

STAR, General Meeting, 4 March, 2019

<p>Present: Kira Brabanec (Chair), Jane Wright, Davina Johnson (Treasurer), Leah Levane (Councillor), Val Lee, Eileen Baker, Pat Nix, Susannah Greaves, Michael Hill, Ida , Andrew Grantham (Secretary) and Tina Papworth.</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<p>Set out some key themes: rubbish/bins; drug taking and dealing; fundraising, community events.</p>	
<p>Drugs – tallys with activities. Takes place in the street, blatant. Police are contacted frequently and not much actually happens. Suzanna noted that there are school children regularly consuming cannabis on Mann Street. Davina noted people in the alleyway on Brook Street, probably dealing. Jane noted that there are 24 houses with access to the alleyway. Looking to try to get PLOs to come to these meetings.</p>	<p>Committee/Councillor</p>
<p>Fundraising – opportunities as a community. Really need to get more people involved in the Residents’ Association. Looking to get sponsorship from local businesses.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
<p>Parking – pinch points. Not enough places for the permit-holders. For every space there are at least two cars. Still discussing whether permit holders can park without penalty in the “Pisassaros” carpark when no on-street parking is available at night.</p>	<p>Committee/Councillor</p>
<p>Clean-up dates. Importance of doing clean-up days. Each household take some responsibility for own areas but value in having gatherings of residents at the beginning of each month starting 6 April. Materials are available from the council with notice (gloves, bags, etc.) Also need to tell refuse authority that a clean-up will occur and there will be more rubbish than normal.</p>	<p>Committee</p>
<p>Noted that there is a big dog that fouls the pavement every day on Mann Street.</p>	
<p>Community – Brook Street, the pavement is quite wide. Idea of having stalls and selling something – second-hand or home made? Find a way to get involved. Blocking pavements not good. But the concrete area in the Square could be utilised.</p>	<p>Committee</p>
<p>Tree – Peter Chowney’s silver birch to be planted Saturday 30 March.</p>	<p>Jane</p>
<p>The garden behind the bins. This is the area immediately behind the bins that needs a deep clean. So much so that it is a bit more than residents could do. The other side near the stairs up to Mann Street is a small garden that is a STAR initiative and responsibility. Jane has Hi viz jackets for gardening, etc. with the logo on. But they seem very large.</p>	<p>Councillor/Committee</p>
<p>Treasurer reported that STAR has £62 and cash float of £69. Around £131 in total. The Committee has talked around a few ideas for fundraising. The biggest cost at the moment is public liability insurance. Comes in at £131 per year. Funding from Council. Sometimes little pots of money. Leah to enquire. HVA is good at knowing about little pots of money for things like “fun days”. Leah would be happy to help with bid writing.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
<p>Website is maintained by the Secretary. Leaflets – Susannah, prepared to do some printing for us. Newsletter in the future. Nick Perry used to do his own leaflets. HVA has printing facilities at a reasonable cost. Local businesses/newsletter and residents. Advertising in Morrisons – not possible. Nationwide has a community noticeboard.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

Meetings. Agreed initially to be first Monday in every month. Limited to an hour. Clean-up days at the moment – Saturday mornings. One to two hours followed by coffee. First, 6 April. Meet the Square, 1000.	All
Permits and motorbikes – what is the situation? Seemingly motorcycles can park on the road without a permit.	
Kira get a map of the STAR area and identify where the problems are – get a complete overview of issues for the next meeting. Councillor requests that a link to myHastings be added to the website. All notifications here also get logged on a map as well.	Chair/Secretary
Councillor surgeries: Next one in Morrisons' cafe at 1800 on Tuesday 19 March.	
Rubbish. Noted that some of the worst offenders are people parking who discard rubbish from their cars on Mann Street. General unhappiness with the seagull-proof bags being used by residents on Mann Street. They block the pavement. Gulls are still being very successful at extracting food from them. Councillor informed us that the street cleaning is being brought in-house at the end of April (we thought it was going to be the refuse collection originally).	