

## VRG meeting 18 May 2015

Present: Mary Lewis, Mick, Philippa, Sally, Sam (chairing), Gordon, Anna, Sue, and Mary McKnight

Apologies were received from Liz, Paul, Jonathan and Ali

1. Minutes of the last meeting: approved
2. Matters arising
  - a. SESI – to remove from future matters arising.
  - b. News and Views Blog: repeated request for help keeping an eye on this.
  - c. Second noticeboard for the road: it was reported that Alison Brodribb was willing to host the noticeboard in her front garden. Peter Street was willing to make the noticeboard but would appreciate some help with the cost of materials. The Group agreed that costs should be covered, but £100 would be the maximum that could be afforded. Action: Mary to ask Peter for ball-park figure. Mick would contact Barbara Harris-White to confirm that the Group still wished her to continue housing the original noticeboard. [Post-meeting note: Barbara is happy to do that and will work round the noticeboard in constructing her new fence.]
  - d. Seven Roads event June 13/14: a request for more open gardens was noted. It was reported that the open-air cinema showing would be of 'The Producers'.
3. Green Balloon Day: it was agreed that in general this went well, was a very sociable occasion, and the drumming workshop was enjoyed. A small income was generated (£27.70 in donations, before deducting costs of £9). There was one problem reported, that non-VR residents had arrived early before the event had started, and scooped up a lot of the goods. There were two possible deterrents to this suggested: a VRG identifier for residents (badge); a notice for households to display, explaining the time of the event, and for whom it was primarily organised. The group recorded its thanks to Cass and Andy for hosting the street 'café'.
4. Garden Party: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm, Mary McKnight's garden. Tasks were assigned as follows:
  - a. Invitations: Paul to produce them; Sue, Mick and Philippa to distribute w/c June 15<sup>th</sup>. Special invitations to former VRG residents: Mary to ask Jelly; Paul to ask Dave Brown; Sam to ask Nick and Sue.
  - b. Reccy of garden in advance: Paul and Sam
  - c. Equipment set up team: Sam, Ali, Mick, Philippa, Mary, Paul, Jonathan – assemble noon to set up the following:
    - i. Gazebos: Bromleys (large), Lewises (medium), Clarkes (2 small ones) as needed
    - ii. Trestle tables: Bromleys

- iii. Chairs: Bromleys, Lewises, Anna and Gordon
  - iv. Sunshades: Clarkes, Lewises, Anna and Gordon
  - v. Urn: Lewises
  - vi. Teapot: Sally
  - vii. Tablecloths: Clarkes, Lewises
  - viii. Name badges: Sam
  - ix. Mugs: set up team
- d. Shopping: Mary L (sugar, tea, milk, and napkins – squash from Green Balloon Day)
  - e. Children's activities: Mick to ask Iona if she would organise some toys/activities and report back to Paul
  - f. Badge duty: Mick
  - g. In the event of bad weather (too bad for the gazebos to help) Mary M kindly offered that we could go ahead and hold the party indoors.
5. Film night: It was agreed that September would be a good time. The equipment was available – screen from John Leighfield and projector from the Clarkes. It simply needed a host with a suitable home to organise it. The Bromley and Clarke homes were tentatively offered as possible venues.
6. The next meeting would be held at No. 59 on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mary L was thanked for hosting the meeting, and Sam for standing in for the Chair.