

**SPRA Committee meeting**  
**7.00pm, 30th April 2024**  
**The Barn @ The Cross Keys**

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**Present:** Joanna Edmunds JE (Chair), Alessia Pulieri Lichtenberg APL (Secretary), Steve Askins SA (Vice Chair), Philip Back (Treasurer), Lou Devonshire LD, Elizabeth Ryland ER, Oliver Leigh Wood OLW, Charlotte Reed CR.

**1. Apologies:** n/a.

**2. Approval of Minutes of previous Committee Meeting**

Minutes approved and available on the shared drive. They will also be made available to the new SPRA website.

**3. Key Topics**

3a. Shakespeare in the Square, 8<sup>th</sup> June

Date confirmed for 'All's well that ends well' and agreement signed. Back up venue will be the church. Flyers will be sent to SPRA by the Company Manager in the next week or two. The event will be advertised on the new SPRA website, May newsletter and a final reminder email will be sent

ACTION: LD will distribute the flyers once received. JE to coordinate the May Newsletter. SA to send reminder email.

3b. School Fair, 15<sup>th</sup> June

Preparations are underway. There will be a Bar, BBQ, pizza oven and world food. Classic summer fair stalls including a cake stall, tombola etc. Sharkey and George will do the entertainment.

ACTION: CR to provide JE a picture from the previous year for the SPRA website.

ACTION: CR and OLW to arrange flags.

ACTION: JE to include in Newsletter.

3c. Leaning Woman – start of restoration, landscaping and launch

Restoration work should commence in one or two weeks. The position will remain the same but with more visibility, by creating a window in the hedge so that the Leaning Woman can be seen from either side. The new coating will look very similar to what we have but will be fully waterproof. Heritage of London Trust (HOLT) are keen to organise visits during the work particularly with school children.

ACTION: SA to liaise with HOLT re. a formal launch once the work is finished (likely mid - end July) with celebration in the Square to follow launch.

3d. AGM

Possible venues are the Black Lion and the Old Ship. It was noted that the Old Ship is not ideal for less mobile residents. Possible dates are September, 25th or 26th. Possible guests would be the Vicar, Head Teacher from St Peter's local Police Officers, the local Councillors and Stef, who is responsible for the parks.

ACTION: JE and APL to visit venues and present options to the committee.

### 3e. Website

The new SPRA website is ready to go live, with the address transferred. The email address could not be transferred and has changed to [support@spraweb.net](mailto:support@spraweb.net) JE gave a demo of the new website that she has built. It can be read and amended from any device. CR proposed to have a section on location hire and how to hire. It was noted that Filming helps support the community website.

ACTION: JE to send admin login details to SA and APL so that they can help with the website maintenance.

UPDATE: JE has sent to the committee members the link to the new website <http://spraweb.net>.

ACTION: Please could everyone review and feedback any website irregularities they spot. Also please forward any good local photos for our new 'Image Library'.

## **4. Update on actions from previous Committee Meeting**

### 4a. Shop Units at Entwistle Terrace

Work is progressing slowly. Unknown when it will be finished.

ACTION: JE to follow up post summer (carried forward).

### 4b. Cycle Highway

Ongoing issue. No material change.

ACTION: Organise a walk about with the Councillors to review local success stories (e.g. Berestede Road tree) and discuss areas still needing attention (e.g. the Cycle Highway) (SA/JE) (carried forward).

### 4g. St. Peter's Square paving (east side very dangerous)

No response from the council. There is no capital expenditure available from the council. Waiting for the council to respond.

ACTION: To discuss at the end of August.

### 4h. Wheelie Bins

Following the last meeting, JE has emailed the contact from the council with feedback about the level of debate at the SPRA committee meeting. The rollout was supposed to be in May but there has not been an update from the council, despite JE chasing.

ACTIONS: No further action.

### 4i. Crime Matters (Neighbourhood Watch)

ACTION: JE to arrange face to face discussion with Mick (BLL), Lou (Standish), Robin Nott (SPS and Villas), Richard Farthing (St Peter's Grove).

### 4j. Scott Hall rental

Things have improved thanks to the involvement of the Chair of the School Governors. There are still occurrences where parties have got out of hand, due to renters not reading the terms and conditions of the contract. An option could be to set up penalties for breaking the terms and conditions.

ACTION: LD and CR will continue to have conversations with the school's governors.

## **5. Planning Applications**

Carried over.

## **6. AOB**

### 6a. Accounts

Committee reviewed the draft accounts pending finalisation.

ACTION: SA to provide list of paid up members by street. JE to communicate this list to Street Reps such that they can identify non members and encourage them to join up.

### 6b. School Funds

CR highlighted that the school needs to raise £75k this year.

### 6c. Flooding

Hammersmith is one of the areas most at risk of sewer flooding in London in the next few years. The Council has a programme of activities to try and increase the amount of green space that can absorb water, e.g. by using a permeable type of asphalt on pavements; by taking up paving and replacing it with planting (one of the proposed spaces is in front of Thai Supermarket in King Street). Houses with basements that have a loo or a washbasin or a sink, or a shower are at highest risk, unless they have a one way valve mechanism. Residents with one of the older ones might want to think about replacing them.

### 6d. Next Committee meeting

To be held on 22 or 23 July.

ACTION: APL to follow up and book venue.

### 6e. Runner Statue in St Peter's Square

ACTION: JE to email HOLT to have it cleaned.