

## VICTORIA ROAD GROUP

Minutes of meeting of 10/9/15 at 102a

Present: Sue, Gordon, Anna, Philippa, Mick, Stephan (No 41), Mary, Paul, Ali, Sam

Apologies: Liz, Manda, Mireille and Mike, Sally and Jonathan, Vicky and Bob

### 1 Matters Arising

- a) Paul reminded the meeting of the existence of the blog which wasn't being much used. We need someone to take an interest in it. To contact him if anyone is interested.
- b) The new notice board has yet to be built. We are awaiting Peter having time to erect a new board in Alison B's garden.

### 2 Garden party

This was deemed to have been very successful and was held in Andrew's garden. There was a good attendance and the weather fine. It was agreed that we wished to record our thanks to Andrew and asked Paul to pass this on.

### 3 Safari Supper

Sam reported on plans for this. He has Sally and Jonathan and Ali working with him and wishes to start the publicity now. The arrangements will be broadly similar to last year with each household hosting one course of a three course meal and then moving on to another house. A question was raised about homes with young children and it was agreed that the group should give clarity about whether children are welcome. It was agreed that there would be an email communication and a flyer to every household. Sue and Anna offered to help distribute.

### 4 Film night

This had been discussed at several meetings previously. It was agreed that the best way of planning this was for someone to get a film and invite residents and see how it works. Sam and Ali agreed to find a film and host an evening for Nov 20<sup>th</sup> with a strict limit on numbers. Publicity will appear in the newsletter.

### 5 Christmas drinks and carols

Details of this will go into the newsletter. No 56 had been suggested and this was held as a backup location: Philippa agreed to ask Antony and Shona who have a new extension.

### 6 Chairing

Paul pointed out that he had now been chairing for a year and that it was customary to rotate the chair each year or so. He is happy to keep going for the moment. However this was our opportunity to identify a potential new chair. No one offered themselves immediately but there had previously

been expressions of interest. Paul invited us all to consider potential candidates who should let him know. We will discuss this again at the next meeting.

#### 7 AOB

- a) Newsletter: We have not done one for a while and, with a number of events coming up, this seemed like a good time. Mick offered to write one with Philippa's help and it was decided that the main feature would be the safari supper. Sue and Anna offered to distribute and the aim is to go it out at the end of next week.
- b) Cutteslowe: Gordon reminded the meeting of the valuable services that the Community Centre provided and how they continue to be in need of funds. Although we are not a fundraising body there was a feeling that as individuals we ought to be considering our support of the centre.
- c) Welcome pack: this is currently being managed by Liz who has it in electronic form. There are a number of new people in the road including nos 102, 41, 53, 55 and 87 (Ali would like to present this one in person). It was agreed that it would be good for the meeting to review the pack at the next meeting. A preference was expressed for the pack to be hard copy. Paul agreed to discuss this with Liz.
- d) Finance: Anna reported that we had £522 in the bank. A payment for insurance will be needed soon and Paul will review this.

#### 8 Date of next meeting

To be held at 8pm on Weds 11 Nov at No 45

Our thanks go to Mick and Philippa for hosting the meeting.

#### Key Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of these key VRG dates for 2015/2016

Saturday October 17 <sup>th</sup> from 7pm	Safari Supper	Various homes
Sunday December 13th	Christmas Drinks	TBC (56 as backup)
Late January (date tba)	Media Madness	TBA

More details will be circulated nearer the date of the events.