

MINUTES

Queensway East Residents Association

Date 31-01-21

(Committee 1)

11:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting called Sue Pinkerton-Watson - (SP) (New Committee Member)

Venue WhatsApp Video Meeting Residents Association Committee

Attendees: Sue Pinkerton (SP) Chair, Emma Ley (EL)(Vice-Chair), Anna Watson (AW) (Secretary), Simeon Brookstone (SB) (Treasurer)

Please read: Constitution, Queensway East Residents' Constitution

Please bring: N/A

11:00am – 11:10am

Item 1

Welcome and Introductions | SB

11:10am – 11:40am

Item 2

Due diligence | All

- Committee positions – new elections

Following on from research from various sources including SBC, other local resident groups and various internet documents the committee agreed to include four roles, the following positions were confirmed:

Sue Pinkerton-Watson (**SP**) – Chair
Emma Ley (**EL**) – Vice Chair
Anna Watson (**AW**) – Secretary
Simeon Brookstone (**SB**) - Treasurer

Election for the Chair position for One Voice Queensway East had been sent out to members of the One Voice Queensway WhatsApp group, one member responded, Sue Pinkerton. A further notification was sent out to the WhatsApp group

identifying Sue Pinkerton as a potential new chair and no objections were received.

- RA registration – associated cost

It was agreed that prior to applying for grants from various bodies including the council, a bank account would be needed. **EL** said that two banks had been approached but at present due to COVID_19 restrictions, they were not opening new accounts. **SB** agreed to open an account as soon as possible. Funding is available from various sources including SBC. **SP** pointed out that her married legal name was Susan Watson, however she chooses to use Susan Pinkerton her birth name or a combination Sue Pinkerton-Watson. For bank account signatory Susan Watson will need to be used. Sue confirmed she was CRB (criminal record bureau) cleared.

- Web site

SP explained the link she had sent out prior to the meeting was a website that she had been working on for the group, she went on to explain the website referred to both Queensway East Residents Association and Kilworth Estates. Queensway East to cover the current area and Kilworth Estates to allow us to grow to the bigger area. **EL** expressed some issues had been raised that Kilworth Estate just referred to Kilworth Avenue. **SP** explained the historical links to Southchurch Hall's wealthy farming family – The Killworth's but agreed that the use of Kilworth Estates could be an issue and the web site will refer to Queensway East resident's association. A domain name KERA (Queensway East Residents Association) has been purchased and points towards the Kilworthestates domain name for the website. **SB** agreed that Kilworth Estates would be useful for expanding Queensway East area.

SP asked other committee members to inspect the website over the coming two weeks and feedback any corrections or omissions, she also pointed out that the website was a work in progress.

SP explained that there was a section on the website that was just for committee members and that she will send a link out to members so that they can gain access to it. This area is to be used

to keep a repository of important documents that the committee members refer to. A members list is located within this area. The website has link to One Voice Queensway Facebook group and the intention is to create a link to the WhatsApp's Group and the Instagram group.

The group agreed that the WhatsApp and Facebook groups created by **AW** were working very well and getting members to discuss current issues. **SB** said that new members should be referenced to a code of conduct. **EL** said that new members should be directed to the WhatsApp group chat as well as the Facebook group. The resident's association also has an Instagram account and **EL** agreed to forward the password to **SP** so that it also can be placed on the website. **EL** said that there were plans to extend the residents association to twitter.

Discussion took place relating to members of the committee attending local policing community meetings and **SB** said that he had good links with them and would check to see if the local police were holding virtual meetings with the community. **SB** has approached Essex police regarding Ring Doorbell provision to our community, however no commitment from the Essex police had been forthcoming.

- Public e-mail address and access

EL said that a OneVoiceQueenswayEast email address had been provided and she would add **SP** to this group and forward her an email.

- Indemnity Insurance

SP said that she had put a link to the website www.liability1st.co.uk within the committee members area, for use when funding for the resident's association had been secured.

- GDPR

SP said that she had included a Privacy Policy on the website which she hoped covered the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). **EL** said that she would check and be able to provide one if necessary.

- RA postal address

SP agreed that her address could be used for correspondence.

- Bank account

SB agreed to open a bank account as soon as possible.

- Confirm Constitution dependent on above

AW, EL, SP, SB to check website over coming two weeks and provide feedback at the next meeting.

11:40am – 11:55am

Item 3

Community Engagement | All

- Litter

All committee members were appalled by the general state of the streets and **EL** said that she would take this up with SBC.

Discussion took place regarding HARP and the progress that had been made through contact with Jackie Bliss, HARPS current chief executive. It was agreed by the committee and members that **SP** would let HARP know that the use of natural greenery to disguise their rusty container would be preferable.

- State of Roads

All committee members were appalled by the general state of the roads and **EL** said that she would take this up with SBC.

- Membership requirement

Future new members would automatically be referred to the code of conduct on the website prior to being given access to the WhatsApp and Facebook groups.

- QE Residents Survey

SP felt that the survey could be included on the website.

- Future Events / Scheduling

Due to COVID_19 all meetings will have to take place virtually until government restriction have been lifted.

11:55am-12:00pm-AOB
Additional Instructions:

A brief discussion relating to landlords took place and **AW** said that she had met one of the HARP directors at a networking meeting. The possibility of our area being rundown in order to cheaply purchases our properties for redevelopment was discussed, it was agreed that if this was happening, this was an area that we must work strongly against. Further to this it was felt that due to the appalling state of some of the local HMOs and charity properties, residents' properties were being devalued and residents were being mentally depressed.

SP asked members where their expertise lay, EL Housing rentals for an Authority SB Operations management for a Law facility within a University AW Business, Employment & Networking SP Education & IT & Employment

A brief discussion took place relating to Kilworth Estate, Titles & Deeds.

Next committee meeting date:

14th February 2021

Next QE Residents' meeting date:

During Covid_19 members have access to both the Facebook group and the WhatsApp group and exchanges on here will be taken as member meetings.