

Victoria Road Group

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at Jonathan and Sally's, no.59

Present:

Jonathan (Chair), Sally, Mick, Philippa, Vicky, Bob, Sam, Liz, Sue, Anna, Gordon, Pen

1 Apologies

Received from Paul and Mary, Mike and Mireille, Jessica and Alfred, Barbara, Ali

2 Matters arising from the previous meeting

There were none.

3 Events since previous meeting

◦ Green Balloon Day: low participation was acknowledged and the Group agreed that some fresh approaches were needed. It was suggested that (a) we might hold GBD less frequently and/or (b) add some additional attractions. As the next GBD was not due for some months, decisions on both of these ideas were deferred. It was noted that £49 was raised in donations for tea and cake.

4 Future VRG events

- Garden Party: final arrangements were confirmed:
 - Anna and Gordon to supply 6 garden chairs and stickers
 - The Bromleys also offered 18 garden chairs
 - Sam and Mick to supply garden tables
 - Bob to bring his extension lead
 - The Bromleys to contact Janet regarding urn and mugs/cups
 - People were asked to bring teaspoons
 - Set up time 1.30pm
 - Jonathan undertook to do the greeting/stickers
 - Sally undertook to sign up people for the Safari Supper at the event.
 - Those present signed up to the tea rota, washing up, set up and clear up.
- Safari Supper: it was agreed to issue a notice about the supper towards the end of August – Mick and Philippa offered to distribute. Mick, Sue, Liz and Sam offered to form the organising group. Once people in the street had signed up it would require probably two meetings in late September to sort out the logistics.
- Christmas Drinks: provisional date of 11 December agreed.

5 Welcome Packs and new residents

The pack required some editing which Mick undertook to do. It was agreed that the pack ought to be web-based and be accessible via the blog. The opportunity would be taken at the Garden Party to sign people up to the blog. In the meantime, Jonathan took a note of a few new neighbours who might appreciate a pack.

6 Dog fouling

The problem was noted but it was agreed that there was no identifiable action that could be taken, except perhaps to mention it in a very general way in a future newsletter.

7 AOB

- The Newsletter would be produced to coincide with the publicity for the Safari supper.
- Sam drew attention to two local events that had been advertised on the VRG noticeboards.
 - Tuesday 19 July, 8pm, Professor Tim Lang would speak at the Baptist Church, Beechcroft Road, on Food and sustainability. This would take place immediately after the Low Carbon Oxford North AGM at 7pm.
 - Wednesday 20 July, 7pm, all were welcome to attend the Neighbourhood Plan Forum which would be an opportunity to provide feedback on the plan. There would be a public consultation in October.
- Liz drew attention to Charterville, a social enterprise operating from Cutteslowe Park, and supplying plants at very reasonable prices.
- Signatory for VRG. Bob agreed to be a signatory for VRG finances, replacing Manda.

8 Date of next meeting

15 September 2016, to be held at Mick and Philippa's house, 102a.