

## Minutes of VICTORIA ROAD GROUP MEETING Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 8pm at Jonathan and Sally's (59)

**Attendance:** Jonathan Bromley (Chair), Ali, Gordon, Jessica, Pen, Iona, Sally, Anna, Paul, Sam.

Sam took notes.

### 1 Apologies

Received from Mick O'Connor, Manda Joyce, Stéphane Jettot, Sue Bates, Mireille Fouquet and Mike, John Sulola, Barbara Harriss-White, Mary Lewis.

### 2 Matters arising

The meeting discussed the second notice board and it was agreed this was desirable. **Jonathan and Sam** agreed to create one based on the successful design we already have. Gordon asked about the content allowable. It was agreed that we should adjust the rules to require poster's detail on each poster: **Jonathan** will reword the message and **Paul** will continue to manage the current Board.

### 3 Events since last meeting

Sam and Ali had hosted a film night for 10 people showing *The Truman Show*. After some technical problems this had been a success and was easy to do. Jean Knox had offered to host and Sam/Ali would host again. A Friday in Feb could be selected. **Ali to discuss with Jean.**

Xmas social and carol singing was also well received. Jessica and Alfred were thanked for hosting and John and Paul thanked for organising the carol singing. Both were well attended.

### 4 Treasurer.

Anna reported that we currently had £250 in the bank plus £30 in petty cash. There were no debts. It was her view that we should consider some fundraising in coming events.

### 5 Future Events

- a) Media madness will be held on Sunday 31 Jan, 2.30 at No 59. Publicity needs to go out now. **Paul** will prepare a flyer and **Jonathan** will print. **Jessica and Pen** will distribute as soon as its printed. (We should do both Victoria Gate and the other flats. Books to be delivered on Sunday am. **Sam and Paul** offered to deliver to Oxfam

on the Monday. **Paul and Anna** to bring cafetières, and **Mary** the large Tea pot. **Anna** to buy tea, coffee and milk. **Pen and Paul** to help with set up at 11.30.

- b) Green balloon day. This will be held on 21 May provisionally, going for Sunday 22nd if wet on 21st.

## 6 Spring Event

This should be a fundraising event, or at least not lose money. Music evenings were hard to organise. Promise auctions and silent auctions were mentioned. Wine tasting needed expertise. A quiz evening was thought to be generally popular and it was agreed to check availability of church hall on 9 or 16 April. (**Paul** to check dates). **Sally & Ali** agreed to lead on questions, with one other. Details will be decided at the next meeting. Ali made a plea for not curtailing social mixing too early.

## 7 AOB

- a) Jonathan described some changes to the blog and Liz was no longer able to manage this. Jonathan will refresh and has password available on request. Address is now [vrgoxford.org.uk](http://vrgoxford.org.uk). Ideas for how to develop it welcomed.
- b) Oxclean will be held on 4-6 March and there is usually a VR contingent. We need a team of interested cleaners and someone to coordinate. **Paul to ask Sue.**
- c) Sam asked about protocol for sharing information on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. It was felt that this was of potential interest to all residents. As such information should go onto the blog and could be advertised to email list in consultation with chair.
- d) Iona asked how we could support people in difficulties needing practical help. After some discussion it was agreed that we should consider making a list of people who might be available. **Iona and Pen** agreed to consider and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

## 8 Next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 29 Feb. Location to be at Sue's, no.45 (if available) or at 56.