar to last year – mulled wine and activities in washing area
 - o Need to give time to planning at next committee meeting
- Estate Choir
 - o Could be good for Christmas event

- Choir rehearsing at Mycenae House on Wednesdays – Mick to enquire to see if they are interested
- All Residents Meeting – 8th Oct
 - Room is booked
 - **HM** to put agenda together and put on WhatsApp group. **LC** to send Hannah previous all residents agenda

Estate Management Updates

- Westcombe Court
 - Site office set up. No work yet. Scaffolding will go up first then work on windows will begin
- Combe Mews
 - Nothing happening about undercroft
 - **LC** to chase council re damp and mold
- Repairs list
 - Stairs at end of Westcombe park Mews being replaced. **MC** to check if wall to bin storage also being repaired
 - Drainage issues remain – **MC** to contact council
 - Planter walls being broken by tree roots, walls need moving. Has been raised with the council before. **LC** to speak to Cary Grey again

Gardening/ Outdoor Areas

- Mobility hub update
 - Laura and others met with Ashleigh Burton from DG Cities
 - Explained there was no need for electric bike storage or EV charging points and that laundry area is not an appropriate place
 - Asked for additional bike storage and suggested appropriate places that could be used
- Locking of swings
 - Discussed whether to have as an agenda item at the all residents meeting – is affecting the community so may be good to provide a place to discuss but we don't want big argument and to further polarize people
- Gardening club
 - Wild flower strip behind Combe Mews will be widened and gorse bushes will be put in at either end to stop fly tipping
 - Council supplying bulbs, gardening club will organize bulb planting day
 - Raised bed edging donated. Idea to use it for raised bed for kids planting, possibly outside no 66/68

Communications

- Notice boards
 - o **HM** to make Halloween & All residents meeting posters

AOB

- Mick would like someone else to store the gas cylinder for the BBQ

Date of next meeting

All residents meeting – 8th October

Committee meeting – 22nd October