

VARTRY COMMUNITY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (VCRA)
Annual General Meeting

1 February 2018

Chair: David Bennie

Note taker : Carol Gibbons

Apologies : Pastor Charles and Harriet Gill(Treasurer)

Committee members present (in alphabetical order) :

Carol Gibbons

Chitra Karve

Clare Cammarata

David Bennie

Deborah Cawkwell

Luzi Klein

Roger Harris

Agenda :

1. Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained the area covered by VCRA and our purpose
2. Introductions – Committee members and members of the public attending the meeting
3. **Minutes of last AGM** (available on vartry.org) formally accepted with no amendments

4. **Chair's report** (on reverse of agenda previously circulated and available at the meeting and on vartry.org) - no questions

Thanks to all involved for their work and support during the past year and in particular to Deborah for keeping the vartry.org website up to date

Treasurer's report 1.9.2016 to 31.08.2017 - available at the meeting – no questions

Total funds £727.69 including restricted grant of £500 for wildflower planting

5. Election of committee members and call for new members and/or volunteers to support VCRA's work

Happy to remain as Committee members for a further year : Carol, Chitra, Clare , David, Deborah, Harriet, Luzi, Roger

Happy to join the Committee : Lucy Mitchell

Committee Officers: David willing to act as Chair and Harriet as Treasurer for a further year

6. **Controlled Parking Zone** - updated information as of 1.2.2018 on vartry.org

Following the discussion at last year's AGM , the VCRA carried out an informal survey of local residents which showed a clear majority (3 or 4 to 1) but on quite a small sample in favour of approaching L B Haringey re a CPZ. The Council agreed to start the process which is in brief that the Council would carry out their own initial assessment and if that showed excessive parking demand in the VCRA area they would then seek permission from the Cabinet Member for the Environment to consult local residents on proposals for the times and days of operation of a CPZ.

The Council has carried out an initial assessment and has apologised to VCRA for the slow progress to date which is due to a large volume of demand for parking controls across the borough.

Questions from the floor:

How would CPZ be policed?

Would there be spaces for visitors and local businesses?

Hours of operation?

Cost?

The Committee's understanding is that a permit would cost between £100-£200 per year and would not guarantee a space outside someone's house but just within the permit area, the CPZ would be policed during hours of operation by a warden, visitor permits would be available at an extra cost , businesses could purchase a limited number of permits and the hours and days of operation would be proposed and then consulted on by the Council.

7. Victoria Line noise and related issues

Different people experience different sorts of noise and disturbance depending on where they live in relation to the tube tracks and ventilation shaft.

A Committee member has completed and returned a noise and vibration questionnaire and is waiting for with Transport for London (TFL) to do an assessment visit .

If residents have concerns re noise and related issues it would be helpful if they raised these with TFL then shared any feedback or progress with VCRA through the website.

There is a London wide Tube Noise Action Group and Deborah will reload information about this group onto vartry.org so it is easier to find.

8. Local green spaces, Manchester Gardens and Paignton Park

Last year VCRA agreed to take on a limited role as the Friends of Paignton Park

Since then we have undertaken various improvement activities : restoring the Franklin Street Rose Gardens to good order, planting a tree in memory of Committee member Mary who died last year, and successfully applied for funding to plant a small wildflower garden in the Park

In addition we also hosted a daffodil planting session in Manchester Gardens which resulted in a fine show of flowers last spring.

VCRA will also in future take responsibility for updating the notice-board in Paignton Park and is meeting a representative from the Council on 2.2.2018 to discuss how best to use some new funding for tree-planting in Paignton Park.

Council funding for green spaces has declined in recent years and so they are increasingly dependent on volunteers to undertake green space improvement activity.

Deborah proposed that VCRA invite speakers from local Friends of parks Groups such as Lordship Rec and Chestnut Park to a future residents meeting - this suggestion was agreed

9. Other issues

Fly-tipping and litter

If you see someone fly-tipping and it is safe to do so please get any information you can e.g any addresses on letters or invoices or vehicle registration numbers and report the incident to the Council

If a neighbour leaves bulky items on the streets, please remind them that the Council will collect such items ; if they persist you can report them to the Council who will visit and talk to them about this and if necessary take enforcement action. The Council will not reveal the name of the person who made the report.

Dog mess on the pavement - VCRA will request the Council to post more notices about the health hazards caused by and the penalty for failing to pick up your dog's faeces

Close of meeting